



2021 GBRF

Small Grant Proposal

PRESENTED BY THE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

Small Grant Process

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Nonprofits in the community are invited to submit Small Grant Applications

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22 nonprofits responded

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5 nonprofit applications selected to present to Board for grant award

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Board votes on proposal

2020 – 2021 Funding

- GBRF designates approximately 5% of portfolio to be used to fund large + small grants. For the 2020 – 2021 fiscal year, that was approximately \$42,000.
- \$30,000 was awarded for the 2020 Large Grants which was a larger % of total grant funding awarded than prior years
- \$12,000 remained to fund Small Grants in the spring 2021.
- \$500 was donated by Rotarians in winter 2020 specifically earmarked for the Small Grants.
- Total Small Grant funding available = \$12,500



PROPOSAL: Increase total Small Grant funding to \$13,000.

Reminder: Why increase Small Grants for the current year?



Nonprofits awarded small grant funding are addressing some of the most pressing needs currently effecting our community.



The funds have the potential to have a greater impact now to help the community start moving forward.

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Total Award Amount: \$13,000

Boys and Girls Club: \$3,000

Learning Lab: \$2,000

Meridian Library: \$3,000

Salvation Army: \$2,000

Idaho Diaper Bank: \$3,000

**Boys and Girls Club:
\$3,000**

Project Learn: Defeating Summer Learning Loss and the COVID-19 Slide

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Description: Project Learn is a holistic program designed to counteract the effects of Summer Learning Loss and COVID-19 Slide on our community's children. This program seeks to close gaps in academic achievement—especially among low-income children. The program, serving 2,500 children, offers educational experiences such as science and technology, recreational reading competitions, educational field trips, and more school and family involvement. These combined experiences provide youth with enriched learning experiences.

Requested amount: \$3,000

Total project cost: \$37,050

NOTE: Youth typically experience Summer Learning Loss--returning to school each fall at a lower academic level than they were at on the last day of school. Now, the effects of summer learning loss are combined with the "COVID-19 slide", creating an even greater negative impact. Researchers at the NWEA Collaborative for Student Growth suggest that the "COVID-19 slide" will have an even larger negative impact than the "summer slide." For example, the research indicates some students may be nearly a year behind in math after COVID.

Computer Replacement

Description: The Learning Lab is a non-profit literacy center whose mission is to transform the lives of adults and families through personalized education. Lessons are prepared by professional educators and delivered by more than 200 volunteer tutors.

COVID-19 has forced Learning Lab to create virtual classes, increasing the need of computers for its students to use at the various Learning Lab locations when technology is a barrier for those students at home. The requested funding would be used to purchase new computers for the students to use.

Requested amount: \$2,000

Total project cost: \$4,100

**Learning Lab:
\$2,000**

**Meridian Library:
\$3,000**

Special Needs Children's Book Collection

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Description: The Meridian Library will be a branch dedicated to bringing literary resources and support to residents in a fast-growing and currently underserved area in Meridian.

The funding would be used for a Special Needs Parent/Teacher book collection which would be a resource for families, educators, and professionals engaging with children on the autism spectrum (approximately 11,500 individuals in the Treasure Valley), sensory processing disorders, social communication disorders, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), and others with no diagnosis.

Additionally, these materials will have the opportunity to be circulated throughout the entire Treasure Valley beyond the walls of Orchard Park as the Meridian Library District is part of the LYNX! Consortium (sharing materials with Boise, Kuna, Caldwell, Nampa, Garden City, Eagle, and beyond), a total population of nearly 750,000.

Requested amount: \$3,000

Total project cost: \$6,000

**Salvation Army:
\$2,000**

Backpacks for Kids

Description: The Back-to-School Supply Program will prepare 900 low-income children grades K-12 for the first day of school of the 2021-2022 school year by sending these children to school with new school supplies and a backpack. This gift creates a climate of preparedness and excitement for learning.

This program is unique for two reasons:

1. It is the only program that provides supplies for children grades Kindergarten through High School
2. It gives the supplies directly to the student to bring with them on the first day of school.

Requested amount: \$2,000

Total project costs: \$6,700

NOTE: The 2021-2022 school year will be important as schools move back to “normal” operations. Many students will have been learning remotely for a year or more and not knowing where they will get their supplies only exacerbates this anxiety. According to Psychology Today, preparedness with school supplies is one way to reduce back-to-school stress.

