

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 *

lisaevansoutreach@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: *

For the Good of Laramie

Contact Name, Title: *

Lisa Evans, Director

Mailing Address: *

32296 US-30, Laramie, WY 82072

Contact Phone: *

307-399-5246

Contact E-Mail: *

lisaevansoutreach@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

10000

Requested Amount from Albany County: *

Enter dollar amount only

10000

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)

none

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

CEO Matt Baumgartner
President Kristina Janzen
Director Lisa Evans
Treasurer Hailey Samora
Secretary Heather Brown
Board Member Ashley Cales

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 provided with this grant would be used for our Back2School Event and supporting events in Laramie. Last year, New Life Church handed this event over to For the Good of Laramie. This year will be our 9th annual event! Last year we served over 1200 people, giving out over 400 backpacks and 400 pairs of shoes. Each year, this event grows exponentially. This year, we are expecting to give out 450 backpacks and 450 pairs of shoes for free to those who attend. Funds would be allocated to age appropriate backpacks and age appropriate school supplies. They would also be allocated to candy donations to Easter Egg Hunts and Trunk or Treats, assisting Laramie Connections Church with their weekly meals, and Night to Shine. Night to Shine is a prom style event for individuals with special needs and disabilities. This event is locked in every year through 2029. This year, we also plan to sponsor a few Golden Tree people as well! We truly want to help fill the gaps and needs in this community.

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

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The Back2School event sets our children up confidently for success during their school year. It provides relief to parents who are struggling to provide school supplies and shoes. Every child who walks through those doors is the focus of the event. They get their feet washed, measured, and two different tennis shoe styles to pick from. After they select a pair, a volunteer places socks on their feet and the child gets to try out their new school shoes! Once they do that, they get to pick out an age appropriate backpack filled with what they need for the school year! With the candy donations, we work with the community Trunk or Treat and the Easter Egg Hunt at New Life Church. Assisting with the Laramie Connections Church meals, allows us to help feed our community. We don't only support financially, but four out of the seven board members donate four hours of their time every Sunday in preparing and serving the meal. This year, we received the privilege to assist in the Night to Shine event. It is a prom style event for those with special needs and disabilities. It brings so much joy to our community, not only to the attendees, but those who volunteered as well. Six out of our seven board members donated countless hours to Night to Shine. We donated our red carpet to this event and it truly was the key piece in making this event so memorable. By sponsoring a few Golden Tree individuals, it gives us the chance to bless members in our community who might not otherwise reach out for help. Our main goal is to support our Laramie community. The name of our organization was chosen for the purpose of providing for Laramie.

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. *

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We provide the largest Back2School event in Laramie and it is completely free to all who come to our event. Other events usually only provide a backpack and a few supplies, we also supply shoes. We have successfully encouraged other organizations to join us in our efforts for our Back2School event. It gives them a place to serve and provide without duplicating our events. By purchasing enough food for a weekly meal, once a quarter for Laramie Connections Church allows us to help fill a need without duplicating it. Most of our board members donate their Sunday afternoon/evening to the Laramie Connections meal weekly. Our director and treasurer are currently serving as their kitchen managers, planning, cooking, and serving the meal. By doing this, we are filling not only a financial need, but a volunteer need. Night to Shine is a new event in our community and there is no other event like it! It serves and celebrates a vulnerable population that allows them to be seen, loved, and cherished.

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. *

4620

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.


Individuals supported annually:

1200 Back2School Event
300 Night to Shine
60 meals per week with Laramie Connections in time or financial compensation

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)

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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?

4000

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.

05/31/2026

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: *

Hailey Samora, Treasurer

Date: *

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For the Good of Laramie Fiscal Year 2025 Financial Statement

Jan-Mar 2025 – No Data Available

Apr-June 2025 – No Data Available

Jul-Sep 2025

Income: \$12,272 – sponsorships and donations

Expenses: \$9,691 – backpacks, school supplies, shoes, advertisements

Oct-Dec 2025

Income: \$0

Expenses: \$267 – Halloween candy, Laramie Connections meal, red carpet

Bank statements available upon request

For the Good of Laramie Budget Request

- Shoes \$15/pair – 200 pairs needed - \$3000
- Backpacks \$30/backpack – 150 needed - \$4500
- Deposit for building for B2S event - \$250
- Advertisement for B2S event - \$750
- Night To Shine - \$500
- Laramie Connections Church Meals - \$400
 - \$100 per quarter
- New Life Church candy - \$200
 - \$100 for Easter
 - \$100 for Halloween
- Golden Tree Enhabit recipients - \$150
- Financial and Volunteer hours to other non-profits - \$1000

Grand total: \$10,750

Other revenue by donation basis only, so it is an unknown variable