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### **Governor Little Awards Community Development Block Grants** *Federally funded grants benefit economic development projects in Idaho cities and counties*

BOISE, ID— November 13, 2019—Governor Brad Little announced that eight Idaho Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) awards will be distributed to benefit community and economic development and improve public parks in cities and counties throughout Idaho.

“One of the greatest assets that we can offer our communities is to partner with them in helping to improve their infrastructure, attract new businesses, and better serve their citizens,” said Director of Idaho Commerce. “It’s truly encouraging to see all the growth and development across Idaho assisted by the CDBG program.”

All grant awards are reviewed and recommended by the Economic Advisory Council (EAC), and final approval is granted by the Governor. The six cities receiving CDBG grants are:

#### **Job Creation Awards**

- City of Fruitland – Construction of NW 7<sup>th</sup> Street - \$500,000
- City of Rupert – Extension of water, wastewater, and electrical - \$420,000
- City of Fruitland – Construction of NW 9<sup>th</sup> Street - \$230,000

#### **Public Park Awards**

- City of Rupert – Construction of a pickleball complex - \$150,000
- City of American Falls – Replacing playground equipment - \$150,000
- City of Deary – Construction of ADA restroom facility - \$89,000
- City of Challis – Construction of ADA restroom, parking, and connectivity - \$150,000

#### **Senior Center Award**

- City of Plummer – Conversion of building into the Senior Center - \$150,000

The Idaho CDBG program supports Idaho cities and counties with development of necessary public infrastructure. The grant program, funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), is used to construct projects that benefit low- and moderate-income persons, help prevent or eliminate slum and blight conditions, or address damage caused by natural disasters in local areas.

Detailed information about the Idaho Community Development Block Grant program is available at: <http://commerce.idaho.gov/development-block-grants/>

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