**Idaho Diaper Bank:
\$3,000**

Transition Out of Diapers

Description: Due to COVID-19, more Idaho families are struggling with diaper needs. The Idaho Diaper Bank has seen an increase in overall diaper distribution, requests for cloth diaper kits, and requests for information on potty training.

The funding would provide materials for 200 low-income families to help them with the toilet training process, with the immediate impact of reducing their monthly expenses, which they can reallocate towards other basic needs such as childcare, food, shelter, and transportation.

Requested amount: \$3,500

Total project cost: \$5,500

NOTE: Toilet training is a prerequisite for early childhood education programs. The Idaho Diaper Bank training kits include training seats, pull-ups, gender specific children's books, and training handouts for caregivers and parents. In addition, the Idaho Diaper bank produced a video with a local pediatrician to provide information and is available on-line at the group's website.

Proposed Funding

Organization	Request (\$)	Total Project (\$)	% of Total	Project Name
Boys and Girls Club	\$ 3,000	\$ 37,050	8.1%	Defeating Summer Learning Loss and the COVID-19 Slide with PROJECT LEARN
Idaho Diaper Bank	\$ 3,000	\$ 5,500	54.5%	Transition Out of Diapers
Learning Lab	\$ 2,000	\$ 4,100	48.8%	Computer Replacement
Meridian Library	\$ 3,000	\$ 6,000	50.0%	Special Needs Children's Book Collection
Salvation Army	\$ 2,000	\$ 6,700	29.9%	Backpack for Kids

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Organization	Request (\$)	Total Project (\$)	% of Total	Project Name
Boise Philharmonic	\$ 3,500	\$ 96,350	3.6%	Boise Philharmonic's 2022 School Concerts
Boys and Girls Club	\$ 3,000	\$ 37,050	8.1%	Defeating Summer Learning Loss and the COVID-19 Slide with PROJECT LEARN
Camp Rainbow Gold	\$ 3,500	\$ 61,412	5.7%	2021 Sibling Camp Program
Diane Moore Nature Center	\$ 2,500	\$ 25,000	10.0%	Diane Moore Nature Center: IBO on the River (DMNC)
Family Advocates	\$ 10,000	\$ 89,400	11.2%	Family Strengthening
Genesis	\$ 10,000	\$ 767,737	1.3%	Healthcare for the Treasure Valley
Girl Scouts	\$ 3,000	\$ 30,220	9.9%	Girl Scout Community Troop Program in Ada County
Girls on the Run	\$ 2,750	\$ 4,380	62.8%	Camp GOTR Pilot Project
Idaho Diaper Bank	\$ 3,500	\$ 5,500	63.6%	Transition Out of Diapers
Land Trust	\$ 3,000	\$ 11,096	27.0%	Community-based Restoration at Harrison Hollow
Learning Lab	\$ 2,000	\$ 4,100	48.8%	Computer Replacement
Life's Kitchen	\$ 3,568	\$ 3,568	100.0%	Garde Manger Cold Workstation for Student Learning and Café Training
Meridian Library	\$ 3,000	\$ 6,000	50.0%	Special Needs Children's Book Collection
One Stone	\$ 3,375	\$ 7,270	46.4%	Outside the Lines Camp (Summer 2021)
Peregrine Fund	\$ 3,500	\$ 5,500	63.6%	Birds of Prey Discovery - Educational Enhancement
Rescue Mission	\$ 3,500	\$ 93,571	3.7%	Teen Program
Salvation Army	\$ 2,000	\$ 6,700	29.9%	Backpack for Kids
Snak River WaterKeepers	\$ 2,500	\$ 7,500	33.3%	2021 Ada County SWIM Guide
St Vincent de Paul	\$ 3,500	\$ 5,000	70.0%	Capital Improvement to Add a Classroom Space
STEM Foundation	\$ 2,500	\$ 4,317	57.9%	Western Idaho Science and Engineering Fair
Treasure Valley Path	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,100	95.2%	Training nurses to provide free ultrasounds to vulnerable pregnant women
WCA	\$ 10,000	\$ 2,763,239	0.4%	Safe shelter in times of crisis



2021-2022 GBRF Grant Considerations

- ▶ Review the current grant application requirements to determine if improvements can be made to simplify the application and related requirements to be considered for funding
 - ▶ Goal: simplify the process to increase the number of non-profits submitting requests for GBRF Grant Funding
- ▶ Add a “quick” grant option for grants <\$1,00
- ▶ Add different requirements for new applicants versus former applicants

