



IDAHO WOMEN'S CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

2017 Annual Report

July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

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VISION

IWCF raises philanthropic consciousness, inspires strategic charitable investment, and transforms the community through leadership in focused collaborative giving.

VALUES

Philanthropy
Education
Inclusiveness
Collaboration
Significant Pooled Giving

Message from the Board

Philanthropy of any sort is valuable, but educated philanthropy leading to thoughtful giving creates more powerful and targeted outcomes in our communities. Thank you for your continuing commitment to Idaho Women's Charitable Foundation.

We think of our grantees as our community partners, transforming lives with programs our investments support. Our 2016-17 year saw IWCF's largest pooled-grant sum and single grant to date: seven pooled grants totaling \$201,500 invested in the areas of Cultural Arts, Education, Environment, Financial Stability and Health, and our first Above and Beyond Collaboration (ABC) Grant which supported transportation for very low income residents of the Boise area. And for the first time, we gave \$1,000 finalist awards to the runners-up.



2016 ABC Grant:
Valley Regional Transit

Since 2001, we have invested more than \$3.5 million in 88 worthy organizations across southwestern Idaho and thousands of organizations chosen by members for their individual grant designations.

This year we learned from our grantees that our start-to-finish granting process is too long. With that feedback, look for a shortened January-April grants process in 2018.

Our financial picture is strong. The Susan Smith Endowment Fund supporting operations continues to grow thanks to member donations and wise investment policies, including our new approach of placing these funds in socially responsible investments.

Membership continues to grow at a steady rate; we are nearing the 400-member mark! Our newly adopted three-year Strategic Plan calls for strong member engagement, steady growth, and to address our infrastructure needs. Diversity and inclusion efforts are underway to

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enhance our knowledge and understanding of community needs and cultivate richer discussions in all we do at IWCF.

New technology was implemented to streamline our operations and enhance member communications. This year we delivered a new IWCF logo, a smart new website, and a stirring video highlighting our gifts to the community.



“Our Mental Health, : Critical Issues Facing Families and Communities,” featuring Symposium keynote speaker Mariel Hemingway, provoked awareness and education about youth suicide, depression in women and the importance of personal resiliency and optimism. Our largest Education Symposium ever also fueled a record boost in new members joining at the event.

As we look to celebrate our 16th year, consider these ways to enrich your personal IWCF experience:

- Bring IWCF the gift of a new member
- Consider investing in your own IWCF by designating your Individual Grant Designation (IGD) to the Susan Smith Endowment Fund
- Join one of our fantastic committees or short-term work groups
- Take pleasure in your membership, attend functions where you will meet kindred spirits, and relish being an educated philanthropist

Thank you for choosing IWCF!

In gratitude,
IWCF Board of Directors

2017 - 2018 Board



Front Row: Heather Jauregui, Jillian Huang, Susan Smith, Amber Myrick Back Row: Mikel Ward, Laura Simic, Susan May, Sherry Bithell, Suzanne Groff Lierz, Terry Anderson, Christine Avey, Linda Perez, Kim Liebich Missing: Amy Duque, Susan Wishney

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Pooled Giving for a greater impact

IWCF annually accepts and researches grant proposals from nonprofits, then evaluates them under our funding criteria. To determine the allocation of their annual pooled-fund grants, members vote on the projects proposed in five interest areas: cultural arts, education, environment, financial stability and health.

In 2016-17, the grants committee of 48 members narrowed the many applicants to ten ballot possibilities. Six projects received enough member votes to receive grants.

At our annual meeting in May, IWCF awarded a total of \$161,500 in grants for these projects:

Bee City USA-Garden City Garden City Pollinator Habitat - \$21,500

One of every three bites of human food needs pollination, but bees are in trouble. Garden City Pollinator Habitat will call attention to the serious threats to pollinators and inspire people to take action. In a



beautiful garden, visitors will learn about bees, watch them work in wooden bee houses and learn how to help them. Everyone who learns will share with others, thereby helping create the awareness necessary to save bees.

Boise Contemporary Theater The MakeSpace Loft at BCT - \$30,000

In 2011, Boise Contemporary Theater launched an education program called BCT Theater Lab devoted to the development of new work by young artists. This grant funds MakeSpace Loft at BCT, a dedicated space for BCT Theater Lab and for the many other students, artists

Pooled Giving

and organizations who lack an affordable, modern space to create, practice and perform inspiring new works for our community.

**Lee Pesky Learning Center
Mental Health Support
at Meridian Elementary -
\$25,000**

Students at Meridian Elementary School will receive training in self-regulation strategies and ongoing classroom mentoring over two school years to support their mental health.



**Intermountain Fair Housing Council, Inc.
IFHC Housing Justice Center - \$30,000**

Affordable, healthy and safe housing is the crux of and critical for everyone's financial stability, but especially for vulnerable people. The IFHC Housing Justice Center will educate the public about legal processes, rights and strategies for addressing hate and housing issues and provide legal services to people experiencing discriminatory housing. Obtaining and retaining housing acts as a wage subsidy and a safety net for families, and ensures health and income stability. This grant will affect more than 15,400 community members.

