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Bank of Idaho and CEI Foundation partner to raise thousands for education

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Idaho Falls community members enjoying the dinner auction at the 2022 Swing for the Green event. Photo courtesy of Bank of Idaho

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Since 2017, Swing for the Green has raised \$150,000 for the CEI foundation. All of those funds go to helping create scholarships for CEI students.

“We are always trying to raise more money. It’s been on the upswing the last few years,” said Matt Borud, a Bank of Idaho employee.

For the 2023-2024 school year, CEI has awarded 220 scholarships, Facer said. Much of those funds were raised during previous Swing for the Green events.

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The Bank of Idaho echoes the same idea as Facer, it’s all about the students.

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The Swing for the Green dinner auction is Thursday at 5:30 p.m. and the golf tournament kicks off Friday at 9 a.m. More information about how to register for the event can be found on the [Swing for the Green website](#).

Ways to donate to the CEI foundation can also be found on [ceigiving.org](#).

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Medical exiles



THE DAY after Missouri Attorney General Andrew Bailey sought to limit access to gender-affirming health care for transgender people of all ages this spring, Hal Dempsey launched a GoFundMe fundraiser for himself and his two partners to leave Springfield, Missouri. While Bailey withdrew his measure after the state legislature passed a more limited crackdown on care for minors, the three transgender partners moved at the end of May to Illinois, which requires state-regulated insurance plans to cover such care at no extra cost.

Families flee states amid crackdown on transgender care

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Hal Dempsey wanted to "escape Missouri," Aiko Dennis is "leaving Florida." The Tillson family "stays in Texas." They are part of a new migration of Americans who are opposing their lives in response to a raft of legislation across the country restricting health care for transgender

people. Missouri, Florida, and Texas are among at least 20 states that have limited components of gender-affirming health care for trans youth. Those three states are also among the states that prohibit Medicaid — the public health insurance for people with low incomes — from paying for key aspects of such care for patients of all ages. More than a quarter of trans adults surveyed by KFF and

The Washington Post late last year said they had moved to a different neighborhood, city, or state to find more acceptance. Now, new restrictions on health care and the possibility of more in the future provide additional motivation. Many are heading to places that are passing laws to support care for trans people, making those states appealing sanctuaries. California, for example, passed a law last fall to protect those receiving or providing

gender-affirming care from prosecution. And now, California providers are getting more calls from people seeking to relocate there to prevent disruptions to their care, said Scott Nass, a family physician and expert on transgender care based in the state. But the influx of patients presents a challenge, Nass said, "because the system that exists, it can't handle all the requests that potentially are out there."

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Idaho to receive \$38 million in federal PILT funding for public lands

CLARK COBBIN Idaho Capital Sun

BOISE — In 2023 Idaho counties are receiving a combined \$38.2 million in payment in lieu of taxes, or PILT, funding for federal lands that are exempt from tax collections, U.S. Department of Interior officials announced in a press release issued Thursday.

The federal government sends the PILT payments to local county governments that are home to federal land that is exempt from taxation, including public lands managed by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Reclamation and more.

The payments are calculated based on the number of acres of federal land in a given county and that county's population. The money is intended to help counties maintain services because they cannot collect taxes on those public federal lands.

"PILT payments help local governments carry out vital services, such as firefighting and police protection, construction of public schools and roads, and search-and-rescue operations," Juan Moreno, the Department of Interior's principal deputy assistant secretary for policy, management and budget, said in a written statement. "We are grateful for our ongoing partnerships with local jurisdictions across the country who help the Interior Department fulfill our mission on behalf of the American public."

According to the Department of Interior's website, Elmore County will receive the largest PILT payment from the feds, just over \$3 million for nearly 1.4 million acres of tax-exempt federal lands. Latah County will receive the smallest PILT payment this year, \$9,699 for just over 3,000 acres of federal land.

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