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The Selway Bitterroot Frank Church Foundation has established a new grant program focused on wilderness stewardship and selected five recipients.

The Connie Saylor Johnson Wilderness Education Fund was established in 2019 in memory of Johnson, who served as a board member of the foundation from 2009 to 2018. Johnson died in 2018 in the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness.

Inaugural recipients of the grant include Grangeville Elementary School, the Pulaski Users Group in Hailey, One Stone Lab51 in Boise, the Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute in Moscow and Helena Indian Alliance in Helena, Montana.

Grants are currently awarded up to $1,000 per year.

Applications for next year’s program will be open April 1 to Oct. 22. The program is available to any non-profit organization, institute, individual or ad-hoc group working to further wilderness education.

More information can be found on the group’s website at [www.selwaybiterroot.org](http://www.selwaybiterroot.org) under the “get involved” menu.