

Annual Report for 2021



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Harry W. Morrison Foundation, Inc.

Harry W. Morrison built things - big things: dams, bridges, tunnels, railroads, highways, pipelines, airports, military bases, space centers - an astounding inventory of structures on every continent of the globe. Admirals, generals, kings, shahs, presidents and business leaders all over the world trusted him to handle the largest, the most sensitive, and the most challenging construction jobs the world had ever seen.

Before he could build big things, he had to build the company that could do the jobs. He co-founded the Morrison-Knudsen Company with Morris Knudsen in 1912. Knudsen brought \$600 and some horses and wheel-barrows to the team and Morrison brought “plenty of guts,” which was his main selling point to Knudsen at the time. Morrison had more than guts, however. His career was a study in innovation and resourcefulness; his conduct, a study in loyalty and faith in the people he hired.

Morrison instituted many innovations in the construction industry, but the one he is most known for is the concept of the “joint venture,” in which several companies combine their expertise, equipment and financial resources to tackle jobs too big for one company, a practice that spreads the financial and other risks involved. The joint venture known as Six Companies built Hoover Dam (Boulder Dam) in the early 1930’s, the project that helped catapult Morrison Knudsen into its eventual position as one of the largest construction companies in the world.



In 1952, Morrison and his first wife Ann created what was then called the Morrison Family Foundation as a means of supporting educational and charitable institutions. Without making any official statement on the subject, the Foundation quietly continued the family tradition of building things, this time in the context of community service.

Funds went to church and college building funds, scout camps and to a wide variety of other community programs, mostly in Idaho.

When Ann died in 1957, Harry Morrison, through the Foundation, built Ann Morrison Memorial Park and dedicated it to the citizens of Boise. Inspired by a lifelong love of music and Broadway shows, Harry had also wanted to build a performing arts center in Boise. Upon his death in 1971, his second wife Velma fulfilled this dream. Through her leadership as president of the Harry W. Morrison Foundation, she and the community of

Boise built the Velma V. Morrison Center for the Performing Arts, on the campus at Boise State University. In addition, the Harry W. Morrison Foundation was the initiator and major contributor to the Morrison Center’s endowment fund in support of the arts.

The Harry W. Morrison Foundation continues to provide funds to educational, medical, church, cultural, and community service organizations in Idaho and occasionally, outside of Idaho.

~ Harry Morrison Foundation Grants 2021 ~

The Peregrine Fund - Boise, ID
\$25,000 for New Falcon Exhibit, Birds of Prey Center

Garden City Cats Project - Garden City, ID
\$5,000 for Spay and Neuter Fees

Dry Creek Historical Society - Boise, ID
\$5,000 for Schick-Ostolasa Horse Barn Restoration

Life's Kitchen, Inc. - Boise, ID
\$50,000 for Capital Expansion for new building

Northwest Youth Corps - Boise, ID
\$8,000 for work benches, chest freezer, & work tools

Corpus Christi House Inc - Boise, ID
\$10,000 for The General Fund

NeighborWorks Boise - Boise, ID
\$60,000 for The NWB Affordable Housing Land Trust

Treasure Wellness Counseling - Meridian, ID
\$15,000 for The General Fund

Idaho Anti-Trafficking Coalition - Boise, ID
\$15,000 for The General Fund

Franklin County Medical Center - Preston, ID
\$15,900 for The LUCUS 3 Chest Compression System

Palm Springs Animal Shelter - Palm Springs, CA
\$20,000 for General Operations

Idaho Trails Association - Boise, ID
\$10,000 for The 2020 and 2021 Youth Program

Sandpoint Area Seniors, Inc - Sandpoint, ID
\$16,800 for General Operations

The Momentum Group - Boise, ID
\$20,000 for Better Futures, Made From Scratch

The Salvation Army-Boise - Boise, ID
\$10,000 for Booth Program

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society - Murray, UT
\$25,000 for Susan Long Travel Asst Program-ID

Boise Rescue Mission - Boise, ID
\$30,000 for The General Fund

Boise Valley Habitat for Humanity - Boise, ID
\$10,000 for The Gary Hill Development

Ola School PTO Inc - Ola, ID
\$20,000 for Save Our School Project

Power County Hospital District - American Falls, ID
\$7,500 for Replacing 6 old hospital beds.

Hand and Paw - Star, ID
\$3,000 for The General Fund

Elderly Opportunity Agency Inc. - Emmett, ID
\$30,000 for Daily operations for transportation services

Samaritan's Purse - Boone, NC
\$20,000 for The General Fund

Because International Corp. - Nampa, ID
\$25,000 for Shoe working capital inventory

Faces of Hope Foundation - Boise, ID
\$10,000 for The General Fund

Boise Parks & Recreation - Boise, ID
\$200,000 for Ann Morrison Park Fountain Project

Boys & Girls Clubs of Ada County - Boise, ID
\$10,000 for The General Fund

Treasure Valley SCORE - Boise, ID
\$2,500 for The Diversity and Inclusion Project

LEAP Charities, Inc. - Boise, ID
\$50,000 for The LEAP Housing Trust - 2nd installment

College of Eastern Idaho - Idaho Falls, ID
\$20,000 for The Future Tech Building

Shoshone-Bannock Tribes - Fort Hall, ID
\$11,250 for Technical support for 140 new computers

Lowell Elementary PTO - Boise, ID
\$15,000 for Lowell Elementary School Track

American Red Cross of Idaho - Boise, ID
\$25,000 for Financial Assistance to Disaster Victims

Idaho Youth Ranch, Inc. - Boise, ID
\$10,000 for Hays House Reopening costs

Boise Parks & Recreation - Boise, ID
\$100,000 for The Ann Morrison Park Fountain Project

Idaho Community Foundation, Inc. - Boise, ID
\$7,000 for 7Cares Idaho Shares

Bishop Kelly Foundation - Boise, ID
\$10,000 for Mark & Vickie Daly Scholarship Fund.

Metro Community Services, Inc. - Caldwell, ID
\$10,000 for Meals on Wheels program

Total Grants \$936,950