



## **THE SPACE IDAHO Final Report 2023**

### **Educational Opportunity**

**\$20,000**

#### **Grant Program in Review:**

This fall, The Space responded to the school district's newly instated early out schedule by developing Wednesday Enrichment. This program provides a safe and intellectually stimulating environment for students to go after school. Each Wednesday, between the hours of 1:30 and 3:30, students choose from multiple academic enrichment activities to participate in. Off-site activities include gardening at the Hunger Coalition, swimming or rock climbing at the YMCA, and trips to local museums. On-site enrichment includes STEM projects, cooking, and activities led by community "experts" including music, cake decorating, and fiber arts. After the enrichment time, students stay in our office for individualized help with homework with our expert learning guides. This program, which has grown from 6 students to 25, has helped us meet our goal of connecting more students who need accessible academic support and enrichment to our services: more than 90% of students who participate in the Wednesday Enrichment program receive full financial aid.

#### **Objectives and Outcomes:**

The objective of The Space's application was to increase the number of students who were able to access our services by increasing the amount of financial support we were able to provide. Funds from the Wood River Women's Foundation allowed us to provide more students educational opportunities and connect them to support and experiences that they would otherwise not have access to.

Since we submitted our application, we have:

- More than doubled the number of students who access our services;
- Grown the number of English Language Learners who are accessing our programs;
- Increased the amount of scholarships we were able to provide.

Perhaps most importantly, thanks to increased funding and capacity, we were able to move students off of our waitlist and into our programs. We have continuously been able to offer every student who contacted us access to academic support. We are incredibly grateful to the Wood River Women's Foundation for making this possible, and for helping us to reach our goal of ensuring all students can access academic support when they need it.



**Note:** we did not submit a project-specific budget since the request was for scholarships for students.

As shown below, our budget was straightforward, with 100 percent of the award going towards paying for student access to our programs. At \$100/hour \$20,000 would cover 200 hours of tutoring or 8 students' yearly attendance.

<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Amount requested from WRWCF</b>	<b>Actual Expenditures</b>
20,000	20,000	20,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>20,000</b>