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Equinox Grant Program Open for Applicants

SPOKANE, WA, 03.01.2011—Inland Northwest Community Foundation (INWCF) is accepting applications from nonprofit organizations in Bonner and Boundary counties for the Equinox Foundation Grant Program. The application period began on February 28 and ends on April 26, 2011. Applications must be submitted online at www.inwcf.org.

The Equinox Foundation Grant Program supports projects that focus on creating a healthy environment, or creating positive opportunities for youth in Bonner and Boundary counties of North Idaho. Grant amounts typically are between \$2,000 and \$30,000 and are provided for a one-year grant period. Grants may be used for seed (start-up) funding for new organizations and programs (including new, innovative projects and approaches); program expansion support; capital and/or equipment necessary to implement eligible programs; providing free or lower-cost access to programs for eligible populations that may otherwise not be able to participate; and general operating support. Collaborations among organizations are encouraged. Last year the Equinox Foundation awarded 20 grants totaling more than \$200,000.

Nonprofit organizations that provide services in Bonner and Boundary counties should go to INWCF's Web site at www.inwcf.org for more information about the Equinox Foundation Grant Program or contact Director of Grants Linda Graham at 509-624-2606.

Founded in 1974, INWCF serves 10 counties in Eastern Washington and 10 counties in North Idaho to foster vibrant and sustainable communities in the Inland Northwest. The community foundation manages 300 funds valued at more than \$60 million and has awarded \$38 million in grants and scholarships since its inception, positively impacting thousands of lives in this region.

In 2010, INWCF began a partnership with the Equinox Foundation to administer grant awards that help Equinox meet its mission to protect the natural assets of this region to nurture the long-term health of the region by supporting positive opportunities for youth.

For more information on INWCF and its work in the Inland Northwest, contact Director of Gift Planning PJ Watters at 509-624-2606.

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