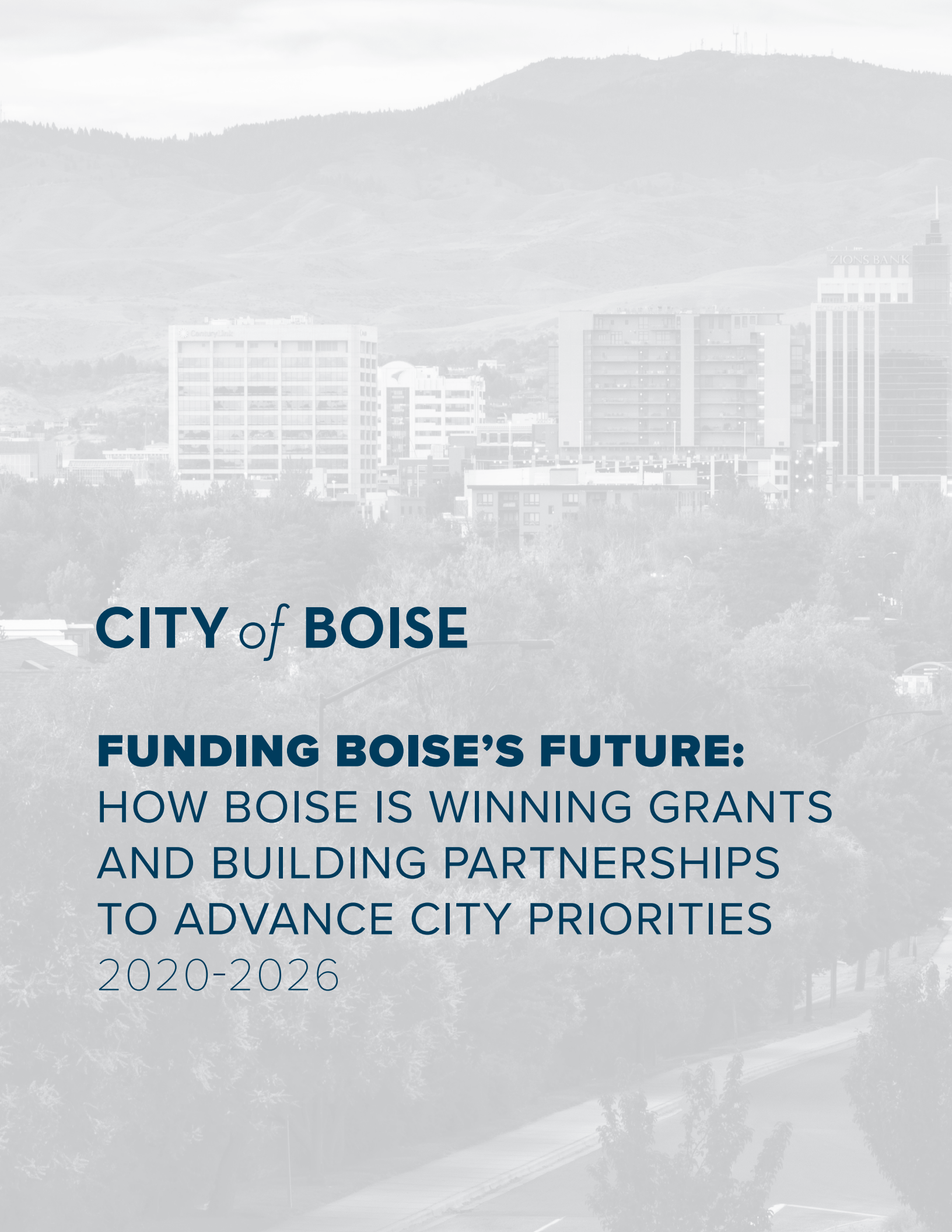

CITY *of* BOISE

FUNDING BOISE'S FUTURE:
HOW BOISE IS WINNING GRANTS AND BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS TO ADVANCE CITY PRIORITIES
2020-2026

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LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Neighbors,



Boise is growing and that growth brings tremendous opportunities. But it also brings real challenges, especially for families already working hard to make ends meet. I am committed to making sure Boise residents do not have to shoulder the cost of our growth alone. Put simply, growth should pay for growth.

