



2023 Awardees

Athena

YMCA Walla Walla

Description: After-school childcare support for K-5 students at Athena Elementary School.

Boardman

Boardman Park and Recreation District

Description: Expanding a senior citizen healthy living program through classes promoting healthy minds and bodies.

Boardman County School District

Description: For the implementation of the Rigamajig Creative Learning Project at the Boardman Think Big Space.

Heppner

Flood Town Books LLC

Description: For pottery and fine arts educational materials in the Plow & Harrow community art studio.

Heppner Junior/Senior High School

Description: The creation of an after-school drone program for 7th and 8th grade students.

Heppner Elementary School

Description: For the creation of a school garden to be used as an outdoor classroom space.

South Morrow County Seniors Matter

Description: For equipment to better facilitate presentations at the weekly senior meal site.

Students Without Limits

Description: A program to provide additional resources to help students excel in school.

Hermiston

Castle Rock Apartments – Umatilla County Housing Authority

Description: Creation of a community garden.

Hermiston Education Foundation

Description: To support 2024 fundraiser for its academic, artistic, and cultural learning experiences benefiting local students.

Hermiston Historical and Cultural Society

Description: Planning and exploration for an arts center that would help promote the history and culture of the community.

Oasis Vineyard Church

Description: Improving a greenhouse that donates fresh food to those in need through the Eastern Oregon Mission.



Stepping Stones Alliance

Description: Hardware, software, and other technology for emergency shelter guests and staff.

Sweet Potato's Closet

Purpose: Operational expenses to support efforts to provide everyday needs and essentials to foster families and at-risk youth.

Umatilla-Morrow Head Start (UMHS)

Description: Volunteer training, emergency supplies for children in foster care, and educational advertisements to support court-appointed special advocate (CASA) volunteers and foster care children in the region.

Eastern Oregon Mission (2 projects)

Description: Funding for two projects, one is to support their food program benefitting elementary school students and the second is for children's playground equipment for their transitional housing center.

Ione

Terry Felda (individual)

Description: Transitioning a small farm to regenerative farming practices and increasing the native pollinator habitat.

Irrigon

L-APS, INC. (Learning, Living, & Loving after/along with Programs)

Description: Providing essential repairs and upgrades to mobile homes, RVs, and other on-the-go housing options through the Housing on the Move program.

Lexington

Compost Casa

Description: Road construction, pollinator-friendly landscaping, and a structure related to this educational initiative promoting composting and regenerative agriculture.

Town of Lexington

Description: Improvements to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements at the Lexington town hall and fire hall.

Milton-Freewater

Horizon Project, Inc.

Description: Installation of raised beds for residents to use at affordable housing properties in Milton-Freewater.

Pendleton

Arts Council of Pendleton

Description: Support for a "Creative Lab" where community members can access a quiet workspace and classroom with basic office equipment and resources to pursue their passions and aspirations.



College Community Theater

Description: Support of the 2023-2024 college community theater season.

Eastern Oregon Climate Change Coalition (EOC3)

Description: A youth climate change poster contest through art centers in Pendleton, La Grande, Baker City, and Joseph.

Historic Rivoli Theater Performing Arts Center Restoration Coalition

Description: Support film screenings and film history projects over the next year to build interest in the arts.

Jennifer Colton (individual)

Description: Development of play about a group of women in Umatilla who elected one of the first female mayors.

McKay Creek Parents Club

Description: A joint project with Pendleton Parks, the Pendleton School District, and McKay Elementary School to build a covered structure in a park for schools and the community.

Oregon East Symphony and Chorale

Description: Providing concert tickets at reduced prices or no charge so everyone can attend shows, regardless of income levels.

Pendleton Children's Center

Description: Completion of a modern and efficient childcare center, including a new playground.

Pendleton Public Library (2 projects)

Description: Funding for two projects, the first is to support the launch the first Lego League of eastern Oregon and the second is to purchase STEAM education items for their Library of Things Collection.

Umatilla County Historical Society

Description: Update to Oregon Trail exhibit to highlight trails through and stories of Umatilla County.

Catheryn Pratuch (individual)

Description: For the creation of little free pantries as part of a grassroots movement of neighbors feeding neighbors.

Stanfield

Stanfield Public Library

Description: To launch weekly STEAM based activities that help build family and build community connections.

Stanfield School District

Description: For an afterschool Rigamajig program that promotes STEAM education.

Tollgate

Tollgate Trailfinders

Description: Upgrade trail signage within Tollgate outdoor recreational areas.

Ukiah

Cub House

Description: Ground cover materials for the playground at a family childcare and preschool location.



Umatilla

Inland Northwest Musicians

Description: Support to help establish and operate a regional orchestra and chorale.

Pacific Northwest Veterans Alliance

Description: Care kits that would include items such as warm/cool weather gear, meal certificates, and hotel vouchers for veterans and their families during times of crisis.

Umatilla Chamber of Commerce

Description: A "Sip and Shop" event to provide advertising for local businesses, many of which are minority or women owned with fewer than five employees.

Umatilla County Search and Rescue Foundation

Description: Replacement drone to support of search and rescue activities and that complies with new regulatory requirements.

Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation

Columbia River Salmon Restoration

Description: Education for members to learn more about salmon restoration efforts along the Columbia River.