

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 *

hannahrodgers5@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: *

Laramie Public Art Coalition

Contact Name, Title: *

Ismael Dominguez, Boar Chair

Mailing Address: *

710 E Garfield St, Ste 136, Laramie, WY 82070

Contact Phone: *

3144431650

Contact E-Mail: *

director@laramiepublicart.org

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

15000

Requested Amount from Albany County: *

Enter dollar amount only

15000

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.

80,000

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)

National Endowment for the Arts Our Town Grant, National Endowment for the Arts ArtsHERE grant, Wyoming Cultural Trust Fund Grant, Wyoming Arts Council Creative Aging Grant, Union Pacific Foundation Grant, and others.

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

Ismael Dominguez (co-chair), Sadie Clarendon (co-chair), Beck Herman (treasurer), Subbi Namakula (co-secretary), Hannah Rodgers (co-secretary), Arya Denham, Dylan May

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.

Laramie Public Art Coalition (LPAC) is requesting support for a community program manager staff position. LPAC has historically received generous community partner support for staff, so we can continue to grow our impact on the community through our projects and programs. As a growing organization, we rely on funds like the Community Partner grant to ensure we can do the work. This funding would help us match salary support from

funding sources including the Wyoming Cultural Trust Fund and the NEA Our Town grant.

A community program manager position is essential to sustaining LPAC's community-centered programming during a period of organizational transition. This role will coordinate our artist-led workshop series and Creative Aging program, guide the public engagement process for several art installations around town, and help LPAC begin new community art initiatives that directly serve residents while providing paid opportunities for local artists.

We have additional funding to support this position and related programming costs from our fundraising efforts, which included individual donations (around \$15,000 yearly), a Wyoming Arts Council Community Support grant (\$8,000), Wyoming Community Foundation Intertie Grant (\$10,000), and remaining funds from a \$75,000 National Endowment of the Arts grant, as well as multiple pending grant applications.

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.

LPAC is a Wyoming-based nonprofit organization that cultivates belonging, joy, and curiosity through public art in Albany County. Our work brings community members, local artists, and businesses together to improve shared spaces and build community through inclusive and low-cost artistic programming. Public art is our platform for strengthening social connection, supporting the creative economy, and enhancing economic vitality.

Over the past year, LPAC engaged more than 500 community members, paid 92 artists, and invested over \$71,000 directly into the local creative economy. Our programming included artist-led workshops in topics from willow basket-weaving to professional development for artists, Creative Aging courses for residents 55+, public art installations (murals and sculptures) tied to community identity and place, and large-scale events such as Laramie Winterfest, which brought art, music, and commerce into downtown Laramie through partnerships with local businesses. These efforts not only enrich cultural life but also generate foot traffic, support artists as small business owners, and contribute to a vibrant local economy.

LPAC plays a crucial role in advancing the local creative economy, a priority reflected in Resolution 2024-10 and the Albany County Comprehensive Plan's goal to diversify economic opportunities. We provide artists with fair compensation, professional development, and new opportunities to engage with the public. In 2025, we paid 92 artists to create for our community.

LPAC's work in the City of Laramie and Albany County strengthens community bonds, enhances public spaces, supports local artists, and expands access to meaningful arts experiences for our community. Together, we are shaping a Laramie and Albany County where art is an essential part of daily life, enriching culture, economy, and overall quality of life for all residents.

In 2025, LPAC experienced a reduction in federal grant funding, and lost our community program manager position. While our board has remained active and committed, this absence limits our ability to meet community demand, steward partnerships, and deliver inclusive programming at the scale our community has come to expect. Staff salary support would allow LPAC to continue serving as a cultural connector stabilize at a pivotal moment.

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.

LPAC is deeply committed to fostering an engaged, vibrant, and inclusive community. Our work aligns closely with the goals outlined in the City’s Resolution 2024-10 and in Albany County’s Comprehensive Plan, particularly in enhancing public spaces, supporting local artists, and contributing to the cultural and economic vitality of the city of Laramie and Albany County. Through ongoing partnerships with the City of Laramie, including projects with Parks and Recreation, city planning initiatives, and community events, LPAC is helping to shape Laramie into a place where creativity and public engagement thrive while advancing Albany County’s vision of sustainability, economic diversity, and responsible growth. Community Partner funding for LPAC ensures our organization can contribute to the goals of our 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. *

500

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.

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)


 FY25 LPAC Expe...


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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)

 FY26 Budget - H...

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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)

 990EZ FY24-202...

 Add file

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?

