Avista Foundation awards 76 grants supporting environmental efforts, arts and culture across the Northwest

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So far this year, the Avista Foundation has awarded more than $832,350 in grants

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 29, 2025 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- In its third and fourth quarters of 2025, the Avista Foundation awarded a combined $336,150 in grants to 76 nonprofit organizations across Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Alaska, and Montana. These grants support a diverse range of environmental, arts and culture initiatives.

“Community is built every day by those who give their time, energy, and care to others. Their service is a testament to the resilience and generosity that define our region, and the Avista Foundation is grateful for the chance to support this important work,” said Kristine Meyer, Avista Foundation Executive Director.

A few highlights from these grant cycles include:

- **Washington:** In Spokane, **Friends of KSPS** received support to expand arts and culture education. The grant awarded to **Spokane Word** will help amplify the voices and perspectives of immigrant and BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) youth.
- **Idaho:** The **Festival at Sandpoint** will use its funding to make the arts more accessible through its Community Night. The **Idaho Trails Association** is engaging youth in outdoor stewardship and trail programs with support from the Avista Foundation.
- **Oregon: Ross Ragland Theater & Cultural Center** will use its award to keep inspiring young minds with a science camp, and **Klamath KID Center** is providing safe, enriching spaces for children thanks to Avista Foundation support.
- **Alaska:** With its grant, the **Alaska Development Corporation** will continue its work to create affordable housing through a community land trust in Juneau, and **Perseverance Theatre** will continue bringing youth voices to the stage.
- **Montana: Friends of Whitepine Grange** will use its grant to continue enhancing rural community life with its picnic pavilion.

The full list of **third-quarter awards** includes the following:

Name	State	Award
Washington State Opportunity Scholarship	Washington	$12,500
Alaska Development Corporation	Alaska	$5,000
Anna Schindler Foundation	Idaho	$5,000
Appaloosa Museum and Heritage Center Foundation	Idaho	$1,000
Big Table	Washington	$1,500
Colville Rotary Charitable Foundation	Washington	$1,500
Clearwater Community Complex	Idaho	$5,000
Evergreen Bioscience Innovation Cluster	Washington	$5,000
Friends of Lake Spokane Parks	Washington	$7,500
Friends of Parks and Recreation in Asotin County	Washington	$5,000
Friends of Phillips Farm	Idaho	$1,000
Friends of Whitepine Grange	Montana	$400
Gina Quesenberry Foundation	Idaho	$1,750
Community-Minded Enterprises	Washington	$5,000
Nuestras Raíces Centro Comunitario	Washington	$15,000
Helping Hands Healing Hearts	Idaho	$3,000
Hills and Rivers Housing Trust	Idaho	$2,500
Kaniksu Land Trust	Idaho	$5,000
KTOO	Alaska	$3,000
Klamath Kid Center	Oregon	$5,000
Launchpad Inland Northwest Foundation	Washington	$5,000
Lewiston-Clarkton Partners Habitat for Humanity	Idaho	$10,000

Libraries of Stevens County Foundation	Washington	$10,000
Morning Star Boys Ranch	Washington	$2,500
Moscow Contemporary	Idaho	$500
Next Generation Hair Academy	Washington	$7,500
Operation Healthy Family	Washington	$3,000
Our Place Community Outreach	Washington	$1,000
Re*Imagine Medical Lake	Washington	$4,000
Spokane Public Library Foundation	Washington	$5,000
Spokane Public Radio	Washington	$10,000
SpokAnimal C.A.R.E.	Washington	$1,000
Business Impact NW	Idaho	$1,500
Southeast Alaska Independent Living	Alaska	$5,000
Spokane Humane Society	Washington	$1,000
Our Kids Our Business (OKOB)	Washington	$12,500
Spokane Pride	Washington	$1,500
Spokane Zero Waste	Washington	$6,000
Teen and Kid Closet	Washington	$4,000
The Literacy Project of North Idaho	Idaho	$5,000
Thrive International	Washington	$3,500
WA-ID Volunteer Center	Idaho	$2,750
Whitman County Historical Society	Washington	$5,000
YMCA of the Inland Northwest - Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)	Washington	$2,000
Third Quarter Total:		**$199,900**

The full list of **fourth-quarter awards** includes the following:

Name	**State**	**Award**
Educate, Entertain & Get Stuff Done (EEG)	Washington	$1,700
Asians for Collective Liberation of Spokane	Washington	$2,000
APOD Productions	Idaho	$2,500
Art Salvage	Washington	$3,000
Camas Foundation	Washington	$5,000
Columbia Basin Allied Arts	Washington	$1,600
Festival at Sandpoint	Idaho	$5,000
Friends of KSPS	Washington	$20,000
Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness (FSPW)	Idaho	$1,200
Global Neighborhood	Washington	$10,000
Golden House Theater	Washington	$2,500
Holocaust Center for Humanity	Washington	$1,000
Idaho Trails Association	Idaho	$3,500
Library Foundation of Spokane County	Washington	$5,500
Manzanita House	Washington	$7,500
Palouse Choral Society	Washington	$1,000
Perseverance Theatre	Alaska	$5,000
Providence Northeast Washington Hunger Coalition	Washington	$5,000
Ross Ragland Theater and Cultural Center	Oregon	$5,000
Selway Bitterroot Frank Church Foundation	Idaho	$1,500
Smith Barbieri Progressive Fund	Washington	$5,000
Spark Central	Washington	$2,500
Spectrum	Washington	$2,500
Spokane Arts Fund	Washington	$5,000
Spokane Children's Theatre	Washington	$2,000
Spokane Colleges Foundation	Washington	$10,000
Spokane Folklore Society	Washington	$1,000
Spokane Public Schools Foundation	Washington	$750
Spokane Word	Washington	$2,000
St. Vincent de Paul	Washington	$7,500

Terrain	Washington	$5,000
Terry Buffington Foundation	Washington	$3,500
Fourth Quarter Total:		**$136,250**

Organizations can check their eligibility and apply for funding at avistafoundation.com. The next cycle of funding for health and human services proposals opens Jan. 1 and runs through Feb. 1, 2026.

About the Avista Foundation
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