



Pooled Fund Grants Award History (2005-2024)

2024

\$30,000 to **Kootenai County Volunteer Search and Rescue - *Drone Project***: Grant funds will be used for the purchase of two drones with different capabilities. This will enable faster searches during good conditions and thermal imaging searches during poor conditions.

\$30,000 to **Lake City Playhouse - *Light and Sound Equipment***: Grant funds will be used to replace the decades old and outdated sound and light equipment.

\$30,000 to **St. Vincent de Paul North Idaho - *Roof Repair***: Grant funds will be used to replace the roof on the Help Center building. The Saint Vincent de Paul Help Center provides support to nearly 20,000 Kootenai County residents per year.

Finalist Awards of \$5,000 each were given to **Reimaging Charity** and **Shared Harvest Community Garden**.

2023

\$25,000 to **Idaho Drug Free Youth - *Youth Vision***: Grant funds will be used to create a social media campaign focused on educating youth on the effects of drugs and alcohol. Social media increases IDFY's reach three-fold over in-person contacts. Funds will also update their website focused on drug education for youth.

\$25,000 to **The Literacy Project of North Idaho - *Administrative Support***: Funds will be used to hire a part-time director. Since its inception, this nonprofit offers free programs to improve literacy to low-level literacy adults, English language learners, and parents and caregivers working to support early literacy in their own families. The leadership from a part-time director is vital to continued growth of the program.

\$25,000 to **PB & J Haydeners - *Mobile Produce Distribution***: This grant will enable PB&J Haydeners to purchase a cargo van to distribute produce more effectively and move away from using personal vehicles. This 4-year-old nonprofit distributes fresh produce to targeted populations including fixed income, limited income families, single income families, youth and military in our community.

Finalist Awards of \$5,000 each were given to **Ds Connections NW** and **Museum of North Idaho**.



2022

\$25,000 to **The Women's Center (Safe Passage) - Mental Health for Abused Children and Families:** Grant funds were used to hire a mental health counselor at the Children's Advocacy Center. The counselor will support the mental health needs of children who have alleged sexual or physical abuse, or who have witnessed domestic violence and also equip non-offending caregivers to understand and support their child's wellbeing during the criminal investigation process and beyond.

\$25,000 to **Safety Net Inland NW - Safety Net Inland NW Expansion:** Grant funds were used to establish a base of operations in Kootenai County that increases awareness of Safety Net services and facilitates mission objectives. Funds will be used for assistance for local foster alumni to help them navigate basic needs and financial emergencies and to provide social connection, so they know they are not alone.

\$25,000 to **Tesh, Inc. - Activity Center Kitchen Remodel:** Grant funds were used to remodel the kitchen in their activity center space used for lunch and snack preparation and clean-up for their most significantly challenged population, making it ADA compliant to include a double sink and cabinet, refrigerators and dishwasher, food pantry, storage shelves and broom closet.

Finalist Awards of \$5,000 each were given to **Celebrate, Inc. (Out of the Shadows Theater)** and **The Literacy Project of North Idaho.**

2021

\$25,000 to **CDAIDE - Arts & Athletics Scholarship Fund for Children of Hospitality Workers:** This grant provided startup money for a Scholarship Fund to enable children of hospitality workers to participate in extra-curricular programs in the arts, sports, STEM, academics, camp, and recreation.

\$25,000 to **Music Conservatory of Coeur d'Alene - Parts for the Arts:** Grant project funds provided an electronic piano teaching lab, rhythm instruments, chimes, recording equipment, and a performance piano to provide music instruction and performance opportunities for all ages and economic levels at this new music conservatory

\$25,000 to **Office Moms & Dads - Providing Support for Children Entering Foster Care in Kootenai County:** This grant funded the Coeur d'Alene site launch of this proven program that provides well-trained and loving adult volunteers to be onsite at our local Idaho Department of Health and Welfare office to comfort and care for children who have just been removed from their home due to abuse or neglect, as well as snacks, diapers, food and clothing.

Finalist Awards of \$5,000 each were given to: **Birds of Prey NW (The Raptor Chapter, Inc.)** and **On Site for Seniors.**



2020

\$25,000 to **Children's Village – *Wheels on the Van Go Round and Round***: Grant funds were used to purchase a van to replace one of their aging vehicles. Transportation is provided for school, medical, dental, vision, therapy, and community and recreational activities for the children in their care.

\$25,000 to **Cup of Grace – *School Clothes Closet Expansion***: Funds were used to build and stock new clothes closets in 5 schools in the Lakeland School District, adding to the 6 closets they already have and maintain which provide school supplies, clothing, and toiletries to students in need.

