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**Snake River Community Clinic Dental Safety Net Program
Receives Grant from Avista Foundation**

SPOKANE, Wash. Sept. 8, 2011: The [Snake River Community Clinic](#) in Lewiston, Idaho, has received a \$1,500 grant from the [Avista Foundation](#) to help fund the Dental Safety Net program.

The grant provides funds for medications, supplies and administrative costs for the clinic that serves uninsured and under-insured adults primarily in eight counties of southeastern Washington and North Central Idaho.

“Our dental clinic provides vital services to those who are medically needy, many of whom are the working poor in our region. This grant will help with the costs of providing at least 220 single-tooth extractions for adults,” said Charlotte M. Ash, director of the Snake River Community Clinic. “Dental health is an essential part of a person’s overall health. Our all-volunteer staff of professionals helps us leverage these kinds of gifts to provide healthcare services to a greater number of those in need.”

“We are very pleased to make this grant through our foundation. All too often health and community resources are stretched beyond capacity. Avista is proud to be an active partner with the Snake River Community Clinic,” said Mike Tatko, regional business manager for Avista Utilities in the Lewis-Clark Valley.

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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