11417

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: *

Hannah Rodgers, board member

Date: *

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FY25 REVENUE**Revenue- Operating Support**

Bonterra Tech	9466.82
Wyoming Community Foundation	100
Winterfest Donations	2552
Wyoming Arts Council	5909
City of Laramie Partnership Funds	7834
Knoblach Family Foundation	5000
Blue Cross	100
Individual Giving	2017.77
Wyoming Cultural Trust Fund	5750
Albany County	11417
City of Laramie MOU Consulting fees	8750

Revenue- Project Administration Funds

ACRB	6183.24
"Banner LJD"	100
Wyoming Arts Council	5000
Laramie Beautification	8122.55
WORTH Initiative Grant	68050
Visit Laramie/Albany County Tourism	5000
Union Pacific Grant	25000
Workshop Registrations	1935.4
NEA Our Town / 3rd Street	1575

Total Revenue

179862.78

FY25 EXPENSES

Artist Payments - WyoGives tattoo designs	500
General Operating\	13611.76
Program- Art Shed Workshops	4663.24
Program - Art Shed, Optimist Park Bench	6000
Banners (LJD) Payments	3900
Program- Creative Aging Supplies	1077.45
Program- Creative Aging Artist Payments	2500
Program - Mural / Crosswalk design	4100
Moose final payment	10000
Snowy Range Rotating Program	15000
WinterFest- microgrants	3250
Winterfest music production	15000
WinterFest- consulting & artist payments	17973.06
Program - Winterfest- operations	26557.25
Program- Winterfest - murals	5000
Workshops- Artist Payments & Supplies	6018.29
Project - 3rd Street	1100
Signage- Inc	1048
Program - Youth Justice Institute artwork	250
Payroll	59785

Total Expenses

197490.1

FY26 LPAC--EXPENSES

Expenses	FY26 Budgeted
Operations	
Salaries & Wages	\$33,000.00
Payroll taxes	\$3,000.00
Employee benefits	\$1,500.00
Office Rent	\$3,480.00
Office Supplies	\$500.00
Subscriptions & Memberships	\$2,588.40
Board Insurance	\$815.00
Liability Insurance	\$650.00
Filing with Secretary of State	\$27.00
Legal & Accounting	\$3,500.00
Contractors & Professional Fees	\$5,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$300.00
Board Retreat and Planning	\$2,000.00
SUBTOTAL	\$56,360.40
Fund Development	
Events	\$1,500.00
Printed Materials	\$650.00
Hospitality	\$250.00
SUBTOTAL	\$2,400.00
Marketing	
Advertising/Social Media/Digital	\$700.00
Printed Materials	\$1,000.00
SUBTOTAL	\$2,000.00
Programming	
Art Shed Workshops	
Supplies/Printing	\$600.00
Teaching Artists	\$1,500.00
Administration	\$420.00
SUBTOTAL	\$2,000.00
General Workshops	
Supplies/Printing	\$3,600.00
Teaching Artists	\$5,600.00
Administration	\$2,400.00
SUBTOTAL	\$11,600.00
We Live Here Artwork	
Installation Maintenance	\$2,400.00
SUBTOTAL	\$2,400.00
Jubilee Banners	
Supplies/Printing	\$1,500.00
Artist Payments	\$3,600.00
Administration	\$1,400.00
SUBTOTAL	\$6,500.00

3rd Street Support	
Supplies/Printing/Hosting	\$3,000.00
Artist Payments	
Public Art 3rd Street Gateway Installation	
Administration	\$15,000.00
SUBTOTAL	\$18,000.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$101,260.40
FY26 LPAC--REVENUE	
Revenue	FY26 Budgeted
Operations Support Grants	
Wyoming Arts Council Community Support Grant	\$15,000.00
Wyoming Community Foundation Intertie Grant	\$10,000.00
Wyoming Cultural Trust funds	\$0.00
City of Laramie Partnership Fund	\$15,000.00
Albany County Partnership Funds	\$15,000.00
TOTAL	\$55,000.00
City/County Income Sources	
ACRB Funds	varies
Parks and Rec funds	\$25,000.00
Consulting Fees	\$40,000.00
TOTAL	\$65,000.00
Fundraising/Donor Support--Operations	
WyoGives	\$5,000.00
Individual Donations	\$5,000.00
Corporate Sponsorships, Grants, and Giving	
TOTAL	\$10,000.00
Program Revenue	
Art Shed Workshops	
Earned Income	\$1,500.00
Teaching Artist Stipends	
TOTAL	\$1,500.00
General Workshops	
Earned Income	\$2,000.00
Teaching Artist Stipends	\$1,400.00
TOTAL	\$3,400.00
Jubilee Banners	
30% Admin Fee	\$2,000.00

	TOTAL	\$2,000.00
3rd Street Support		
Working with Haddad-Drugan		\$15,000.00
	TOTAL	\$15,000.00
	FY26 REVENUE TOTAL	\$136,900.00