

Malheur County Kids Fair



The first Saturday of June can be a busy time for many of us as we creep towards the official start of summer. One of many events that occurred on this Saturday was the Malheur County Kids Fair. This event, rain or shine, attracts many residents from the area to be educated about various types of safety.

The Malheur County Traffic Safety Commission is a supporting component of the fair. Each year they set up their bike rodeo course in order to educate, and properly fit each participating child with a helmet. Once the children have been fitted and have attended the bike safety orientation they are guided through the rodeo course. This year the rodeo was bit slower than usual due to rain, but we still saw 197 participants. There were some children that had never even ridden a bike before. This activity at the Kids Fair creates invaluable experiences for its participants.



The Kids Fair would not happen without the coordination efforts of Angela Livas. For the past two years Angela has applied and received a Building Safer Communities (BSC) Mini Grant. These grants have helped fund her time, purchase supplies, and even help bring a safety centered stunt show to the fair. A stipulation of the grants she has received is to seek sustainable funding for the Fair Coordinator position.

BSC Mini Grant funds are intended to launch projects with hopes they can become self sustaining. Angela has sought out support through community businesses and employment outreach programs.

This has been a very successful grant project. Want to learn more about Mini Grants? Please contact Kate Murphy at 503-643-5620, 800-772-1315 or katem@actsoregon.org.