

Albany County and City of Laramie Community Partner Organization Funding Request Application FY2027

ALL APPLICATIONS ARE DUE ON OR BEFORE 5:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11TH 2026 AND WILL ONLY BE CONSIDERED IF ALL PREVIOUS FINAL REPORTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.

The City of Laramie and Albany County provide funding to local community partner organizations through their annual budget making processes. Organizations receiving these funds do not operate within the formal structure of city or county governments but may utilize support from these governments to achieve their missions or fund special projects. Community partner organizations generally have a strong presence within the community and provide vital services, products, or activities that serve to improve the community in a variety of ways. Only non-profit/not-for-profit entities are eligible to apply for funding. For-profit entities are ineligible.

Historically, organizations requesting funding fall within the following three categories:

Recreational/Arts and Culture: These organizations exist to promote, sustain, and develop recreational, cultural, and leisure activities within the community. These organizations may also sponsor educational and community events and celebrations designed to encourage a diverse cultural and active lifestyle while promoting a strong sense of community.

Social Services: The primary objective of these organizations is to support or engage in activities designed to enhance the wellbeing of individuals and families within the community. These organizations provide a variety of services that focus on basic human needs, access to programs and services designed to maintain human dignity and health, and the overall welfare of citizens.

Civic Organizations/Quasi-Governmental: These organizations have been established within our community to A) work for the overall improvement, advancement, and economic health through civic involvement, economic development initiatives, and fostering community spirit; or B) provide services, programs and other opportunities for the betterment of the community through the organization of Joint Powers Boards or other Quasi-Governmental Organizations that work collaboratively with the City of Laramie and/or Albany County on shared goals, concerns, and interests.

This Community Partner Funding is available from funds collected via Albany County's 5th Penny Tax and historically has funded approximately \$250,000 in County requests and \$235,000 in City requests. In their sole discretion, the City and County each reserve the right to waive any informality in any application and/or reject any application.

Organizations can submit a request to both the City and County. If an organization is awarded funding, the organization is solely responsible for its costs including, but not limited to, operations, personnel, taxes,

maintenance, and insurance coverage against public liability and property damage.

Priority of requests is as follows:

- Requests that improve the community.
- Requests that are not more than 20% of organization's general operating budget and do not exceed \$20,000 each from City or County.
- Requests to either City or County that are less than 20% of organization's general operating budget but in excess of \$20,000 are considered on a case by case basis and may affect the priority of the organization's request.
- Demonstration of multiple revenue sources for organization.
- The number of people served by organization.
- Clear identification of those who benefit from the organization's work.
- Demonstration of the organization's partnership with other organizations in the community.
- Requests that do not duplicate efforts already existing in the community.

For-profit entities are not eligible to apply. Only non-profit/not-for-profit entities are eligible to apply for funding.

Presentation dates are as follows:

City-Only and Joint City/County Applicants:

March 24th, 2026 beginning at 5:30pm.

City Hall-Council Chambers, 406 Iverson Ave.

County-Only Applications:

April 7th, 2026 beginning at 9:30 am

County Courthouse, County Commissioners Room, Room 105.

*****Send presentation materials to Nancy Oakland-Potter noaklandpotter@cityoflaramie.org by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 13th*****

Schedule for Decision Making Process and Availability of Funds:

City: Laramie City Council intends to make its preliminary funding decisions in early to mid-April 2026 and final funding decisions will be announced upon adoption of the City's FY2026/2027 Budget in June 2026. The City's award payments to successful organizations will be made on or around August 1, 2026, pending receipt of the fully executed agreement.

County: The Albany County Commissioners make their final funding decisions upon the adoption of the County's FY2026/2027 Budget in June 2026. Agreements will be sent to successful organizations in July 2026. Pending the County's receipt of the fully executed Agreement, the County's award payments to successful organizations will only be made on a reimbursement basis.

All information on this form and all requested documentation must be complete and submitted before the application will be considered. Applications that are incomplete or are missing required materials may be rejected. If there are additional questions from City Council or the Albany County Commissioners after review of the applications Nancy Oakland-Potter or Bailey Quick will reach out to the organization for additional information.

Contact the following for assistance:

City of Laramie: Nancy Oakland-Potter, noaklandpotter@cityoflaramie.org, 307-721-5226

Albany County: Bailey Quick, grants@albanycountywy.gov, 307-721-1803

Email *

laramiehomeontherange@gmail.com

The organization has read, understands, and agrees to the above guidelines? *

Yes

No

Applicant Information

Please provide the following information about your organization:

Organization Name: *

Home On The Range Animal Haven (HORAH)

Contact Name, Title: *

Deb Roberts

Mailing Address: *

PO Box 1674 Laramie, WY 82073

Contact Phone: *

307-760-0534

Contact E-Mail: *

laramiehomeontherange@gmail.com

Type of Organization: *

- Recreation/Arts and Culture
- Social Service
- Civic/Quasi-Governmental
- Non-Profit Agency (501(c)(3))
- Not-for-Profit Agency (501(c)(4) or 501(c)(7))
- Other: _____

Are you a first time applicant for Community Partner Funding? *

- Yes
- No

Requested Amount from the City of Laramie: *

Enter dollar amount only

7000

Requested Amount from Albany County: *

Enter dollar amount only

7000

Will this amount be used to leverage additional funds through grants or other means? *

- Yes
- No

If yes, indicate the dollar amount of additional funds that will be leveraged.

