



Common Ground

IDAHO RETURNED PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS

SPRING 2019

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NOMINATIONS FOR 2019 IRPCV

SUPPORT GRANT

The focus of IRPVC community grants is to support grass-roots efforts to enrich the lives of refugees, immigrants and youth and to further the Peace Corps goals. In the past formal grant applications were sought from the community with guidance from IRPCV members. Last year saw three grants of \$300: Girls on the Run, African Ladies in Idaho and Style Her Empowered.

This year we are requesting suggestions from you for community organizations that fit the IRPCV grant focus. The Executive Board will review the nominations and choose one organization to approach with an offer of a \$1000 grant and the question: how would you use these funds to further your mission as it relates to the IRPVC grant focus? An additional criterion or bonus will be if the organization can provide a group volunteer project or work day for the IRPCV membership, though this would not be a deal breaker.

Please submit by May 17th

1. Name of Organization:
2. Brief description of the organization's mission or core program:
3. What is your connection and/or why do you feel they are a good candidate? Do you think they could benefit from IRPCV as a volunteer group? Individuals?
4. Who should we contact at the Organization (include contact info):
5. Who are you?

If you wish to make your nomination via email you can answer the questions in an email enumerating your answers as above. Send to irpcvtreasurer@gmail.com .

2019 Storyfort



Join us as five Returned Peace Corps Volunteers share one story from their Peace Corps experience. We would love to see as many RPCVs there to represent our community. Following the event we will have a Peace Corps Happy Hour at the Mode.

March 21st from 4:00PM – 5:30PM

The Owyhee, 2nd floor; 1109 W Main St. Boise, Idaho

After the Storyfort event we will be hosting an after hours event at the Mode. Join us for more stories and conversations about Peace Corps. The more RPCVs the better!

March 21st at 6:00PM

The Mode



Every year Peace Corps Week commemorates President John F. Kennedy's establishment of the agency on March 1, 1961 and celebrates all the ways that Peace Corps makes a difference at home and abroad.

This year our group hosted a table in the Boise State Student Union Building to recruit new volunteers. Twelve students signed up and three non-citizens were disappointed they were ineligible.

Thanks to our volunteers who represented Peace Corps and worked to promote the third goal.



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2018 Grant Updates

Style Her Empowered (SHE) is focused on improving education and educational opportunities for girls in Togo. SHE used our IRPCV grant dollars to purchase a sewing machine and sewing supplies.

The vision of **Girls on the Run** is to inspire girls in grades 3-5 to be joyful, healthy and confident via a fun, experience-based program that creatively integrates running; helping pre-teen girls better appreciate themselves and others. The \$300 created scholarships for 5 new students in running/empowerment program.

African Ladies Organization in Idaho is a forum and vibrant network of African Women coming together to share their values and support one another to make a positive impact in the community. IRPCV money went to supplies for hosting regular meetings.



Do you have a vision for the future of the Idaho Returned Peace Corps Volunteer group?



Would you like to participate in strategic planning effort to direct the group in the next 2-5 years?

If so, please contact Katie Miller to join the committee at madermade@gmail.com

Flag Time

We would like to introduce country flags into our parade routine!

For those who've walked with IRPCVs in a parade, you know how much energy and fun comes with it. These parades offer a chance for members of IRPCV to connect and have a great time, and they also offer great visibility for our organization, and for what we represent.

If you would like to join us, bring a 3 x 5 ft flag of your host country to our next parade for Pride on June 15th. Stay tuned for details of the time and location.



At Home International Volunteer Opportunity: Teaching English.

For the last 15 months, I have been volunteering as an English teacher for an all-volunteer program called "A Better Vietnam." (<https://sites.google.com/view/abettervietnam/>) It is a project founded by a Vietnamese university instructor in Da Nang whom I met in Da Nang in November 2017. The project provides FREE English instruction, one-on-one, via Google Hangouts. The teachers work from home, set their own curriculum and schedules, mindful of the time difference between their location and Vietnam. My students are mostly young adults but they range from age 11 to 66. The teachers are volunteers as are the administrators in Vietnam. We currently have two instructors in Australia, one in VN and me, but the demand is outweighing our capacity. For more information, contact Jim Peters, jim-peters@excite.com, or 208-283-3928.

