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### **Mission**

Established in 1973, Big Brothers/Big Sisters is dedicated to providing one-on-one mentoring and helping young people between the ages of 6 and 14 become positive, well-adjusted contributors to society. The organization provides adult male and female volunteers who serve as a friend and role model for a young man or woman. The friendship typically grows into a healthy father/son or mother/daughter relationship. The organization helps boys become men and girls become women. Other offices are in Coeur D'Alene and Idaho Falls.

### **Area Served**

City of Boise

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### **Boise Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc.**

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### **Mission**

Established in 1982, Boise Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. (BNHS), a community-based non-profit organization, is committed to stimulating neighborhood revitalization and providing decent affordable housing for low- and moderate-income families. This is accomplished through programs producing affordable rental and ownership housing units, loan programs, social service programs and neighborhood resident empowerment. BNHS is affiliated with Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation and Neighborhood Housing Services of America, Inc.

### **Area Served**

State of Idaho, currently concentrating on Boise, Nampa and Garden City

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### **Capital City Development Corporation**

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### **Mission**

Established in 1966, Capital City Development Corporation (CCDC) is a municipal organization authorized by the City of Boise to redevelop the downtown and surrounding area with mixed-use projects. CCDC is affiliated with the Urban Land Institute.

### **Area Served**

Central business district of Boise

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### **Catholic Charities of Boise**

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### **Mission**

Catholic Charities is a national organization originally founded in 1910. Catholic Charities USA's goal is to reduce poverty, support families and empower communities in the United States. Catholic Charities' mission is:

To provide service for people in need;  
To advocate for justice in social structures; and  
To call the entire Church and other people of good will to do the same.

Catholic Charities services include adoption services, day care, immigrant services, meals for seniors and those in need, respite care, a resident work program, transitional housing, thrift stores, and multiple other services for seniors.

### **Area Served**

State of Idaho

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### **Community Action Agency**

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### **Mission**

Founded in 1966, the Community Action Agency (CAA) is a private non-profit corporation serving seniors and low-income people. The agency is involved in weatherization, housing repair and preservation, energy assistance, child care resource development and referral and is the area agency for aging and adult development. CAA also sponsors the Valley Food Bank and provides crises advocacy and housing counseling. CAA has multi-service centers in Moscow, Grangeville, Kamiah and Orofino.

The Community Action Agency is part of a national effort of 900 other Community Action Programs across the nation which address the issues of poverty.

### **Area Served**

North Central Idaho and Asotin County in Washington

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### **Community House**

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### **Mission**

Community House was established in 1994 to help address the basic needs of homeless and at-risk persons and to enable them to lead productive and dignified lives. Community House case managers link the homeless with appropriate agencies while working with them on their personal plans to break the cycle of homelessness. On the third floor of the facility there are 38 single-resident apartment units to provide people of low-income in the local community with affordable housing.

### **Area Served**

The facility is located in the City of Boise but anyone who walks through the front door and is homeless is registered.

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### **Downtown Boise Association**

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### **Mission**

Downtown Boise Association was established in 1987 to be a leader in the development, promotion and operation of downtown Boise as a safe, clean, and vibrant place to live, work, shop and play.

### **Area Served**

Downtown Boise - generally bounded by the Boise River, Broadway Avenue, State Street and 16<sup>th</sup> Street

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### **Eastern Idaho Special Services Agency**

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### **Mission**

Established in 1968, Eastern Idaho Special Services Agency (EISSA) is a multi-purpose agency that provides services to low-income and elderly people throughout its service area. EISSA is the designated Community Action Agency serving eastern Idaho. EISSA owns and manages five senior housing projects, two multi-family housing projects and a transitional housing facility. EISSA's overall objective is to help disadvantaged people become independent and self-sufficient.

### **Area Served**

Bonneville, Butte, Clark, Custer, Fremont, Jefferson, Lemhi, Madison and Teton Counties

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### **Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle**

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### **Mission**

Established in 1932, the Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle expands housing and economic development opportunities in the region by providing funding and other banking services essential to community-based financial institutions. One of 12 Federal Home Loan Banks in the nation, the Seattle bank serves financial institutions in Alaska, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. The Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle is privately owned.