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Provide examples of grants the organization has received in the past 2 years. *

(Excluding prior City of Laramie and Albany County Community Partner Funds programs)

2024: 1st Interstate Bank Mini Grant - \$500 for loafing shed insulation

2025: Wyoming Community Foundation - \$2,500 for fencing

2025 -1st Interstate Bank Mini Grant - \$500 for goat feeding station

List organization board of director(s), indicating officers. *

Debra Roberts - Executive Director - 14 years

Pam Brekken - Board President - 14 years

Laurie Bonini - Secretary - 7 years

Erika Rogers - 2 years

Description of request:

Provide a detailed explanation of how the requested funds would be utilized by the organization. *

Include any additional funding sources and amounts received by the organization. Maximum character count is 2,500, including spaces.

HORAH connects individuals, families, and organizations in Laramie and Albany County by offering a place to gather for volunteer work in support of abused, abandoned, and neglected farm animals. This collective, supportive work fosters a sense of accomplishment, well-being, and community among participants, thereby improving quality of life for people in Laramie and Albany County.

The funds requested will be used for operating expenses, feed, and supplements to support the animals' needs.

Direct cost for support of animals:

Animal feed and supplements \$11,385.83 (2025)

Professional animal care \$ 973.15 (2025)

Operating Supplies \$ 9,855.84 (2025)

Describe the positive effects and benefits the requested funds would provide to the organization and the community, including goals the organization hopes to accomplish. *

Maximum character count is 2,500, including spaces.

HORAH has a two-fold purpose: returning animals to sound physical, social, and emotional health while providing a forever home; and working with community organizations to enhance the well-being, sense of purpose, and self-worth of their individuals.

Our focus on caring for and connecting animals with people acknowledges the importance of mental health wellness across Wyoming. According to the Wyoming Department of Health, about 32.4% of adults in the state report symptoms of anxiety and depression.*

In addition to providing a sanctuary for animals, HORAH directly engages many Wyoming youth. Through volunteering and interaction with the animals, these young individuals develop team-building skills, learn about sustainability, and gain a sense of pride and accomplishment from their contributions.

*<https://www.calc.net/post/understanding-mental-health-challenges-in-wyoming-statistics-on-marginalized-groups-and-suicide-rat>

Describe your organization's partnerships with other organizations in the community and how your organization avoids duplication of efforts while carrying out impactful work in your service area. *

Maximum character count is 2,500, including spaces.

Established in 2012, HORAH is the only large animal sanctuary in Albany County. We began with a focus on neglected, abused, and abandoned animals with nowhere else to go, and have evolved into a haven not only for animals but also a unique refuge for humans searching for hope and healing through the unconditional, non-judgmental love of an animal.

Currently, 18 animals, including three horses, four ponies, five donkeys, five goats, and one sheep, live on 40+ acres of leased pasture along with a caregiver.

Many of our animals are older, have significant health issues, or have been passed from owner to owner without experiencing a secure home. They are not available for adoption and will spend the rest of their lives at HORAH.

We provide community members with multiple opportunities to volunteer and interact with the animals.

Organizations such as the Cathedral Home for Children, Peak Wellness Center, Big Brothers Big Sisters, ARK Regional Services, and others send volunteers to help under the guidance of adult volunteers and their own staff.

Much like the animals, many of the individuals served by these organizations come from backgrounds of neglect, abuse, and/or trauma. HORAH offers opportunities to complete volunteer work and hands-on therapeutic time with the animals. At the end of workdays, the youth spend quality time with the animals, forming a unique connection: receiving love, acceptance, and a sense of purpose and accomplishment.

Additionally, we provide volunteer and educational opportunities to students from the University of Wyoming, WyoTech, and local elementary and middle schools that are not available elsewhere. Students learn about the responsibility of caring for animals, giving to something larger than themselves, and the importance of community.

Is this a new or existing project, or ongoing operations? *

- New Project
- Existing Project
- Ongoing Operations

Is this a one-time request or an ongoing expense? *

- One-time request
- Ongoing expense

Number of individuals your organization serves annually. *

130

Populations served: *

Check all boxes that apply

- Children Ages 0-5
- Children Ages 6-10
- Children Ages 11-18
- Adults Ages 18-25
- Adults Ages 26-40
- Adult Ages 41-64
- Adults Ages 65+
- K-12 School/School District
- Veterans
- Low to Moderate Income
- LGBTQIA+
- Persons with Disabilities
- College/University
- Tribal Organizations
- Other: _____

Additional information in support of this application?

