

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 *

grants@bbbswyo.org

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: *

Greater Wyoming Big Brothers Big Sisters

Contact Name, Title: *

Steve Hamaker, CEO

Mailing Address: *

1010 S 6th St. Laramie, WY 82070

Contact Phone: *

307-460-7072

Contact E-Mail: *

grants@bbbswyo.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

20000

Requested Amount from Albany County: *

Enter dollar amount only

12000

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.

590000

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)

21CCLC, TANF, CSBG, OJJDP, Guthrie Foundation, Wyoming Women’s Foundation, Prevention, FRC, ACSD#1, IMH, United Way

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

Steve Hamaker- CEO

Roberta Eslinger- CFO

SJ O’Neill- Chief Programs Officer

Hanna Eslinger- Development Officer

Todd Pearson- Board Chair

Megan Wild

Barbara Humphreys

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.

Funds requested will be used for general operating support for BBBS mentoring programs. BBBS has served the Albany County Community since 1971, providing positive mentoring relationships to young people in our area. Utilizing volunteer and professional mentors, BBBS helps ensure that every young person in our community has the support they need to reach their full potential. In addition to our one to one mentoring services, BBBS also provides after-school programming for 4 local elementary schools as well as middle and high schoolers, and juvenile justice programming based on a restorative justice model that keeps kids out of the court system and helps them make healthier choices.

BBBS utilizes funds for at-risk youth to engage them in mentoring services, as well as provide support to families. Approximately 50% of youth served in 2025 lived at or below the poverty line. Over 38% of BBBS youth served have two or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) and 20% shared they have a diagnosed mental health condition like anxiety or depression.

Mentoring services for Albany County/Laramie youth have been shown to improve academics, mental health, and social skills for youth. Carefully trained professional and volunteer mentors can help youth learn, cope, and grow in safe, supportive environments. And, BBBS Case Managers can also provide support services to families and connect them to other organizations/services in the area. Staff work to build connections and trust with youth and families and are often the first person parents/guardians will reach out to when additional support services are needed. Since 2020, there has been an increase in parents and guardians reaching out to BBBS for help finding additional resources.

Please see the included budget for information regarding additional funding sources.

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.

Research shows that kids in mentoring relationships tend to do better in school and have higher levels of academic engagement, get along better with peers and families, have more positive attitudes towards avoiding risky behaviors, show improvement in mental health symptoms such as anxiety and depression, and develop healthier mental and physical health habits that last into adulthood. Children with mentors also tend to set bigger, better goals for themselves and their futures and believe that they will be capable of accomplishing the things that matter most to them.

Data from the Harvard Business Review indicates that the number one factor in a child's ability to develop the resilience they need to overcome and challenges life throws their way is whether or not they have a caring adult in their life. BBBS's main goal is to ensure that every child has that kind of support. With the support of the City of Laramie and Albany County, we hope to continue serving vulnerable populations of young people in our community and to reach additional kids and families by increasing numbers of volunteers. In 2025, we served 430 kids and their family members in the Laramie area.

BBBS also seeks to continue improving outcomes for the youth in our programs. BBBS utilizes the Youth Outcome Survey tool that was developed and tested by Big Brothers Big Sisters of America to analyze the progress of each child in our programs. In 2025, data showed that youth surveyed showed improvement in academic performance and expectations, emotional regulation, social connectedness, and having a trusted adult in their life.

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.

BBBS maintains close, collaborative relationships with other nonprofits in town, including but not limited to the Soup Kitchen, Laramie Interfaith, Parents and Teachers, Family Promise, the Wyoming Children's Law Center, United Way, the Cathedral Home, and Laramie Youth Crisis Center. We also work closely with Albany County School District 1 as well as the County Attorney's Office to provide additional programming.

Big Brothers Big Sisters has become a trusted expert in the field of youth mentoring, and as such has had several groups reach out to us about the possibility of expanding mentoring services or creating additional programming. To the best of our knowledge, no other such program exists in the Laramie area and there is no duplication of efforts.

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. *

450

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.

In addition to the benefits listed above, research from long term studies indicates youth in mentoring relationships make an average of 15% more as adults than their non mentored peers, and that income of mentored youth is more closely aligned with the income of their mentor than their family, helping to reduce the income gap by as much as two thirds. Data also shows that every dollar invested in BBBS mentoring programs pays for itself within seven years, creating sustained economic benefits to communities over the long term. Investment in Big Brothers Big Sisters programming saves the city and county additional funds down the road, reducing court costs and ensuring the next generation become contributing, community engaged citizens.

