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Inland Northwest Community Foundation awarded more than \$375,000 through the Community Strategies Grant Program in December 2008. Grants ranging between \$1,600 and \$45,000 will support these organizations and programs:

Audubon Washington (Eastern Washington)

Support to complete the Northeast Loop of the [Great Washington State Birding Trail](#), a seven-loop, 3,000-mile birding trail that promotes environmental tourism through self-guided driving tours of the best places to watch birds and experience nature.

Girl Scouts of E. Washington and N. Idaho (Spokane County)

Support to enhance the leadership development opportunities for low-income and at-risk girls attending the Program Center.

Lake Roosevelt Forum (Spokane, Stevens and Lincoln counties)

“Meet Me at the River,” a summer long river float program that aims to increase awareness and citizen participation in protecting and restoring the Spokane River.

Mid-City Concerns (Spokane County)

Funding to deliver hot, nutritious meals to homebound seniors who are currently on a waiting list.

REACH! For the Future (Spokane County)

Motivating and empowering children from low-income neighborhoods in Spokane County to reach their educational and career goals through a long-term program of mentoring, tutoring, enrichment, and tuition assistance for higher education.

Spokane County Medical Society Foundation (Spokane County)

Program support for Project Access, the only charity network of physicians and hospitals providing the full range of healthcare to the low-income uninsured of Spokane County.

Spokane Neighborhood Action Programs (Spokane County)

Addition of a housing counselor for the Housing Counseling Program which assists households in Eastern Washington (primarily Spokane County) to sustain and acquire homes of their own.

Spokane Symphony Society (Spokane County)

The Lincoln Festival, Lincoln's Ideals in a New Century, a multi-organizational commemoration of Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday, designed to engage young people and community members in dialogue about Lincoln's ideals, current events, and artistic expression through debates, speakers, and community forums on grass roots politics.

Town of Fairfield (Spokane County)

Support to purchase an energy-efficient furnace to replace the building's original oil-fired furnace as part of the Community Center Revitalization project.

Transitions (Spokane County)

New Leaf Café Job Training program for homeless and low-income women.

Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery (Spokane County)

Playground renovation for children's shelter.

Women's and Children's Free Restaurant (Spokane County)

Capacity building support to help organization continue to serve free high quality, well balanced meals to disadvantaged women and children.

YWCA (Spokane County)

Addition of a counselor position for the Alternatives to Domestic Violence Hope and Power program.

Inland Northwest Community Foundation serves 20 counties throughout Eastern Washington and North Idaho. Founded in 1974, its mission is to foster vibrant and sustainable communities in the Inland Northwest. The Foundation manages more than 250 funds, valued at approximately \$62 million, which have been established by individuals, families and businesses. In partnership with the donors we serve, INWCF has awarded \$33 million in grants and scholarships throughout the region since its inception. These awards have enriched education, promoted arts and culture, provided critical human services, supported community and economic development and ultimately impacted thousands of lives in the Inland Northwest.