



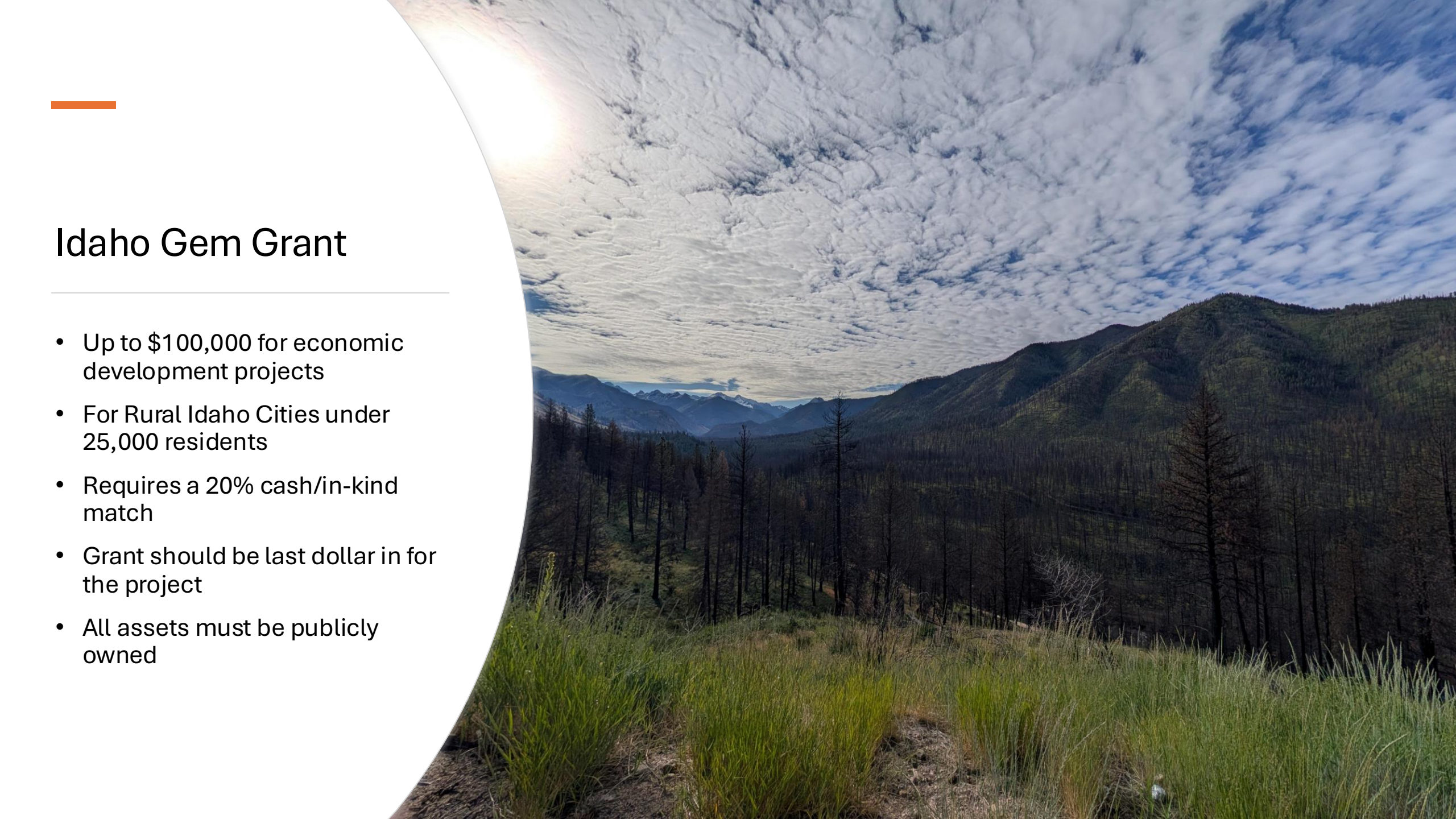
Idaho Commerce Funding Opportunities

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Idaho Commerce

- Rural Services
- Business Development
- Business Attraction
- Visit Idaho
- Community Development
- Broadband





Idaho Gem Grant

- Up to \$100,000 for economic development projects
- For Rural Idaho Cities under 25,000 residents
- Requires a 20% cash/in-kind match
- Grant should be last dollar in for the project
- All assets must be publicly owned

Projects that have been funded

Utilities for business expansion

Downtown Park Development

Feasibility Studies

Sidewalks

Comprehensive Plans

Downtown Plans

Wayfinding Signs

Recreation Centers

Stormwater Drains

Downtown Bathrooms

Water/Wastewater plans

Childcare Centers

Outdoor Fitness Centers

And more!

Driggs Pop Up Park

- Awarded \$31,500
- Took an empty space downtown and revitalized it
- Now an active space for events



Emmett Downtown Sidewalks

- Awarded \$ 35,379
- Created smooth sidewalks, angled parking, and new benches.
- Downtown shoppers now have access to these stores on Main Street



Deary Downtown Plan

- Awarded \$50,000
- Created a comprehensive downtown plan for the city
- The plan is being used to apply for a \$650,000 downtown grant



Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

- Awards \$650,000 for construction of downtown infrastructure
- Federal Grant from HUD administered by Idaho Commerce
- Grant will fund:
 - Sidewalks
 - Lighting
 - Benches
 - Storm Drains
 - Curb and Gutter
 - ADA Ramps





Blackfoot Downtown

- Awarded \$500,000
- Project created new sidewalks, roads, benches and lighting



Rathdrum Downtown

- Awarded \$500,000 in 2025
- Project created new sidewalks, curbs and parking.



Jerome Downtown

- Awarded \$500,000
- Improved sidewalks, curbs, and new trees.

Deadlines and Contact Information

Gem Grant

Contact:

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Due:

3rd Monday
every Quarter

Idaho CBDG

Contact:

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Due:

November 20th
2026





Questions?