

Leadership in Private Business/Nonprofit

Recipient:

Boise Bicycle Project

Description:

The Boise Bicycle Project (BBP) is a community-oriented effort to promote the personal, social, and environmental benefits of bicycling. It functions as a bicycle recycling center as well as an educational workspace. The BBP envisions the Treasure Valley as cycling capital of the United States and has organized key leadership and resources to make this happen.

By providing education and access to inexpensive bicycles, BBP strives to build a stronger bicycling community. Several programs help needy youth and adults, including:

- Bikes for Kids – a program that donates bikes to children. Since 2007, BBP has donated over 2,000 bicycles to area youth.
- Kids B.A.S.H. – a monthly class to educate local youth about bike safety and skills.
- Work Trade – a program that helps needy families by providing shop use and assistance in providing repair for bicycles.
- Easy Rider – a program that provides reliable bicycles to refugees, homeless, those getting out of prison, and other vulnerable populations at a subsidized price.
- Biking Boise – a free commuting class for adults hosted by BBP. The class travels throughout Boise, covering safe riding techniques, traffic law, and basic commuting skills.

The BBP works with communities, businesses, and universities to improve local bicycle infrastructure and services. The BBP helped COMPASS apply for designation as a Bicycle Friendly Business in 2013.