



Avista to provide \$475,500 to community non-profit agencies Grants will be directed to 25 organizations in four states

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SPOKANE, Wash. – Oct. 15, 2021: Avista has announced its third quarter grants totaling \$475,500 to support economic and community vitality in Washington, Idaho, Oregon and Alaska.

“Despite the prolonged effects of the pandemic we are encouraged to see so much resiliency in the communities across our service territory,” said Dennis Vermillion, president and CEO of Avista. “We’re pleased to stand alongside these organizations and make investments that help neighborhoods and communities thrive.”

One of the grant recipients, Spruce Root, Inc., assists people in Southeast Alaska through services that promote economic, social and cultural growth.

“This funding will help us deliver six workshops to approximately 72 entrepreneurs,” said Ashley Snookes, Program Manager for Spruce Root. “Participants will receive technical assistance and one-on-one business coaching services from the Spruce Root staff. Additionally, the grant will also support the communities relying on these businesses for goods and services in our geographically isolated region.”

A grant given to the Hillyard Merchants Association will also help advance economic vitality in Northeast Spokane.

“The Avista grant will be used to activate a new marketing and communication campaign to increase awareness of northeast businesses,” said David Guthrie, Executive Director of the Northeast Public Development Authority. “As we generate support in the greater community for revitalization, the area will attract new investment, leading to business growth and increased employment opportunities for neighborhood residents.”

Additional donations across Avista’s service territory include the Bonner County Economic Development Corporation in Idaho, and “Rebuilding Together Rogue Valley” in Oregon, which provides funds to cover the cost of home repairs or modifications that enable seniors to stay in their home.

Organizations receiving grants are:

1.	Innovation Foundation	WA/ID	\$150,000 (\$50,000/year)
2.	United Human Services of SE Alaska	Alaska	\$125,000 (\$31,250/year)
3.	Spokane Neighborhood Action Partners (SNAP)	Washington	\$69,000
4.	Bonner County Economic Development	Idaho	\$15,000 (\$5,000/year)
5.	St. Vincent De Paul of North Idaho	Idaho	\$15,000
6.	Renewable Juneau	Alaska	\$11,000
7.	CDAIDE	Idaho	\$10,000
8.	Northeast Public Development Authority	Washington	\$10,000
9.	Spokane Parks Foundation	Washington	\$10,000
10.	Spruce Root Inc.	Alaska	\$7,500
11.	Pioneer Human Services	Washington	\$7,500
12.	Options for Helping Homeless Residents of Ashland	Oregon	\$5,000
13.	Jess Roskelley Foundation	Washington	\$5,000
14.	LC Valley Pickleball Club	Washington	\$5,000
15.	Second Chance Ranch	Washington	\$5,000
16.	Transitions	Washington	\$5,000
17.	YMCA of the Inland Northwest	Washington	\$3,000
18.	Animal Rescue Foundation	Idaho	\$2,500
19.	City of Rogue River	Oregon	\$2,500
20.	Walking Tall Southern Oregon	Oregon	\$2,500
21.	Rebuilding Together Rogue Valley	Oregon	\$2,500
22.	Spokanimal C A R E	Washington	\$2,500
23.	LC Valley Youth Resource Center	WA/ID	\$2,500

24.	WA-ID Volunteer Center	WA/ID	\$2,000
25.	One Heart	Washington	\$500

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