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## PRESS RELEASE

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### Caldwell to Receive High Five Ambassador Grant

(Caldwell) – The City of Caldwell has been selected to receive a High Five Ambassador Grant from the Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health. The award of \$15,000, which was announced in October, can be applied as local matching funds towards a large federally funded grant for a safe route to school project in Caldwell. Kendra Witt-Doyle, Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health Executive Director said "Idaho cities play a lead role in creating healthier environments for our youth. Each awardee has a strong desire to create environments for healthier lifestyles and we are honored to help guide the transformation."

Caldwell's leaders have been working hard on making walking and cycling safer in city limits. In recent years, the City of Caldwell has installed bike lanes, sidewalks, pathways, and bike routes in various neighborhoods across the City. The City recently wrapped up work on repaving and widening 2.75 miles of dilapidated pathways along the Boise River greenbelt near Whittenberger Park. The Idaho Transportation Department awarded Caldwell with a \$425,000 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant in August to extend the downtown Indian Creek Pathway from Densho Gardens Park to Centennial Way. Construction on this project is expected to begin in 2019.

"The City is honored to receive this award," said City of Caldwell Mayor, Garret Nancolas, "I appreciate all of the hard work and countless hours that have been put into non-motorized transportation projects. We will put these funds to good use." City of Caldwell Planning & Zoning Director Brian Billingsley said he would like use the award to target "sidewalk and crosswalk improvements on Montana Avenue in front of Syringa Middle School and Washington Elementary School". City leaders will immediately begin searching for a grant to apply these funds towards.

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