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Idaho Community Foundation grants almost \$72k through Bistline Foundation Fund

Arts-focused projects in southeast Idaho will receive nearly \$72,000 in grants from ICF's F.M. and Anne G. and Beverly B. Bistline Foundation Fund.

The Bistline Foundation Fund, which joined the Idaho Community Foundation in 2011, gives grants twice a year. Previously it was a private foundation founded in 1999 by Pocatello philanthropist Beverly Bistline and named in honor of herself and her parents. Since joining ICF, it has given nearly \$1.7 million.

Grantees are:

Bear Lake High School – \$3,000 to purchase costumes, props, and equipment to help produce student movie shorts.

Empower Humanity – \$3,000 for computers for the office and teachers.

Idaho International Choral Festival – \$5,000 to host meals for festival performers from outside the United States.

Idaho Public Television, Inc. – \$5,000 to help underwrite arts, drama and culture programming expenses.

Idaho Shakespeare Festival, Inc. – \$3,000 to support the eastern portion of the educational outreach programs, Idaho Theater for Youth and Shakespeareance.

Idaho State University Foundation – \$3,975 to provide a music camp that offers week-long music instruction to pre-college pianists and string players.

Malad Valley Welsh Foundation – \$3,800 to pay stipends and travel expenses for Celtic musicians to perform at the Malad Valley Welsh Festival.

Musicians West, Inc. – \$5,168 to provide stipends, piano tuning and awards for the 2023 Piano Festival and Competition.

Old Town Actors Studio – \$5,000 to provide distinctive and innovative musical theatre projects.

Oneida County Library – \$5,000 for an Art in the Park program to provide hands-on pottery and sculpture instruction to underserved youth in the community.

Opera Idaho, Inc. – \$5,000 to provide free professional opera performances to elementary and middle school students.

Oxford Peak Arts Council – \$5,000 for the youth production and musical of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.

Pocatello Art Center – \$5,000 to create the Sagebrush Arts Celebration, a community-wide program showcasing and supporting visual art in public spaces and local businesses.

Snake River School District #52 – \$9,769 to purchase new violins, violas and cellos for the orchestra program.

The Art Museum of Eastern Idaho, Inc. – \$5,000 to provide hands-on art lessons to students attending elementary schools in Shelley, Firth, Blackfoot and Fort Hall.

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