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## **Rocky Mountain Power Foundation grant helps bring different cultures to Rexburg**

REXBURG, Idaho – The Rocky Mountain Power Foundation has awarded a \$2,500 grant to the Idaho International Dance and Music Festival to support its Minority Population Outreach and Youth Culture Days program. The festival, to be held Aug. 1-8, 2009, includes free workshops for children so that visiting dancers can teach them about costumes, education, dance, food and different cultures.

“The world is made up of many diverse cultures,” said Glen Pond, Rocky Mountain Power customer and community manager. “The festival provides a perfect venue to share these cultures with the residents of Rexburg, especially children. The festival and workshops make learning about different cultures fun for the children.”

Last year, approximately 1,800 children attended at least one festival workshop. For the upcoming festival, organizers are bringing in schoolchildren from the towns of Burley, Rupert, Mini Cassia County, Rexburg, Rigby, St. Anthony, Twin Falls, Idaho Falls and Blackfoot.

“We are grateful to the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation for its support of our workshops,” said Donna Benfield, executive director of the Rexburg Area Chamber of Commerce. “The Minority Population Outreach and Youth Culture Days program is an excellent way to provide international education to youth.”

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### **About the Minority Population Outreach and Youth Culture Days Program**

The 14-year-old youth program has developed into one of the International Dance and Music Festival’s most attended venues. The mission of the festival is to promote world peace, brotherhood, and international understanding, while providing Idaho with entertaining music and dance from around the world.

### **About the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation**

The Rocky Mountain Power Foundation is part of the PacifiCorp Foundation, one of the largest utility-endowed foundations in the United States. The foundation was created in 1988 by PacifiCorp, an electric utility serving 1.7 million customers in six Western states as Rocky Mountain Power (Utah, Wyoming and Idaho) and Pacific Power (Oregon, Washington and California). The foundation's mission, through charitable investments, is to support the growth and vitality of the communities served by Pacific Power and Rocky Mountain Power. For more information, visit [www.rockymountainpower.net/rmpfoundation](http://www.rockymountainpower.net/rmpfoundation).