

Idaho Women's Charitable Foundation Pooled-Fund Grants 2018-2019

OUR MISSION:

IWCF fosters educated philanthropy through collaboration, pooled resources, and individual giving to positively impact the community.

WHO WE ARE: A group of 376+ women who contribute \$1100 annually. \$500 is credited to the pooled fund for the grants process and \$500 can be directed to any nonprofit(s) of the member's choice. All of it going to nonprofits.

WHAT WE DO:

Annual Pooled-Fund Grants

- Fund requests in the following southwest Idaho counties – Ada, Adams, Boise, Canyon, Elmore, Gem, Owyhee, Payette, Valley, and Washington
- Fund requests in five specific interest areas:
 - **Cultural Arts:** Visual and performing art (music, dance, 2D and 3D visual, traditional crafts, film, public art, performance, etc.) and humanities for all ages, abilities, and income levels, especially underserved populations.
 - **Education:** Targeting all ages and all forms of learning (mentoring, childcare/preschool, instructional or equipment upgrades, pilot projects early learning, literacy, and enrichment). We realize that education plays a part in many projects, and you may emphasize the education aspect of your project while submitting it in another of the IWCF interest areas.
 - **Environment:** Regional environmental issues (flora, fauna, land, air, water); resource and wildlife conservation, mitigation, and reclamation; parkland improvements; and environmental education.
 - **Financial Stability:** Poverty, homelessness, housing, self-sufficiency, work/job training, and unique, rarely offered programs targeting underserved populations including referral service, food/clothing collection/distribution, case management, and mentoring programs.
 - **Health:** General health care, issues of domestic violence, child abuse/parenting, substance abuse, suicide, disabilities, and wellness or recreation programs.
- Annually fund requests for a minimum of \$20,000 up to a maximum of \$30,000 (requests may be funded over one or two years) **Please note, however that the funds you receive must be spent in the year in which you receive them.**

2019 Above and Beyond (AB) Grant

- This year we have a extra grant Above and Beyond our normal five interest areas. It will address critical needs in towns and unincorporated areas with populations under 30,000 in the areas of:
 - Infrastructure
 - Health care (including mental health)
 - Education
 - Services for seniors
- AB fund applications must request a minimum of \$50,000 up to a maximum of \$60,000 (requests may be funded over one or two years.) **Please note, however that the funds you receive must be spent in the year in which you receive them.**
- Organizations which are based in urban areas, but provide services in rural areas, may apply, but the services covered by the grant request must be delivered exclusively in rural areas.

HOW WE DO THIS:

We encourage all members to annually join a grants committee. (There is one for each interest area, including a committee for the AB grant.) These committee members thoroughly review each grant request, research the organizations, and evaluate each request against a specific set of criteria.

We seek to fund carefully planned and skillfully executed projects, programs, services, or items that:

- Address critical needs in Southwestern Idaho
- Offer innovative and creative approaches to community challenges
- Offer plans for sustainability beyond the IWCF funding period

We do not fund:

- Annual Funds
- Endowments and Scholarship Funds
- Fundraising Events
- General Operating Funds or Ongoing Operations
- Individuals
- Incomplete applications
- Undesignated capital campaign contributions
- Requests designed to influence government officials/lobbying
- Requests that require participation or membership in any faith-based organization

OUR 2018/2019 PROCESS/DEADLINES

- ❖ Grant applications are due – December 11, 2018 (by noon); please note this is a firm deadline – late applications will not be considered
- ❖ Notifications to organizations selected for site visit – February 11, 2019
- ❖ Site Visits – February 11 - March 1, 2019
- ❖ Notifications to organizations moving to the ballot – March 15, 2019
- ❖ Ballots due – April 17, 2019
- ❖ Winners notified – April 17-18, 2019
- ❖ Annual Meeting – Grantee Recognition – May 7, 2019

WHERE TO APPLY

Website: idahowomenscharitablefoundation.org

Information/application for the Annual Pooled Fund Grants (\$20,000-30,000 grant requests)

<https://idahowomenscharitablefoundation.org/information-for-grant-seekers/>

Information/application for the Above and Beyond (AB) Grant (\$50,000-60,000 requests, rural focus)

<https://idahowomenscharitablefoundation.org/above-and-beyond/>

Please note that there are TWO applications – one for the annual process and one for the Above and Beyond Grant. Please make sure you select the appropriate application for the grant funds you are requesting.

QUESTIONS

Please direct questions about the process, to Amy Duque at grants@idahowomenscharitablefoundation.org and check our website for details about additional training sessions to be held this year.