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Friends of Whitman County Library and Community of St. Gertrude Receive Grants from Avista Foundation

SPOKANE, Wash. June 16, 2011: Friends of [Whitman County Library](#) received a grant of \$7,500 and [Community of St. Gertrude](#) received a \$2,500 grant from the [Avista Foundation](#).

The grant to the Friends of Whitman County Library will help fund a complete renovation of the Endicott Library, part of the Whitman County Library District. The project will update the current facility and improve building accessibility for those with disabilities. The Endicott Library provides public access to the Internet, as well as serves as an educational and community resource in that rural area.

The Community of St. Gertrude in Cottonwood, Idaho, is a major employer in the Camus Prairie with a public high school, historical museum, convention center and historic chapel and monastery. The grant will support the replacement of a 50-year-old water line that carries water to the community primarily for fire protection of the historic and educational structures and those who use them.

“We are very pleased to make these grants through our foundation. All too often the educational and community resources in rural areas are stretched beyond capacity. Avista is proud to be an active partner with these groups in the communities we serve,” said Dennis Vermillion, president of Avista Utilities and member of the Board of Directors of the Avista Foundation.

About the Avista Foundation

The Avista Foundation, established in 2002, focuses its giving on grants that strengthen communities and enhance the quality of life for people served by Avista Utilities in eastern Washington, northern Idaho, southern Oregon and Sanders County, Montana. The foundation focuses its giving in the areas of:

- education – K-12 education particularly in the fields of science, math and technology; and higher education including scholarships,
- vulnerable and limited income populations – providing assistance to those on limited incomes and support for initiatives to reduce poverty,
- economic and cultural vitality – supporting projects that help communities and citizens to grow and prosper.

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