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Idaho Department of Education Awards \$1.53 Million in Federal Grants for Out-of-School Learning Programs

(BOISE) – Eight Idaho school districts and two community organizations will receive new grant awards to provide youth academic and enrichment opportunities through the Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers program.

The five-year grants are awarded through federal Title IV, Part B funding for out-of-school and summer learning programs designed to provide academic enrichment opportunities during non-school hours. Schools receiving funding offer a variety of programs and activities, including academic support, arts and music, career technical programs, family engagement and more.

“This funding means students have the option to extend engagement in their school community beyond the classroom while still receiving support in a structured environment,” said Superintendent of Public Instruction Debbie Critchfield. “Whether students are continuing studies, exploring their futures or playing a sport, these grants give schools and community organizations more reach in the work that they do for students daily.”

This year’s new grant recipients were selected from among 23 eligible applicants and total \$1.53 million:

- Salmon School District \$159,764
- Lake Pend Oreille School District \$70,789
- Marsing Joint District \$200,000
- Boys & Girls Club of Magic Valley \$181,600
- American Falls Joint District \$178,708
- Cassia County Joint District \$159,987
- Wilder School District \$135,700
- Treasure Valley Family YMCA \$200,000
- Mountain Home School District \$114,986
- Filer School District \$137,584

The Idaho Department of Education anticipates hosting a virtual Request for Applications workshop for the next grant competition in November. For additional information, contact Nita M. Lowey 21st CCLC Program Coordinator Sheena Strickler at sstrickler@sde.idaho.gov.

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