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## Idaho Heritage Trust Awards \$163,554 to Preserve Historic Idaho

BOISE – The Idaho Heritage Trust’s Board of Trustees awarded 27 grants totaling \$105,220 in matching funds to preserve historic buildings and artifacts throughout the state. Almost 50 percent of the grants in dollars were given to communities with populations of 5,000 or fewer people. The Trustees also approved \$55,000 in architectural, conservation, and archaeological technical assistance to organizations around the state.

*“The Board of Trustees is pleased to support the preservation of Idaho’s cultural heritage for future generations. We receive a large number of requests for our limited funds, and the Trustees and other representatives of the Trust consider all the applications with great care. We only wish we could fund all the requests to the fullest extent,”* said Katherine Kirk, executive director of the Idaho Heritage Trust.

In cooperation with the AVISTA Corporate Fund for North Idaho, the IHT awarded grants to the Panida Theater in Sandpoint, the St. Stanislaus Kostka Chapel in Rathdrum, the Bovill Opera House, and the Lewiston Civic Theater. This fund, within the Idaho Heritage Trust endowment fund, provides funding to support grants in the AVISTA service area.

*“We were encouraged by the large number of grant requests for new restoration projects. It is an indication that there are many more historic buildings, sites, and artifacts to restore and preserve around the state. And perhaps an indication that more people are becoming involved with saving Idaho’s history,”* Kirk said.

In addition, the Wallace Mining District Museum was selected as the Sister Alfreda Elsensohn Museum Award recipient for Outstanding Service in 2013. It is a joint award given annually by the Idaho Heritage Trust, the Idaho Humanities Council, and the Idaho State Historical Society. The Museum will receive a \$10,000 award check as part of the recognition.

The complete list of grant & award recipients and the amount granted is included in this document.

### About the IHT

The IHT was founded in 1989 to serve as a permanent legacy of Idaho’s Centennial Celebration. Its mission is to preserve the historic fabric of Idaho for the Bicentennial through a program of grants and technical assistance. Royalty Funds generated by the Trust’s copyright of the scenic Idaho red, white, and blue license plate goes into a permanent endowment fund. The earnings from the fund matched with funds raised by communities and other partners support the preservation of historic buildings, sites and artifact collections throughout Idaho. The Board of Trustees of the Idaho Heritage Trust include Suzanne Budge, Boise; Marilyn Sabella, Sandpoint; Dennis O’Brien, Wallace; Paulette Jordan, Plummer; Donna Woolston, Moscow; John Taylor, Lewiston; Marla Krigbaum, New Meadows; Max Black, Boise; John Hiler, Mountain Home; Anne Zauner, Ketchum; Steve Kohntopp, Filer; Jerry Myers, Pocatello; Judy Mortimer, Idaho Falls; and Thomas Howell, Ashton.

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## Grants & Awards List

The Panida Theater, Sandpoint	\$5,000
St. Stanislaus Kostka Chapel, Rathdrum	\$2,500
Parish House, Coeur d'Alene's Old Mission State Park, Cataldo	\$4,000
Wallace District Mining Museum, Wallace	\$3,334
Opera House, Bovill Improvement Group, Bovill	\$8,000
Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre, Moscow	\$8,000
White Springs Ranch Museum, Genesee	\$1,525
Anne Bollinger Performing Arts Center, Lewiston Civic Theater, Lewiston	\$3,295
Hurlbut Mansion, Lewis-Clark Early Childhood Program, Lewiston	\$8,000
Lapwai Auditorium, Lapwai School District, Lapwai	\$3,000
Community Library, City of Peck	\$2,000
Community Center, City of Peck	\$3,500
PI&N Depot, Adams County Historical Society, New Meadows	\$4,000
Snake River Heritage Center, Weiser	\$2,500
1 <sup>st</sup> Christian Church, Payette	\$7,000
St Charles Borromeo Church, Hailey	\$1,200
Jerome Depot, Jerome County Historical Society, Jerome	\$4,000
Lincoln Street Historic Lighting, Historic Preservation Commission, Twin Falls	\$4,000
Lincoln Creek Day School, Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, Fort Hall	\$5,000
1887 General Land Office Map, Presto Preservation Association, Firth	\$2,000
First Presbyterian Church, Malad	\$2,200
Herald-Grange Building, Lemhi County Historical Society, Salmon	\$5,000
Stanley Museum, Sawtooth Interpretive & Historical Association, Stanley	\$3,500
Surgeon's Quarters, Fort Boise, Preservation Idaho, Boise	\$8,000
Basque Museum & Cultural Center Complex, Boise	\$3,000
TRICA, Boise	\$5,000
<b>Total Grants &amp; Awards:</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Amount Funded:</b>	<b>\$108,554</b>

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