I know every dollar matters. Boise taxpayers make significant investments in our community, and we have a responsibility to build on them. By pursuing federal and state grants, attracting philanthropic investment, and creating strong partnerships, we can bring additional resources to Boise and accomplish more for our community.

Since taking office in 2020, my team and I have successfully competed for and secured more than $156 million in grants and philanthropic investment while also stewarding hundreds of millions of dollars in federal and state funding allocated to our city through other programs. Those resources help us create more housing Boiseans can afford, strengthen public safety and critical infrastructure, build new transportation connections, protect our water and open space, support essential city services, and invest in ideas that will make Boise an even better place to live.

None of this happens by accident.

My administration has made it a priority to think ahead by developing strong projects before funding opportunities arise, building partnerships around shared goals, and positioning Boise to best compete for limited resources. We are not simply waiting for opportunities to come to us. We are looking down the road, identifying where investment will make the greatest impact, and bringing the right people and resources together to make it possible.

One investment can lead to another. A planning grant can help move a project toward construction. Funding a pilot can show what works and attract long-term financial support. By bringing together state and federal funding and private investment, we can make every local dollar stretch further. This approach helps us do more for Boise without asking Boiseans to shoulder the cost alone.

The investments highlighted in this report represent more than dollars coming into our city. They represent new housing opportunities, stronger infrastructure, safer and healthier neighborhoods, parks and pathways, protected natural resources, and ideas that can improve our quality of life.

I'm proud of what our city team and partners have accomplished. And we are not done. We will keep looking ahead, building innovative projects and partnerships, and competing for the resources that will help Boise manage growth, promote affordability, and deliver on our vision for the future.

Lauren McLean

Boise Mayor

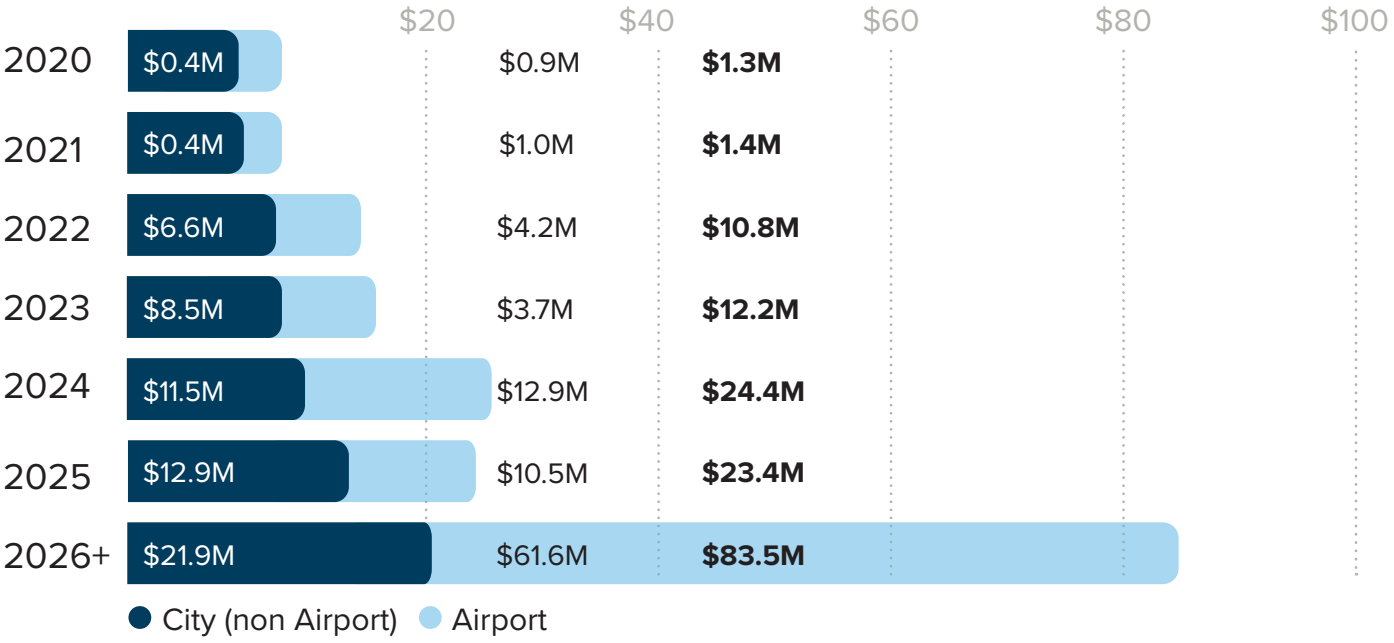
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

$156M+ SECURED ACROSS 128 COMPETITIVE GRANT AWARDS SINCE 2020

Boise has transformed how it pursues competitive funding, moving to a more proactive, coordinated strategy that helps advance City priorities while making local dollars go further. By identifying opportunities earlier, developing strong projects with departments and partners, and building grant expertise within the city, Boise is bringing more outside investment into the community and expanding what local resources can accomplish.

