Show Me the Money: Grant Opportunities from the Idaho Community Foundation
What is a Community Foundation?

A nonprofit public charity that promotes giving and acts as a leader to enhance the quality of life in the particular geographic region that it defines as its “community.”
How does ICF differ from other foundations?

Revenue

Decision-making Body

Philanthropic Focus

Private / Family Foundations

Community Foundations
ICF by the Numbers

- **620** charitable funds including 479 endowments
- **$9 million** in grants and charitable activities in 2018
- **$122 million** distributed in grants since 1992
- **80** ICF volunteers including board members and grant reviewers
- **44** ICF distributes grants in all 44 counties
Regional Breakdown

2018 Grants, Scholarships, Community Improvements and Agency Distributions by Region

- **East**: 64%
- **North**: 16%
- **Southwest**: 14%
- **Out of State**: 6%

Total: $9,058,915
Grants by Program

2018 GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND AGENCY DISTRIBUTIONS BY PROGRAM AREA

- Arts & Culture: 25.6%
- Conservation & Environment: 7.2%
- Education: 32.0%
- Emergency Services: 3.3%
- Health: 11.2%
- Libraries: 1.9%
- Public Projects: 1.1%
- Recreation: 2.5%
- Social Services: 15.2%
How Does ICF Help Donors?

- Donors set up funds to support their charitable interests for a variety of reasons; ICF has options to help.

- Gifts to the fund are eligible for tax deductions in the year the gift is made and they can make grants over time.

- Set up a fund in their name, their family’s name, the name of a loved one or a name that provides anonymity.

- Give more, because endowed assets grow over time.

- Give now, give later through a bequest, or both.
How Does ICF Help Nonprofits, Schools, and Communities?

- Promotes endowment, legacy giving and philanthropy
- Shares information on issues and organizations with its donors and members
- Brings donors and organizations together
- Agency Endowment Funds
- Variety of grant programs

Thanks to an anonymous donor, the band program at Salmon High School will be supported in perpetuity
Myth #1

Counties are not eligible to receive grants through the Idaho Community Foundation
How has ICF Partnered with Counties?

- County Recycling Programs
- County Libraries
- County Fair Boards
- Garden Clubs
- Road and Bridge Departments

An ICF donor named Bonner County Road and Bridge Department in his estate.
Take note of your region!
Regional Grant Cycles

• Small Grants Program - $5,000 or less

• **Program Areas**: Arts and Culture, Conservation/Environment, Education, Emergency Services, Health, Libraries, Public Projects, Recreation, Social Services

• **Deadlines**:
  • **North**: February 15th
  • **East**: June 15th
  • **Southwest**: August 15th
Grant Cycles in North Idaho

- **Bonner County Fund for Arts Enhancement**: Deadline: April 30th
  - Projects that focus on demonstrating how the arts encourage creative and critical thinking, and enhance the quality of life in a community

- **Bonner County Human Rights Task Force Fund**: Deadline: April 30th
  - Bonner County organizations whose activities reflect commitment to the ideal that everyone is equal under our state and federal laws and constitution regardless of race, color, gender, religion, sexual orientation or disability.

- **North Idaho Action Fund**: Deadline September 15th
  - Grants are awarded to organizations and projects working to improve access to and the quality of behavioral health programs that benefit residents of Bonner and Boundary counties
Grant Cycles in Eastern Idaho

- **Ifft Foundation Fund:**
  Deadlines: March 15 and August 15
  Grants to support beautification projects in seven southeasternmost counties

- **F.M., Anne G., and Beverly B. Bistline Foundation Fund:**
  Deadlines: May 1 and November 1
  Grants to support arts and arts education programs in seven southeasternmost counties

- **Lassahn-Worrell Fund for Community Support Services:**
  Deadline: March 1
  Grants to provide basic support services and advocacy in Eastern Idaho
Grant Cycle in Southwest Idaho

- **Shelton Foundation Advised Fund**: Deadline: September 1st
  - Grants given for projects that benefit Valley County.

Statewide Opportunity

- **Cancer Connection of Idaho Fund**: Deadlines: May 1 and November 1
  - Grants up to $5,000
  - Organizations helping those touched by cancer to find support, resources, education and community
Who is making these funding decisions anyway?
Myth #2
Applying for an ICF grant will take a lot of time and grant writing expertise
Myth #3

There are extensive accounting and reporting requirements for an ICF grant.
ICF in the Community
ICF’s Community Conversations

Statewide Trends:
• Housing
• Access to mental health care
• Workforce development
• Transportation and access to services
Questions?
Thank you!

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