



## Press Release

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### **Jesse Tree receives \$150,000 Homeless Services Grant Award from City of Boise**

In a year in which growth in the Treasure Valley continued to unfold and economic pressures caused by the COVID-19 pandemic continued on, many of our neighbors have fallen behind in their rent payments. Jesse Tree continues to see an increase in the number of requests for rental assistance on the organization's Housing Crisis Line in step with increased rates of housing loss occurring throughout the Treasure Valley.

To support more City of Boise renters in need of financial assistance, Jesse Tree applied for and received \$150,000 in funding from the City of Boise. The \$150,000 will go directly to financial assistance for tenants who temporarily cannot pay their rent. It will continue to fund our Emergency Rental Assistance Program which provides direct payments to landlords on behalf of tenants who have fallen behind on rent. The funding will also go to our Eviction Prevention Program which provides tenants with financial assistance during the eviction court process. All tenants served with the funding will be paired with a case manager to provide support, connections to community resources and employment, and budgeting help so that households are sustainable and financially independent moving forward.

Mayor McLean and the Boise City Council approved the grant award on October 27, 2020. The funds are planned for disbursement immediately and throughout 2021 at which time the eviction moratorium ordered by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will end, and an increase in evictions is expected.

If tenants in the City of Boise are falling behind in rent payments, they should contact Jesse Tree's Housing Crisis Line at 208-383-9486.