Jim Peters, Micronesia #9 (1970-72)

Upcoming Events

**March 17th, 4:30—6:30pm
Annual Board Meeting and Potluck
Vertical Church
2620 36th St.**

**April 5, 5pm
First Friday
Boise Brewing**

**April 7th 10am
Board Meeting
Sonya's House
3681 Vintage Way**

**April 19th, 6:00 pm
Community Dinner
Taqueria El Torito
4628 W State St.**

**May 3, 5pm
First Friday
Boise Brewing**

**May 10th, 5:30pm
Annual Bon Voyage
Cassia Park**

**June 14-16th
Stay tuned for details about Pride
Weekend
July 4th
4th of July Parade**

**September 13th, 6:00 pm
Community Dinner
The Goodness Land
6555 W Overland Rd #110**



This year
we sold
nearly all
the calendars and
made \$600.



Remember, this is
our main
fundraiser for the
year and most of
the funds go
towards our grant
program.

Join us every first Friday of the
month at 5pm at Boise Brewing.

See you
there!



2019 Memberships!

Thanks to everyone who renewed their IRPCV membership for 2019!

If you haven't already, please renew or join online NOW at www.idahopeacecorps.com.

You can also mail your annual payment to Steve Randolph at 1011 N. 5th St, Boise, ID 83702.

First time IRPCV members can join for 1 year free!

Tie-Dye Peace Corps Shirts for sale!



\$10!

medium, large or extra large

They are hand dyed!

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Budget to Actual 2018	2018		2019	
Expenses	Budget	Actual 2018		Budget
	\$ 3,766.00	\$ 4,501.82		\$ 3,865.00
Calendars	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,200.00		\$ 1,200.00
S&H	\$ 80.00	\$ 60.00		\$ 80.00
Sales Tax	\$ 161.00	\$ 90.90		\$ 125.00
Paypal fees	\$ -	\$ 29.94		\$ 35.00
Event Fees				
4th of July Parade	\$ 25.00	\$ 22.00		\$ 25.00
PC Week	\$ 400.00	\$ -		\$ 250.00
Bon Voyage	\$ 50.00	\$ 47.70		\$ 50.00
Christmas Party	\$ 150.00	\$ 300.00		\$ 150.00
HolidayParade		\$ 50.00		
Boise Pride				
Registration	\$ 150.00	\$ 325.00		\$ 325.00
Give aways/Sales	\$ 100.00	\$ -		
Paper goods for socials	\$ 25.00			\$ 25.00
Regional Campout				
Registration Fees (2)	\$ 50.00			\$ 50.00
Travel/Meals	\$ 150.00			\$ 150.00
Office Expenses				
other		\$ -		
Supplies	\$ 25.00	\$ 73.67		\$ 50.00
Postage/mailing	0	\$ 352.61		\$ 350.00
IRPCV Grants (3)	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00		\$ 1,000.00
Donation to Interfaith Sanctuary	0	\$ 50.00		
Donation to Wylie Station families (IRC)	0	\$ 500.00		
Match to Wylie Station families	0	\$ 500.00		
	\$ 3,766.00	\$ 4,501.82		\$ 3,865.00

Income	Budgeted	2018 actual		Budget 2019
	\$ 3,650.00	\$ 4,406.40		\$ 3,700.00
Dues	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,170.00		\$ 1,000.00
Calendar Sales (includes some postage)	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,114.40		\$ 2,200.00
Donations - general	\$ 150.00	\$ 622.00		\$ 500.00
Donations - special	\$ -	\$ 500.00		
	\$ 3,650.00	\$ 4,406.40		\$ 3,700.00



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