BOISE IS COMPETING FOR FUNDING AT A NEW SCALE

Competitive grant awards have grown substantially since 2020, with the sustained growth across city departments alongside major airport investment.



OUR APPROACH

PLAN AHEAD

Identify funding opportunities early and connect them to city priorities and upcoming projects.

ALIGN STRATEGICALLY

Focus on opportunities with the strongest fit, impact, and likelihood of success.

BUILD TOGETHER

Bring outside investments into Boise to advance priorities, expand capacity, and make local dollars go further.

MAXIMIZE IMPACT

Combine grant expertise with department knowledge and strong community partnerships.

OPPORTUNITY FOR *everyone*

IMPROVING ACCESS, STRENGTHENING REGIONAL CONNECTIONS, AND SUPPORTING BOISE'S ECONOMIC FUTURE.

$94.8 MILLION

$61.5 MILLION

FAA GRANT | RUNWAY RECONSTRUCTION

Reconstructs a nearly 40-year-old runway and adds new visual guidance systems, strengthening safety and reliability for decades to come.

$9 MILLION

FAA GRANT | FUTURE CONCOURSE A

Completes the second phase of the aircraft apron for future Concourse A, adding aircraft parking capacity and supporting expanded air service.



REBUILDS A NEARLY 40 YEAR-OLD RUNWAY



NEW LIGHTING AND VISUAL GUIDANCE



EXPANDS AIRCRAFT PARKING CAPACITY



SUPPORTS FUTURE AIR SERVICE GROWTH

FUNDER / PROGRAM	AWARDS	AMOUNT
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION		
Airport Improvement Program	**9 AWARDS**	**$81,835,523**
Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Airport Terminal Program	**4 AWARDS**	**$11,168,120**
IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION		
Idaho Airport Aid Program	**7 AWARDS**	**$1,800,000**
TOTAL:	**20 AWARDS**	**$94,803,643**

A HOME FOR *everyone*

ADVANCING HOUSING STABILITY, PRESERVING AFFORDABLE HOMES, AND RESPONDING TO HOMELESSNESS.

$9 MILLION

COC BUILDS GRANT | THE FULTON

Creating 50 new permanent supportive housing units for people exiting long-term homelessness, paired with on-site supportive services.

$6.5 MILLION

SIPPRA GRANT | NEW PATH 2.0

Boise's Permanent Supportive Housing Pipeline Pay for Success project expands supportive housing and services for people experiencing long-term homelessness. This outcome-based approach ties repayment to documented public savings.



50 NEW PERMANENT HOUSING UNITS



ON-SITE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES



SUPPORTS LONG-TERM HOUSING STABILITY



REWARDS MEASURABLE COMMUNITY OUTCOMES

FUNDER / PROGRAM	AWARDS	AMOUNT
BLOOMBERG PHILANTHROPIES		
Global Mayor's Challenge	**2 AWARDS**	**$1,250,000**
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY		
Social Impact Partnerships to Pay for Results Act	**2 AWARDS**	**$7,553,828**



$30.5 MILLION

$6.8 MILLION

PRICE GRANT | SAGE MOBILE HOME PARK

Preserving affordable manufactured housing and supporting improvements that help residents remain stably housed.

$1.25 MILLION

BLOOMBERG | LUSK DISTRICT

Using Boise's geothermal system to lower utility costs and support affordable housing near Boise State University and the Lusk District.



