



Avista Foundation Announces Second Quarter Grants Awards total \$276,700 to support youth development and education

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SPOKANE, Wash. – July 9, 2021: The Avista Foundation has announced the awarding of its second quarter grants totaling \$276,700 to 25 non-profit organizations in Washington, Idaho and Oregon. The grants are intended to directly benefit youth development and education programming.

“Supporting organizations that provide services to youth and families is an important part of our commitment to invest in our communities,” said Dennis Vermillion, Avista president and CEO.

“We also want to help broaden educational opportunities—such as support for after school programs, expanding STEM curriculum, culturally relevant learning experiences, or funding scholarships for post-secondary education and technical training.”

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County and Lewis Clark Valley each received a grant of \$75,000 (\$25,000/year) to help with major campus renovations in Lewiston and building a new facility in Spokane.

“Our organization’s number one goal through this project and in our operating model is to serve children who need us most,” stated the Lewis Clark Club CEO Jon Evans. “This is a critical time for our community. Our Boys & Girls Club will become a community-based campus that’s home to multiple youth-serving and non-profit agencies to deepen our collective impact within the Lewis-Clark Valley.”

Additional grants supporting higher education were awarded to Community Colleges of Spokane, the University of Idaho, Eastern Washington University and Washington State University.

Organizations receiving grants are:

Boys & Girls Club of Spokane County	Washington	\$75,000 (\$25,000/year)
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Lewis Clark Valley	Idaho	\$75,000 (\$25,000/year)
Washington State University Foundation	Washington	\$15,000
Rogue Valley Children’s Discovery Museum	Oregon	\$10,000
Community Colleges of Spokane Foundation	Washington	\$10,000
University of Idaho Foundation	Idaho	\$10,000
Eastern Washington University Foundation	Washington	\$10,000
Chief Joseph Foundation	Idaho	\$7,500
Inland Northwest Farmers Market Association	Washington	\$7,500
Spokane Eastside Reunion Association	Washington	\$7,500
Friends of KSPS	Washington	\$6,000
Generation Alive	Washington	\$5,000
Odyssey Youth Movement	Washington	\$5,000
Boys & Girls Club of Umpqua Valley	Oregon	\$5,000
United Way of North Idaho	Idaho	\$5,000
Douglas County Children’s Center	Oregon	\$5,000
Cool Cup of Water	Washington	\$3,500
Embrace Washington	Washington	\$3,200
Girl Scouts of Eastern Washington & North Idaho	Washington/Idaho	\$2,500
World Relief Spokane	Washington	\$2,000
Create Your Statement	Washington	\$1,500
Sandpoint Youth Center	Idaho	\$1,500
Spokane HOPE	Washington	\$1,500
Teen & Kid Closet	Washington	\$1,500
(Clarkston) Valley Community Center	Washington	\$1,000

Since its

establishment in 2002, the Avista Foundation has made grants totaling over \$10 million. The foundation focuses its giving in the areas of vulnerable and limited income populations, education, and economic and cultural vitality. It is a separate, non-profit organization established by Avista Corp., and does not receive funding from Avista Utilities or AEL&P customers through rates.

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