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Rocky Mountain Power Foundation grant supports cultural music and dance

REXBURG, Ida. — The Rocky Mountain Power Foundation has awarded \$4,000 in grants to two festivals that celebrate the area's cultural heritage through music and dance.

The **Idaho International Folk Dance Festival** in Rexburg received \$2,500 to help extend free Youth Culture Event workshops to more communities. During the workshops, children mingle with the dancers to learn about costumes, dance and food in other countries.

The **Malad Valley Welsh Foundation** in Malad City will use its \$1,500 grant to help pay honoraria to choirs that attend the **Malad Valley Welsh Festival**. This festival promotes the culture and music of Wales, which is the ancestral home of most of the area's pioneers.

"The West has its own heritage, created by the pioneers who struggled to make a new life while blending their own cultures into the landscape," said Glen Pond, Rocky Mountain Power customer and community manager. "It's important to celebrate the different cultures that have shaped our communities of today. Rocky Mountain Power Foundation is pleased to support these festivals and the many economic, educational and cultural benefits they add to the area."

"The Rocky Mountain Power Foundation supports the growth and vitality of communities through its charitable investments," said Lilisa Hall, executive director of the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation. "It is important to provide people the opportunity to learn about the arts."

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About the Idaho International Dance Festival

This 10-day festival held in several communities presents more than 300 dancers and musicians from around the globe who share the excitement of their native dances and music. These performances are alive with colorful costuming, exotic instruments and stirring rhythms. For more information visit, <http://rexcc.com/festival/>.

About The Malad Valley Welsh Festival

Today, Malad Valley has the largest per capita concentration of people of Welsh ancestry outside the country of Wales itself. Malad's annual two-day festival invites everyone to celebrate the Welsh cultural tradition of an arts festival. For more information visit, <http://www.welshfestival.com/>.

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.