PRESERVES AFFORDABLE MANUFACTURED HOUSING



FUNDS HOME AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS



EXTENDS BOISE'S GEOTHERMAL SYSTEM



LOWER UTILITY COSTS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT		
Continuum of Care Builds	**1 AWARD**	$9,000,000
Continuum of Care Program	**7 AWARDS**	$344,961
Coronavirus Recovery Funds	**1 AWARD**	$608,164
Emergency Rental Assistance Program	**1 AWARD**	$4,917,301
Preservation and Reinvestment Initiative for Community Enhancement	**1 AWARD**	$6,773,703
Youth Homeless Demonstration Program	**1 AWARD**	$98,661
TOTAL:	**16 AWARDS**	**$30,546,618**



MOVEMENT FOR *everyone*

CREATING SAFER CONNECTIONS AND MORE WAYS FOR PEOPLE TO MOVE THROUGHOUT BOISE.

$5.6 MILLION

BUILD GRANT | LAKE HAZEL ROAD

Supports planning and design for the Lake Hazel Road corridor, a key east-west connection that will improve safety, reduce congestion, and enhance access for all users.

$1.0 MILLION

SS4A GRANT | FAIRVIEW AVENUE

Implements safety improvements along Fairview Avenue, one of Boise's highest-injury corridors, with a focus on safer walking, biking, transit, and driving for all users.

FUTURE EAST-WEST CONNECTION

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND RAILROAD CROSSING ANALYSIS

SUPPORTS SAFER WALKING, BIKING, TRANSIT, AND DRIVING

FOCUSES ON BOISE'S HIGHEST-INJURY CORRIDOR

FUNDER / PROGRAM	AWARDS	AMOUNT
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION		
Safe Streets and Roads for All	**1 AWARD**	**$1,002,800**
Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development Program	**1 AWARD**	**$5,600,000**
Innovative Finance and Asset Concessions	**1 AWARD**	**$503,125**
Highway Planning and Construction	**4 AWARDS**	**$10,048,000**



$17.6 MILLION

$500 THOUSAND

IFAC GRANT | PASSENGER RAIL

Develops a passenger rail funding strategy and explores opportunities for Boise Depot and station-area development.

$3.4 MILLION

COMPASS GRANT | PATHWAYS

The Broadway-Federal Way Pathway closes a 2.2-mile gap, connecting neighborhoods to schools, parks, businesses, and the Greenbelt.



DEVELOPS A PASSENGER RAIL FUNDING STRATEGY



EXPLORES BOISE DEPOT AND STATION-AREA OPPORTUNITIES



CLOSES A 2.2-MILE GAP



1,600 MORE RESIDENTS WITHIN A 10-MINUTE WALK

OTHER GRANTS	5 AWARDS	$409,302
TOTAL:	**12 AWARDS**	**$17,563,227**

A SAFE AND HEALTHY CITY FOR *everyone*

IMPROVING EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND REDUCING HAZARDS TO KEEP BOISE SAFE AND RESILIENT.

$2.3 MILLION

SAFER GRANT | HIRING OF FIREFIGHTERS

Adds firefighters to strengthen four-person staffing, improving emergency response capacity and firefighter safety.

$1.7 MILLION

DOT GRANTS | TRAFFIC SAFETY

Advances safer streets through targeted investments designed to reduce serious crashes and protect all road users.



FIREFIGHTERS ADDED TO FRONTLINE STAFFING



STRENGTHENS FOUR PERSON CREW STAFFING



REDUCES FATAL AND SERIOUS INJURY CRASHES



PROTECTS PEOPLE WALKING, BIKING AND DRIVING

FUNDER / PROGRAM	AWARDS	AMOUNT
FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY		
FY21 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program	**1 AWARD**	**$1,423,636**
State Homeland Security Grant Program	**19 AWARDS**	**$1,266,895**
Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response	**1 AWARD**	**$2,306,425**
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION		
State and Community Highway Safety	**11 AWARDS**	**$1,710,000**
OTHER GRANTS	**10 AWARDS**	**$124,952**



$7.6 MILLION

$1.4 MILLION

AFG GRANT | PUBLIC SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Equips Boise and regional fire agencies with modern breathing apparatus, improving firefighter safety and interoperability.

$1.3 MILLION

FEMA GRANTS | PUBLIC SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Provides critical equipment for Boise Fire and Police, strengthening emergency response, responder safety, and operational readiness.