\$25,000 to **First Judicial CASA Program – *CASA Advocate Mentor Program***: This grant funded implementation of the Advocate Mentor Program, providing training to volunteer supervisors to work alongside new volunteer advocates to meet the increasing caseload needs.

Finalist Awards of \$5,000 each were given to: **Emerge CdA, Growing the STEM, Kaleidoscope Community Services, Museum of North Idaho, and Rathdrum Senior Center.**

2019

\$25,000 to **Gizmo, CdA - *STEM Lending Library***: Project entailed the creation of a lending library of re-usable STEM project-based learning classroom kits, providing training, and working with teachers to integrate the curriculum seamlessly into their classrooms.

\$25,000 to **Habitat for Humanity of North Idaho - *A Roof Over My Head***: Funds provided seed money for a new program that offers interest-free loans and experienced roofers to fix the roofs of seniors, veterans, and other low-income homeowners in Kootenai County.

\$25,000 to **St Vincent de Paul Salvage Bureau - *Returning Citizens Project***: Grant funds were used to assist in the successful reintroduction of inmates released from Idaho prisons back into Kootenai County each year.

Finalist Awards of \$5,000 each were given to **Trinity Group Homes and Lakeland Literacy Project.**



2018

\$25,000 to **CHS Viking Booster Club - Coeur Community Closet**: Funds were used for hygiene products, school supplies and every day and work attire clothing for economically disadvantaged students. Funds will be used over a 2-year period.

\$25,000 to **Heartsafe, Inc. - Public School AED Availability**: Project funds were used for AED units which will be provided, along with training in their use, to 18 schools in Kootenai County.

\$25,000 to **TESH, Inc. - Emergency System for Detection and Response**: Funds were used to install a fire alarm system in the main building to provide a safe, more secure environment for clients and visitors.

Finalist Awards of \$2,500 each were given to **Trinity Group Homes** and **Lutherhaven Ministries**.

2017

\$22,500 to **Inland Northwest SIDS Foundation - Safe Sleep Survival for Idaho Babies**: Funds were used for "Safe Sleep Survival Kits" for families in Kootenai County. Each kit includes a portable crib, sleep sack, crib sheet, pacifier and one hour training class. This was a 2-year project.

\$22,500 to **Kootenai Environmental Alliance - Confluence Project & Water Summit**: Grant funds were used for education and three field experiences for high school science classes in the CDA watershed to better understand local water and environmental issues.

\$22,500 to **Rathdrum Lions Club - Weekend Backpack Nutrition Program**: Project funds were used for food for their weekend backpack program for K-12 schools in the Lakeland School District.

Finalist Awards of \$2,500 each were given to **Coeur d'Alene Charter Academy** and **Lutherhaven Ministries**.



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2016

\$22,500 to **Family Promise of North Idaho, Inc. - *Dignity: A Basic Needs Request for Heat and Bathrooms***: Grant project funds were used to update existing bathrooms and provide new furnaces and air conditioning units at the homeless day center. The facility also supports 23 other local outreach programs.

\$22,500 to **Inland Northwest Disabled Veteran Sports Association - *Adaptive Sport Program Initiative***: Funds were used to add archery, skiing, and equipment for an additional sled-hockey team, as well as a cargo trailer to store and haul the gear. Program enriches the lives of disabled veterans through sport recreation.

\$22,500 to **Kootenai County Sheriff Office Volunteer Search and Rescue - *Mobile Communication Center Upgrade and Enhancement Project***: Funds were used to upgrade and purchase digital radios, GPS, and mobile telemetry devices, and upgrade the mobile command post.

Finalist Awards of \$2,500 each were given to **Kootenai Humane Society** and **Union Gospel Mission for Women & Children**.

2015

\$22,500 to **Gizmo, CDA - *Tools for the 21st Century***: Funds were used to purchase a Laser Cutter and Bench-top UV Printer to this makerspace that gives all people access to mentors, tools, and technology to build confidence and creativity.

\$22,500 to **KIDS Camp - *Literacy Support for Grades 1-3 from District #271***: Grant project funds were used to provide an intense summer reading program for 90 children in District #271 to address the "summer slide".

\$22,500 to **North Idaho Violence Prevention Center - *Safe Shelter Renovation***: Project funds were used to provide a shelter facelift, including adding a bedroom, enhancing outdoor space, new carpeting, window treatments and storage space.

Finalist Awards of \$2,500 each were given to **Farragut State Park Museum at the Brig** and **Lutherhaven Ministries**.



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2014

\$27,250 to **The Children's Village - *The Wheels on the Bus Go Round and Round***: Funds were used to purchase a gently used eight-passenger vehicle to accommodate increasing transportation needs.