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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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)

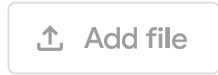
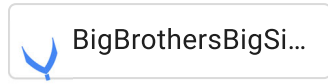
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Provide organization's most recent Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-N, including all schedules. *

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

LaramieSoupKitchen2025_990-N)



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?

10000

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.

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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: *

Hanna Eslinger, CDO

Date: *

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03 / 10 / 2026

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Wyoming
Albany County

As of June 30, 2025
Draft Statement of
Revenue & Expense

Revenue & Support

Individual & Corporate Contributions	5,292
Foundation Contributions	30,000
United Way	36,885
Government Grants & Contracts	922,111
Other Revenue	10,746
Total Revenue	<u><u>1,005,034</u></u>

Expenses

Administrative Costs	34,033
Advertising & Marketing	1,237
Insurance	
Other Expenses	
Cleaning & Janitorial	3,300
Office & Storage Rent	3,660
Repairs & Maintenance	12,419
Utilities & Trash	24,126
Occupancy	43,505
Salaries & Wages	574,160
Benefits	59,094
Payroll Expenses	3,018
Personnel	636,272
Client Activities	53,359
Client Transportation	10,226
Curricula	16,039
Background Checks	5,806
Tutoring	4,445
Program Support	89,875
Information & Software Technology	44,957
Supplies & Materials	20,956
Equipment	10,122
Training, Travel & Professional Development	17,725
Voice Communications	14,326
Total Expenses	<u><u>913,008</u></u>

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ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash & Cash equivalents	80,489
Accounts Receivable	98,721
Grants Recievable	643,336
Other Assets	9,319
Total Current Assets	<u>831,865</u>
Noncurrent Assets	
Land & Buildings	5,181,271
Furniture & Equipment	928,157
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>-1,195,878</u>
Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>4,913,550</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>5,745,415</u></u>
Liabilities & Net Assets	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	106,600
Deferred Revenue	643,336
Payroll Liabilities	42,154
Total Current Liabiltes	<u>792,090</u>
Net Assets	
Permanently Restricted	250,000
Unrestricted Net Assets	<u>4,703,325</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>4,953,325</u>
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	<u><u>5,745,415</u></u>

Community Partner Funding Budget FY 2026-2027

Greater Wyoming Big Brothers Big Sisters

Expense Category	Total Expense	County Total	City Total	Other Total	Brief Discription
Personnel:					
Salary:	\$ 657,783.00	\$ 10,850.00	\$ 8,900.00	\$ 638,033.00	Personnel wages
Fringe:	\$ 54,720.00	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 52,470.00	Taxes, health insurance, workers comp & social security
TOTAL:	\$ 712,503.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 690,503.00	
Supplies/Equipment:					
General Office	\$ 5,180.00			\$ 5,180.00	General office supplies
Postage	\$ 1,500.00			\$ 1,500.00	Postage
Enter Supplies Here	\$ -				
Enter Supplies Here	\$ -				
Enter Supplies Here	\$ -				
Enter Supplies Here	\$ -				
TOTAL:	\$ 6,680.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,680.00	
Utilities:					
City, gas, electric, trash	\$ 23,786.00			\$ 23,786.00	City, gas, electric, trash
TOTAL:	\$ 23,786.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,786.00	
Direct Client Services:					
Youth Engagment	\$ 35,695.00			\$ 35,695.00	Youth activites, nutritional support, sporting gear and acitivities,sking
Background Checks	\$ 3,460.00			\$ 3,460.00	Screening & ingerprinting
Contractual services	\$ 24,046.00			\$ 24,046.00	Tutor, software services & attendance managment
Transportation	\$ 11,028.00			\$ 11,028.00	Vehicle insurance, upkeep and fuel
Enter Service Here	\$ -				
Enter Service Here	\$ -				
TOTAL:	\$ 74,229.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 74,229.00	
Other Expenses:					
Facilities	\$ 23,283.00		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 18,283.00	Maintenance, cleaning, fire protection, storagerent
Public Relations	\$ 2,500.00			\$ 2,500.00	Advertising, events & networking
Training & Travel	\$ 13,015.00			\$ 13,015.00	CPR, staff development, ongoing traing, travel as mandated by grants
IT	\$ 38,205.00		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 33,205.00	Internet, copier, software and hosting
Administration	\$ 21,894.00			\$ 21,894.00	affiliation fees, liability insurance, accounting services
TOTAL:	\$ 98,897.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 88,897.00	
GRAND TOTAL:	\$ 916,095.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 884,095.00	