Maximum character count is 1,000, including spaces.

Home On The Range Animal Haven is invested and committed to this community, striving to make it a better place to live while providing healthy outlets for citizens to connect with animals.


We actively participate in community events, including the City of Laramie Health Fair, Local Farmers Market, Big Brothers/Big Sisters Back to School Bash, University of Wyoming SLICE Volunteer Fairs, and WyoGives.

These collaborations not only strengthen our commitment to the community but also the intersectionality of all the non-profit agencies in Albany County. Additionally, they expand our reach to new groups of potential volunteers, visitors, donors, and supporters.

Your continued support enhances the well-being of animals, ultimately benefiting individuals, families, and organizations in Laramie and Albany County.

Provide your organization's financial statements for the most recent fiscal year. *

File must be saved as a .pdf labeled by the organization requesting funding (ex. LaramieSoupKitchen2025FinancialStatment)


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 Add file

Provide an itemized budget for this request and include other revenue sources as applicable. *

Budget Template available in the link below.

File must be saved as a .pdf labeled by the organization requesting funding (ex. LaramieSoupKitchenFY27Budget)

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Provide organization’s most recent Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-N, including all schedules. *

File must be saved as a .pdf labeled by the organization requesting funding (ex.

LaramieSoupKitchen2025_990-N)

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FY2025 City Award Information

Please complete the following additional questions if you are applying for City funds. If you are only applying for County funds you may skip this section.

Amount of **City** funds awarded in FY2025?

2723

Has your organization spent all awarded FY2025 **City** Funds?

Yes

No

If organization has not spent all awarded FY2025 **City** funds, note the remaining amount and the date by which you intend to expend those funds.

Assurance and Signature

Please review all previous questions to ensure their completeness and accuracy, and make sure all files have been attached.

We, as the Grantee Organization, understand that we are responsible for signing an Agreement * with Albany County and/or the City of Laramie if funds are awarded:

- Yes
- No

We, as the Grantee Organization, understand that a final report **must** be submitted to the * awarding agency as part of this funding:

- Yes
- No

We, as the Grantee Organization, understand that a representative must present to the City * Council and/or County Commission at the appointed date to be eligible for funding:

- Yes
- No

We, as a Grantee Organization, have submitted all previous required final reporting to each funding agency. *

Yes

No

We, as the Grantee Organization, understand that all funding awarded through **Albany County** will be on a reimbursement basis: *

Yes

No

We, as the Grantee Organization, understand that submission of this application is not a guarantee of funding: *

Yes

No

Digital Signature, Title: *

Debra Roberts, Executive Director

Date: *

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Home On the Range Animal Haven

Balance Sheet ending 12/31/2025

Assets:

Fixed: Manufactured Home\$71,015.00
(put into place Aug 2021)
Savings account.....\$20,225.86
Income\$48,788.32
(Fundraising: \$17,861.67; Donations \$23,703.65; Grants: \$7,223)

Expenses:

Lease\$12,000.00
Animal feed and supplements\$11,385.83
Operating supplies \$9,855.84
Office supplies..... \$418.55
Professional services (accounting etc.)..... \$850.00
Fencing and special projects \$2,751.83
Utilities \$3,955.23
Professional animal care (veterinarian etc.) \$973.15

Total expenses\$42,190.43

Home On the Range Animal Haven
2025 Daily Feed Expense Breakdown

Basic Feed:

1 Alfalfa Bale	\$14.00
1 Bag Alfalfa Pellets	\$23.00
Average Monthly consumption:	
20 bales	\$280.00
22.5 bags	\$517.50
Average Monthly cost	\$797.50
<i>Average daily cost</i>	<i>\$26.58</i>
Basic Yearly Feed Cost.....	\$9,702.91

Additional Feed and Supplements:

(Kelp, Yucca, Optiwise, Silver, Feed Balancer) **\$1,682.92**

2025 Total Cost of Feed and Supplements\$11,385.83

This does not include the hay that is fed daily. An anonymous donor donated the majority of our hay in 2025.

Community Partner Funding Budget FY 2026-2027

Home On The Range

Expense Category	Total Expense	County Total	City Total	Other Total	Brief Discription
Personnel:					
N/A	\$ -				
TOTAL:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Supplies/Equipment:					
Operating Supplies	\$ 11,000.00				Office supplies, halters, tools, extension cords, small engine repairs, buckets, troughs, etc.
TOTAL:	\$ 11,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Utilities:					
er, Electric, Trash, Propane	\$ 6,000.00				
TOTAL:	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Direct Client Services:					
N/A	\$ -				
TOTAL:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Other Expenses:					
Land Lease	\$ 12,000.00				
Animal Care	\$ 16,000.00				Feed, supplements, veterinarian, etc.
Professional Services	\$ 1,500.00				Accounting, web page, etc.
Fencing/Speical Projects	\$ 4,000.00				Horse panels, cattle panels, insulation
TOTAL:	\$ 33,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
GRAND TOTAL:	\$ 50,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	