### **Area Served**

Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming and the Territory of Guam

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### **Goodwill Industries of Boise Idaho**

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### **Mission**

The mission of Goodwill Industries of Boise, Idaho is to assist persons with disabilities and other special needs to achieve their vocational potential and to maximize their ability to become self-reliant members of the community.

### **Area Served**

City of Boise

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### **Habitat for Humanity - Boise Valley**

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### **Mission**

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit ecumenical-based ministry dedicated to developing affordable homeownership opportunities for needy low-income families. Volunteers and prospective homeowners work together to construct and rehabilitate houses in order to create cost savings and foster a sense of community. The homes are sold to the families at no profit. Participants are provided with zero-interest mortgages. Mortgage payments are utilized to construct additional homes.

Prospective Habitat homeowners must be able to provide 500 construction hours of sweat equity primarily by working on the family's own home. The homeowner must also be able to afford utility, taxes, insurance, and maintenance expenses as well as the mortgage payment. All homebuyers must attend budgeting and other classes and develop personal money management plans with financial consultants.

### **Area Served**

City of Boise

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### **Ida-Ore Planning and Development Association, Inc.**

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### **Mission**

Established in 1971, the Ida-Ore Planning and Development Association (Ida-Ore) is a non-profit development corporation serving southwestern Idaho and eastern Oregon with a mix of economic development, business development, and human development services designed to improve the quality of life in this region.

Ida-Ore also provides an array of small business loan products, including SBA 504 loans, in cooperation with area financial institutions and the U.S. Small Business Administration. These activities are designed to create and retain jobs within their designated service areas. Ida-Ore fields a team of business development counselors who provide technical assistance on a targeted basis to women and minority owned firms as well as small business start-ups.

### **Area Served**

Southwestern Idaho and parts of Oregon

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### **Idaho Community Reinvestment Corporation**

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### **Mission**

Established in 1993, the Idaho Community Reinvestment Corporation (ICRC) is a \$35 million revolving loan pool which provides permanent, fixed-rate financing for multi-family affordable housing. The non-profit mortgage banking consortium also provides affordable loans for refinancing projects in cases where it is necessary to maintain affordability. The loan pool is funded by member financial institutions located in Idaho, all of which participate in each ICRC loan. Each loan is secured by the property being financed. Once in place, the loans are designed to be sold to the secondary market, thereby allowing the funds to recycle to finance future projects.

### **Area Served**

State of Idaho

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### **Idaho Department of Commerce**

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### **Mission**

Founded in 1987, the mission of the Idaho Department of Commerce is to help stimulate economic growth in all Idaho communities by providing technical assistance to local economic development organizations through the Department's Gem Community Program. Technical assistance is provided to individual businesses through various business assistance programs.

### **Area Served**

State of Idaho

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### **Idaho Housing and Finance Association**

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### **Mission**

The mission of Idaho Housing and Finance Agency (IHFA) is to provide financing for affordable housing to Idaho's limited-income citizens. The organization was established in 1972.

IHFA also provides: tax-exempt mortgage revenue bonds to finance below-market interest rate single family mortgages; low-income housing tax credits; risk-sharing multifamily project financing; a real estate lending division; administration of the federal HOME loan program; and administration of the Steward B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act program funds.

For additional information, contact: Robert E. Reed, Jr., vice president, (Real Estate Lending Division); Julie Frazier, (bonds, tax credits and multifamily project financing), or Julie Williams, (the HOME loan program and the Homeless Assistance Act program).

### **Area Served**

State of Idaho

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### **Idaho Migrant Council, Inc**

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### **Mission**

The mission of Idaho Migrant Council, Inc., is to promote the general well-being of farm workers, ex-farm workers, and low-income families. This is accomplished by providing benefits and services to eligible recipients for the purpose of cultural awareness, civil rights, economic development, educational development, employment opportunities, health opportunities and housing opportunities in order to assist, empower, and encourage long-term self-sufficiency. The organization was established in 1971 and is affiliated with the National Council of La Raza.