**Jannus Inc.
Idaho Suicide Prevention Hotline - \$30,000**

Idaho has one of the highest suicide rates in the country, and suicide is the second-leading cause of death for teens. In a survey of Idaho students, 29% reported feeling so sad or hopeless that they stopped doing usual activities; 13% reported they made a plan to attempt suicide. Last year, the Idaho Suicide Prevention Hotline provided support and resources to nearly 6,000 callers. This grant will enhance the hotline's outreach to rural Southwest Idaho to raise awareness and increase the use of crisis- and suicide-prevention services.

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Love INC Donation Station Expansion Project - \$25,000



Families working toward self-sufficiency need basic items like beds, dishes and clothing. Supported by this grant, Love INC's Donation Station Expansion Project will add physical space for the overflow

of such donated items, allowing volunteers to receive, renovate and repurpose more of them than was possible in a 12'x14' room. The additional space will give Love INC the capacity to grow exponentially.

In October 2016, IWCF awarded its first Above and Beyond Collaborative (ABC) Grant:

Valley Regional Transit Low-income Job-Access Transportation - \$40,000

In southwest Idaho, public transportation services range from minimal to nonexistent in terms of days of week, times of day and frequency. This creates a tremendous gap for low-income workers without access to a vehicle. IWCF matched contributions from other sources to provide workers with affordable and reliable safety-net job access transportation. The Village Van program provides a reliable and affordable commuting option for the region's workforce. VRT anticipates that the Village Van program will provide an estimated 7,500 rides over the next year.

A Year of Education

Fostering educated philanthropy, ensuring informed giving amongst our membership

The IWCF Education Committee strives to increase awareness and understanding of the community's needs and assets through programs presented for our members and guests. Our goal is to increase understanding of community issues and to increase member commitment to informed philanthropy. In 2016-17 our programs focused on Health, Financial Stability, Philanthropy, and the Environment.

- October 14, we arranged break-out sessions with a variety of expert-led speakers on the topic of mental health for the Fall Symposium with keynote speaker Mariel Hemingway.
- November 16, was a presentation by the Idaho Department of Health & Welfare on the topic of Women and Welfare where we learned of the many Idaho assistance programs that require recipients to be working or in an active job training program in order to receive benefits.



- January 10, gave us an insight into the generational and gender differences that motivate philanthropy.



- March 12, we met at the historical Boise Train Depot where we learned about the impact of city parks and green space on community. Boise Parks are no longer just playgrounds. The 77 developed parks in Boise create an opportunity for individuals to get outside.

2016 - 2017 Financial Report

During fiscal year 2016-2017, ending June 30, 2017, Idaho Women's Charitable Foundation's membership grew by 44 new members to a total of 376.

The Susan Smith IWCF Endowment Fund also experienced impressive growth. The fund ended the fiscal year with \$594,733, an increase of \$115,380 over the prior year's ending balance. This increase was attributed to member donations as well as earnings on the invested funds.

In keeping with the IWCF's endeavor to make a positive influence in our society, IWCF considered the importance of using our invested funds to impact important social and environmental concerns through Socially Responsible Investing (SRI). The members spent time and effort in researching the viability of SRI investing, and with the health and growth of the investments as important considerations, the investigation revealed that returns are competitive with non-SRI focused investing.

The Board voted to amend the Investment Policy to state that Susan Smith Endowment Funds will be invested in Socially Responsible Investments.

Sincerely,



Susan Wishney
Treasurer

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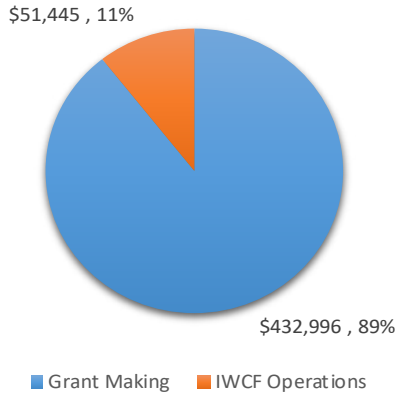
SOURCE OF FUNDS

Member Fees & Donations	\$ 474,567
Susan Smith Endowment Fund	9,056
Interest Income	<u>818</u>
	\$ 484,441

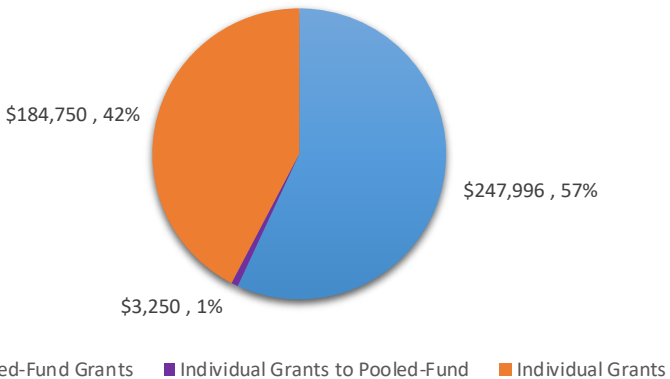
USE OF FUNDS

Grant Making	\$432,996
IWCF Operations	<u>51,445</u>
	\$484,441

Use of Funds



Grant Making



Diversity and Inclusion Policy

Idaho Women's Charitable Foundation is committed to equal opportunity and diversity. In its membership, employment opportunities and its business partners, IWCF is inclusive; IWCF makes determinations only on relevant qualifications. IWCF is committed to the principles of diversity and will not discriminate based upon race, religion, gender, age, disability, marital status, gender identity or sexual orientation.

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