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## **Elections Held and Five Grants Awarded by Blood Center Foundation of the Inland Northwest**

**Spokane, WA** – The Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Blood Center Foundation of the Inland Northwest was held Wednesday, June 14, 2017. Endowment performance was analyzed, officer elections were held, and five grants were reviewed and awarded.

### **Executive Board**

Board Chairman: Wayne Longo, retired Chief of Police, City of Coeur d’Alene

Vice Chair: Lynn Hurley, President & Administrative Department Manager, Randall+Hurley

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### **Ex Officio**

Jeff Bryant, President & CEO, Inland Northwest Blood Center

### **Executive Director**

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Five grants were awarded in this round of funding, including four for education and one for technology:

1. \$9,488 education grant to Inland Northwest Blood Center for AABB Cellular Therapies Certificate Program.
2. \$12,000 education grant to Providence Sacred Heart Foundation Eastern Washington for Medical Laboratory Science Student Scholarships.
3. \$2,192 education grant from the Jean Merrill Education Fund to Inland Northwest Blood Center for Skill Path Star 12 Program.
4. \$10,000 education grant to Inland Northwest Blood Center for sickle cell anemia video production.
5. \$7,875 technology grant to Inland Northwest Blood Center for HLA A,B Antigen Typing of Apheresis Platelet Donors Program.

Since inception in 2013, the Blood Center Foundation of the Inland Northwest has extended \$357,000 in grants for education, research and technology to non-profit organizations in north Idaho and eastern Washington and the Inland Northwest Blood Center.

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*Moving the future of healthcare forward, the Blood Center Foundation of the Inland Northwest invites you to learn more at [bloodcenterfoundation.org](http://bloodcenterfoundation.org).*