### **Area Served**

State of Idaho

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### **Idaho Small Business Development Center**

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### **Mission**

Idaho Small Business Development Center's (ISBDC) mission is to provide direct consulting and training services to individual small businesses in Idaho through a sustained and increasingly effective higher education network. The organization was established in 1986.

### **Area Served**

State of Idaho

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### **Institute for Affordable Housing Education & Research**

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### **Mission**

The Institute for Affordable Housing Education & Research (The Institute) is a non-profit corporation that oversees the Affordable Housing Specialist (AHS) designation program. The program was developed in partnership with over 30 lenders and real estate professionals. The AHS program is an intensive two-day study program designed to provide important information on affordable housing development strategies to community development professionals. Currently under the umbrella of the Sacramento Home Loan Counseling Center, the Institute provides consistent, quality information and services to the affordable housing professional.

Financial institutions are encouraged to send affordable housing lenders and community development lending professionals to the AHS designation program to further develop their CRA products and services and to work more effectively with low- and moderate-income, inner-city and non-English speaking potential home buyers. With the tools provided through the Institute, financial institutions can develop new avenues of service with qualified buyers.

### **Area Served**

Available nationwide with a focus on the western United States, including California, Nevada, Arizona, Texas, Utah, Washington and Oregon

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### **National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development**

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### **Mission**

The National Center's mission is to develop and expand an American Indian private sector which employs Indian labor, increases the number of tribal and individual businesses and positively impacts and involves reservation communities by establishing business relationships between Indian enterprises and private industry. The National Center will help more Indian business enterprises get started and expand, more Indian enterprises procure contracts for their goods and services and more Indians get jobs. The National Center was established in 1969.

### **Area Served**

Idaho, Oregon and Washington

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### **Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc.**

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### **Mission**

Pocatello Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. (PNHS) is a progressive alliance between residents, business and government that revitalizes targeted areas by promoting affordable housing and community pride through the establishment of healthy neighborhoods.

The goal of PNHS is to establish the self-reliance within PNHS neighborhoods. Self-reliance means that owners are reinvesting in their properties; housing and neighborhood conditions are visibly improved; community confidence and pride are restored; and residents have developed the skills to continue to promote and improve their neighborhood. PNHS serves six targeted neighborhoods with substantially older and less affluent populations. The organization offers a variety of loan products that can assist banks to originate additional loans in under-served markets.

### **Area Served**

Six neighborhoods within the city of Pocatello

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### **North Idaho Community Services Corporation, Inc.**

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### **Mission**

Established in 1991, Idaho Community Services Corporation, Inc. (NICSC) provides financial counseling to first time home-buyers, potential homeowners and individuals in default or in foreclosure proceedings. Referrals may be made to NICSC by lenders, Realtors™, builders, churches or businesses. NICSC also provides education on budgeting.

### **Area Served**

Five North Idaho counties

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### **Panhandle Area Council North Idaho, Inc.**

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### **Mission**

Established in 1972, the Panhandle Area Council North Idaho, Inc. (PAC) is an economic development agency organized to aid in diversifying and stabilizing the area's economy. PAC is also the administrative agency for North Idaho Private Industry Council and offers low-interest loans, free business counseling, government procurement assistance, job training assistance, grant writing and administration, economic development planning and a business incubator for start-up and expanding small businesses. PAC is a member of the Idaho Council of Governments.

PAC is designated as an Economic Development District under the U.S. Economic Development Administration's district planning system; a Certified Development Company under the U.S. Small Business Administration's certification program; an associate office of the U.S. Department of Commerce foreign exchange division; a school-to-work development office for the U.S. Department of Employment; and an intermediary re-lender for the Rural Development Administration.

### **Area Served**

Planning, counseling and job training: five Northern Idaho counties  
Certified lending: ten Northern Idaho counties

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### **Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE)**

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### **Mission**

Sponsored by the U.S. Small Business Administration, the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) is a national volunteer organization serving the small business community. The mission of SCORE is to share its business knowledge and experience with Idaho's small business community.

