

## **Leadership in Practice, Nonprofit**

### **Recipient: Boise Urban Garden School (BUGS)**

#### **Description:**

Founded in 2002, the Boise Urban Garden School (BUGS) supports sustainable agriculture and urban gardening throughout the Treasure Valley. Focusing largely on youth education and engagement, BUGS has served over 3,500 children through summer programs, school curriculum, group field trips, and more. BUGS strives to growing healthy communities and inquiring minds through hands-on organic gardening; science, art, and nutrition classes; and "real life" experiences.

BUGS supports *Communities in Motion 2040* Goals 5.1, "to support a healthy environment" and 8.2.1 to "utilize underused public land for urban agriculture." Both of these goals serve the region by promoting public health and protecting agricultural land to improve the quality of life of Treasure Valley residents.

BUGS is a leader in education and public involvement in environmentally-friendly garden and farming practices, meal preparation and nutrition, water conservation, and education on the benefits of physical activity when growing your own food. Additionally, BUGS continues to demonstrate their regional leadership by partnering with several local organizations, including Let's move Boise, High Five!, The Edible Schoolyard Project, Idaho Office for Refugees, Grow a Row, University of Idaho Canyon County Extension, and the Boise Farmers Market.