200 NEW SCBA UNITS AND 132 FACE PIECES



332 FIREFIGHTERS ACROSS 15 DEPARTMENTS



SUPPORTS MULTIPLE PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS



STRENGTHENS FRONTLINE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS

U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT		
Fuels Management and Community Fire Assistance Program	**1 AWARD**	$170,000
Recreation Resource Management	**1 AWARD**	$140,000
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE		
Western States Fire Managers Grant Program	**1 AWARD**	$290,000
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE		
Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act	**1 AWARD**	$165,766
TOTAL:	**46 AWARDS**	**$7,597,674**

A CLEAN CITY FOR *everyone*

ADVANCING CLEANER TRANSPORTATION, CONSERVING RESOURCES, AND BUILDING A MORE RESILIENT BOISE.

$3.2 MILLION

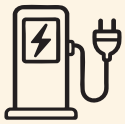
DOT GRANTS | CLEAN INFRASTRUCTURE

Expands public electric vehicle charging infrastructure across Boise, making cleaner transportation more accessible and supporting the City's transition to a lower-emission future.

$1 MILLION

USBR GRANT | WATERSMART

Supported planning and analysis for recycled water infrastructure, creating a foundation for future water conservation and resilience efforts even as the program is currently paused.



EXPANDS PUBLIC EV CHARGING



LOWERING EMISSION TRANSPORTATION



ADVANCES RECYCLED WATER



STRENGTHENS WATER RESILIENCE

FUNDER / PROGRAM	AWARDS	AMOUNT
BLOOMBERG PHILANTHROPIES		
Youth Climate Action Fund	**3 AWARDS**	**$200,000**
U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION		
WaterSMART - Water Recycling and Desalination	**1 AWARD**	**$1,000,000**
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION		
Charging and Fueling Infrastructure	**1 AWARD**	**$3,200,000**



$5 MILLION

$250 THOUSAND

EPA GRANT | ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Supports community-focused environmental work to reduce pollution impacts, improve local conditions, and build healthier, more resilient neighborhoods.

$200 THOUSAND

BLOOMBERG | YOUTH CLIMATE ACTION FUND

Empowers Boise youth to lead local climate projects, turning their ideas into tangible actions that benefit the community and environment.



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH



SUPPORTS RESILIENT COMMUNITIES



YOUTH-LED CLIMATE ACTION



LOCAL PROJECTS, LASTING IMPACT

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY		
Environmental Justice Thriving Communities	1 AWARD	$249,999
IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD		
Aging Infrastructure Grants	1 AWARD	$109,444
OTHER GRANTS	10 AWARDS	$198,183
TOTAL:	**17 AWARDS**	**$4,957,626**

ENGAGING
everyone

EXPANDING ACCESS TO COMMUNITY SPACES, CULTURAL EXPERIENCES, AND OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT.

$630 THOUSAND

LWCF GRANT | LIBERTY PARK

Expands and improves Liberty Park to create more welcoming, accessible recreation opportunities for residents of all ages and abilities.

$320 THOUSAND

CDBG GRANT | RHODES SKATE PARK

Invests in improvements at Rhodes Skate Park, expanding access to a unique downtown recreation space that serves youth and residents from across Boise.



EXPANDS COMMUNITY RECREATION



DESIGNED FOR ALL AGES AND ABILITIES



1,400+ PEOPLE SERVED



71% LOW- + MODERATE-INCOME

FUNDER / PROGRAM	AWARDS	AMOUNT
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT		
Community Development Block Grant	**1 AWARD**	**$320,000**
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR		
Land and Water Conservation Fund	**1 AWARD**	**$627,504**



$1.4 MILLION

$200 THOUSAND

IMLS GRANT | YOUTH WELLNESS HUBS

Creates welcoming library spaces where young people can connect, access wellness resources, and build a stronger sense of belonging and community.

$100 THOUSAND

NTHP GRANT | ARTS AND HISTORY

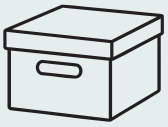
Supports preservation and storytelling efforts that connect residents with Boise's history, culture, and shared community identity.



CREATES YOUTH CENTERED THIRD SPACES



SUPPORTS WELLNESS AND BELONGING



PRESERVES BOISE'S STORIES



LOCAL PROJECTS, LASTING IMPACT

INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES		
National Leadership Grants for Libraries	**1 AWARD**	**$198,950**
NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION		
African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund	**1 AWARD**	**$100,000**
OTHER GRANTS	**13 AWARDS**	**$181,288**
TOTAL:	**17 AWARDS**	**$1,427,742**

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GROVE
HOTEL
Starwood
Residence Inn
n Morrison
Park