

**CITY OF LARAMIE, WYOMING
RESOLUTION 2021-57**

**SUPPORTING COVID-19 VACCINATION EFFORTS BY AUTHORIZING
CONTRIBUTIONS UP TO \$25,000 FROM UNENCUMBERED FUNDS FOR THE
PROVISION OF VACCINATION INCENTIVES**

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 Governor Mark Gordon declared a State of Emergency and Public Health Emergency in the State of Wyoming in response to the worldwide pandemic;

WHEREAS, currently available vaccines are protective against the original virus and developed variants, leaving the unvaccinated at most risk. With increased community immunity an infectious disease is less likely to spread. There are people in the community who are unable to be vaccinated or unable to develop a good immune response to the vaccine. With community immunity reducing spread of the virus, a vulnerable person is protected by default. As rates of vaccinations go up, there can be an increase in indirect or community effects. Cases will start to ebb overall, but there will be some ups and downs;

WHEREAS, States with low vaccination rates have the highest transmission rates. As of July 6, 2021, 31.8% of Wyoming's population is fully vaccinated. Wyoming ranks 49th with only Mississippi and Alabama having lower vaccination rates. Currently, 44.75% of Albany County's population is fully vaccinated;

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2021 the City of Laramie, City Council approved Resolution 2021-51 supporting the initiatives of Albany County Public Health and the City of Laramie to achieve a vaccination rate of at least 70%;

WHEREAS, a Vaccine Project working group consisting of members from the City of Laramie, Albany County, Albany County Public Health, University of Wyoming, Iverson Memorial Hospital, the Downtown Clinic, local nonprofits, the business community, and faith community have been working on various initiatives including clinics at community events, transportation to vaccine sites and drawings to increase vaccination rates within Albany County;

WHEREAS, to provide many of these initiatives support and funding from various governmental and non-profit agencies as well as private businesses is necessary to support vaccination incentives and efforts.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF LARAMIE WYOMING, RESOLVES:

SECTION 1. That foregoing recitals are incorporated in and made part of this resolution by this reference.

SECTION 2. That the City Council authorizes contributions up to \$25,000 from unencumbered funds at the discretion of the City Manager in an effort to improve vaccination rates.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this, the 17TH day of August 2021.

Paul Weaver, Mayor and President
City of Laramie, City Council

ATTEST:

Nancy Bartholomew, City Clerk, CMC
City of Laramie