\$27,250 to **On Site for Seniors, Inc.- *Tele-health for the Homebound***: Project funds were used to acquire resources and technology for use in expanding services and developing coordinated care for the homebound in our community.

Finalist Awards of \$2,500 each were given to **Farragut State Park Museum at the Brig** and **TESH, Inc.**

2013

\$25,250 to **Idaho Youth Ranch Inc. - *Anchor House Home and Grounds Enhancement Project***: Funds were used to update the home décor, purchase much-needed furniture, and install a sprinkler system.

\$25,250 to **Dirne Community Health Center - *A Proper Smile***: Grant project funds were used to purchase a panoramic digital x-ray machine.

Finalist Awards of \$2,500 each were given to **Camp Fire USA-Inland Northwest**, **On Site for Seniors**, and **TESH Inc.**

2012

\$25,000 to **Hospice of North Idaho - *Comfort for the Dying Spa Room***: Project funds were used to purchase a hydrotherapy tub and lift system for patients at Hospice House.

\$25,000 to **Union Gospel Mission - *UGM Center for Women & Children Infant & Toddler Room***: Funds were used to help outfit a learning and play center in the new UGM Coeur d'Alene Women & Children's Center.

Finalist Awards of \$2,500 each were given to **Community Roots** and **Art on the Edge**.

2011

\$22,000 to **Lakes Magnet Middle School - *Instruments & Equipment are Music to our Ears & Hearts***: Grant project funds were used to purchase musical and outdoor equipment to support magnet courses offered at the school.

\$22,000 to **Specialized Needs Recreation - *Inclusion in the Community***: Grant funds were used to purchase a van to transport clients to events.



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2010

\$22,625 to **Fresh Start, Inc. - Infrastructure Improvement Project:** Grant funds were used to cover infrastructure acquisition including an accordion room divider, commercial washer and dryer, fax/copier/scanner, folding chairs, tables, etc. for the homeless warming/day center.

\$22,625 to **Coeur d'Alene Public Library Foundation - Re-tool Box Laptop Lab:** This project is designed to be a partnership between Coeur d'Alene Public Library and North Idaho College's Adult Basic Education Program to provide critically needed free computer literacy training to low-income individuals in the community who require these skills to gain employment. Funds were used to buy 12 laptops and associated software.

2009

\$23,500 to **Family Promise of North Idaho - Family Promise Program:** Funds were used to provide partial funding for their program, which provides comprehensive assistance (housing/jobs) for homeless families with children. The program partners with local churches that provide nightly shelter at church facilities. The Family Promise Day Center provides computers, showers, laundry facilities, and transportation for clients in their program.

\$23,500 to **Women's Center, Inc. - Soroptimist Children's Center Expanded Counseling Services:** Funds were used to increase the direct counseling hours for a program that provides services to children and teens who have witnessed or are affected by domestic violence or abuse. The program also proposes to hire a part-time Outreach and Education Specialist.

2008

\$23,750 to **CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) - Volunteer Recruitment Campaign:** Funds were used for the recruitment, training, and criminal background check expenses for 75 new volunteers, thereby increasing CASA's ability to provide services to children who are victims of abuse, neglect, or abandonment.

\$23,750 to **Post Falls Food Bank - Upgrades Operation:** Grant funds were used to purchase new commercial grade freezers and add storage lofts to increase the efficiency and capacity of the food bank.

2007

\$23,000 to **TESH, Inc. - Senior Center Thrift Store Remodel:** Grant project funds went to remodeling the Post Falls Senior Center thrift store, which is operated by TESH, allowing for increased job training and employment opportunities for adults with disabilities.

\$23,000 to **Dirne Community Health Center – Increase Safety, Effectiveness, and Expand Services:** Project funding went to purchase needed essential equipment in three areas of Dirne: Family Practice, SAGE Center (for seniors), and the Dental Clinic.



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2006

\$18,250 to **Project Safe Place - Host Home Program:** Grant funds were used to develop a new program for middle and high school teens that provides up to two weeks of temporary shelter and crisis intervention in our community via a network of host homes and wrap-around services.

\$18,250 to **Coeur d'Alene Homes - Serenity Garden Project:** Grant funds were used to create a 9,000 square foot, handicapped-accessible, secured garden space with a continuous walking path and various landscape features specifically designed for residents with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias.

2005

\$26,000 to **Kootenai County Search & Rescue Council - Technology Updates:** Grant project funds were used for a technology update including computer mapping and GPS radio, color-coded vests to identify searchers, and a fully outfitted backcountry command post.