### **Area Served**

City of Boise

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### **Silver Valley Economic Development Corporation**

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### **Mission**

Established in 1984, Silver Valley Economic Development Corporation (SVEDC) seeks to diversify the economy from mining to recreation and industry in order to create over 3,000 jobs lost in the closure of silver, lead and zinc mines. SVEDC is affiliated with the American Economic Development Council, the American Chamber of Commerce Executives Association and the Panhandle Lakes Rural Conservation and Development Council (RCDC).

### **Area Served**

Shoshone County

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### **Southeastern Idaho Community Action Agency**

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### **Mission**

Southeastern Idaho Community Action Agency (SEICAA) was established in 1963 and incorporated in 1969. SEICAA's mission is to diminish and alleviate the devastating effects of the social/economic shortcomings of society while promoting human potential and dignity. SEICAA is affiliated with the Idaho Community Action Association, Region X Community Action Association, National Association of Community Action Agencies and the National Community Action Foundation.

### **Area Served**

Seven counties in Southeastern Idaho including Bannock, Bingham, Bear Lake, Caribou, Franklin, Oneida and Power Counties

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### **U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development - Idaho**

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### **Mission**

The mission of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development is to enhance the ability of rural communities to develop, to grow and to improve quality of life by targeting financial and technical resources in areas of greatest need through activities of greatest potential.

### **Area Served**

State of Idaho

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### **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Indian Community Development Block Grants**

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#### **Mission**

The primary objective of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Indian Community Development Block Grant Program is to provide community development, housing and economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons on reservations. Single purpose grants are administered through the Office of Native American Programs to tribal governments on an annual competitive basis. Grant projects eligible for funding include: (1) infrastructure projects such as water, sewer, electric line extensions, bridges and roads; (2) community buildings such as clinics and recreational facilities; (3) economic development projects such as shopping centers, restaurants, RV parks, convenience stores and agriculture; (4) land for new housing, housing rehabilitation and interim housing repairs; and (5) new housing for tribes without Native American housing authorities, carried out through a tribal sub-recipient.

#### **Area Served**

All federally recognized Indian tribes

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### **U.S. Small Business Administration - Boise District Office**

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#### **Mission**

Established in 1953, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) encourages small business development and economic growth by providing loan guarantees to private lenders for small businesses. These guarantees enable entrepreneurs to obtain long-term credit that otherwise would not be available. The Boise District Office's mission is to aid, counsel and assist small businesses and to help provide capital for business needs.

The SBA offers a 7(a) General Loan Program that guarantees between 75 percent and 90 percent of a private lender's loan to a business. It also offers its 504 Loan Program which provides partial financing for fixed assets, such as purchase of real estate and improvement of facilities.

#### **Area Served**

State of Idaho

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### **United Way of Treasure Valley**

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### **Mission**

The organization's mission statement is "at the center of a healthy community –we are improving people's lives."

In order for United Way to accomplish this mission there are six core strategies which must be performed consistently at a high rate of quality and customer satisfaction: understand and prioritize community needs; provide leadership in addressing targeted needs; build relationships with partners: volunteers, donors, corporations, agencies other funders, public officials, campaign workers, service recipients and community leaders; develop maximum resources, both financial and voluntary; invest resources effectively; and measure outcomes and achieve community impact.

### **Area Served**

City of Boise

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### **Valley Crisis Center**

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### **Mission**

The mission of Valley Crisis Center is to provide shelter, services and self-help programs to victims of domestic abuse, enabling them to break the cycle of violence in their families, and to learn to lead healthy and productive lives. The organization was established in 1983 and is affiliated with the State Coalition Against Domestic Violence Sexual Assault, National Organization for Victims Association (NOVA), Idaho Housing Coalition, National Victims Center, Victims Witness Coordinator Association and the Idaho Network for Children.

### **Area Served**

Canyon, Washington, Adams, Payette, Owyee and Gem Counties