

SECTION I: *Cover Sheet*

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Organization Name:	Interfaith-Good Samaritan
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Type of Organization:

- Recreation/ Arts and Culture Civic/Quasi-Governmental Social Service
Other _____

Requested Amount for FY18/19: City \$ 45,000 County \$ 30,000

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

- Yes No

If you marked “yes”, indicate the amount of additional funds that will be leveraged and note whether these are estimated or actual.

\$ _____ Estimated Actual

Description of request: Using the space below, *briefly* describe how your organization will use these funds. A more detailed description is requested in Section III.

Interfaith-Good Samaritan will use funds to allocate resources to women, men, and children in emergency situations when no other help is available. Interfaith-Good Samaritan strives to alleviate poverty and homelessness while encouraging self-sufficiency. In order to supply a helping hand to those in need, funding from the City of Laramie and Albany County will be used to provide emergency lodging, food, and fuel; vehicle repair for stranded travelers or to sustain employment for local residents; bus transportation to shelters and local bus rides for those without transportation; and to provide assistance for emergency medication when no other means for obtaining necessary medications is available. Funds will also be used to purchase food for the community food pantry.

Declaration: I hereby certify that the information give in this application for Community Partner funding is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Agency Director _____ Mike Vercauteren _____ 2/22/2018 ____
Signature Print Name Date

Board President _____ Mitchell Cushman _____ 2/22/2018 ____
Signature Print Name Date

SECTION II: Organization History Organizational

History and Mission

Provide a mission statement and brief history of your organization in Laramie and/or Albany County, including services provided to area residents.

The mission of Interfaith-Good Samaritan is to provide a means for our community to help neighbors meet their basic needs.

In 1986 a group of local women realized that many people who came to the soup kitchen, as well as others who were simply on the street, were falling through the cracks with the helping agencies in Laramie. It was apparent that some sort of central organization was needed to serve as a clearing house for people in need so that their requests could be funneled to the right service organization, or to provide financial assistance if no other assistance was available. During the spring and summer of 1987, planning meetings were held and a governing board was established. Thanks to cooperation with the Salvation Army, an office space, equipment, and volunteers were secured. In 1988, 34 families were assisted with rentals and leases through the HUD housing program. Local churches and community fund-raisers primarily provided initial funding for the organization. However, as the needs of the community grew more complex, I-GS began seeking additional funding sources. It also became an official 501(c) 3 non-profit organization. Interfaith-Good Samaritan has responded to the growing number of people living in poverty, as well as to the changes in social service delivery and policy. This was accomplished by expanding the services provided with the help of a broad social service and community network. Interfaith-Good Samaritan has always relied heavily on volunteers, in all areas of the organization, including an all-volunteer board of directors.

Interfaith-Good Samaritan currently assists Albany County residents with rent, utilities, bus passes, gas passes (to sustain employment for local residents or help with out of town dental and medical appointments), and assistance for emergency medication when no other assistance is available. Interfaith assists people stranded in Albany

County with emergency lodging, food, fuel, and bus transportation to shelters. Funds will also be used to purchase food for the community food pantry.

Organizational Structure

List your officers and director(s), indicating their terms of office

Mitchell Cushman, President, 2018-2020

Gwendolyn Smith, Vice President, 2017-2019

Tom Gaddis, Treasurer, 2017-2019

Michelle Holmes, Secretary, 2018-2020

Sandra Ksir, 2018-2020

Martha Pheneger, 2018-2020

Jo-Carol Ropp, 2018-2020

Sue Sandeen 2017-2019

Joe Shumway, 2017-2019

Caitlin White, 2017-2019

Jim Ninnemann 2019 - 2020

SECTION III. *Funding Request Justification*

Briefly explain how the funds will be used and why public funds are necessary to accomplish this goal.

Some discussion items to cover in this section may include:

- *whether or not the funding request has increased from prior years*
- *whether or not this is a one-time or on-going request*
- *description of any large program or staff expansion occurring in this fiscal year*
- *large equipment or other fixed assets that will be purchased fiscal year*
- *how your project relates to city or county goals or improves the overall quality, character or health of the community*
- *whether or not funding will be used to leverage additional monies for your organization either through grants or other means*

Interfaith-Good Samaritan is requesting \$45,000 from the City of Laramie and \$30,000 from Albany County. The funding request from both the City of Laramie and Albany County is the same as last year.

2019 should prove to be a remarkable year for Interfaith. In January the Board of Directors approved to purchase a building. Interfaith, after thirty years of providing services out of the Civic Center will have its own home. The new building will offer 50% more space and the mortgage payment is roughly \$75 more than rent, each month.

Because some remodeling of the new facility is required, Interfaith expects cash and savings accounts to be reduced in 2019. The Board of Directors is committed to a multi-year strategic financial plan that will, ultimately, place the organization on a secure financial foundation for the next several decades.

In January of 2019 the Board of Directors also went through a strategic planning process in which it confirmed its commitment to providing emergency services for the residence of Albany County. The board also began clarifying a vision to do more to help people achieve self-sustainability. Accordingly, Interfaith-Good Samaritan plans to add an additional full-time position in 2019. The purpose of the expansion is to provide more capacity for implementation of case management, evidence-based strategies and collaborative efforts with community partners. Although the new hire will increase our payroll to 3.5 FTE's, the organization remains committed to efficiency and effectiveness. Interfaith also continues to depend heavily on volunteers with over 17,000 volunteer hours logged in 2018.

All current efforts and expansions have been strategically created to secure Interfaith-Good Samaritan's role in Albany County for decades to come. Interfaith-Good Samaritan remains committed to providing a means for our community to help our neighbors meet their basic needs.

Housing and Utilities Services:

Affordable low-income housing remains a significant concern for Albany County residents. Interfaith-Good Samaritan is committed to assisting people who struggle with housing issues and works to prevent homelessness by providing emergency housing relief. Housing First strategies are fundamental best practice approaches of Health and Human Services and other homelessness prevention organization. Families with children and persons with disabilities or over age 65 are given priority for funding by I-GS. The goal is to provide case management assistance if there is a viable plan to resolve the financial crisis and if we have evidence that the client is working toward that goal by seeking employment, or if that is not possible by applying for other long-term sources of support. During the calendar year 2018, I-GS was able to fund 336 requests for housing assistance at an average

cost of \$375 per household. In some instances, we provide local motel rooms for Albany County residents while we assist them in obtaining long-term housing.

Transient Services:

When travelers are stranded in our community due to weather, illness, or mechanical problems, I-GS can house them in motels. Between transients and local residents, I-GS helped procure 438 motel rooms in 2018. The organization also assists transients by purchasing Greyhound bus tickets, paying for limited car repairs, and providing gasoline vouchers.

Nutrition Services:

Interfaith-Good Samaritan provides food from our food pantry to approximately 918 households in Albany County each month. The vast majority of these families are also eligible to receive food from the USDA food commodities, which we distribute once per month. Food from our food pantry comes from donations, food drives put on by various organizations, food rescued from grocery stores, and food that we purchase. We take in over 26,000 pounds of donated food every month. We currently budget \$2000 per month to purchase food, either from Wyoming Food Bank of the Rockies or local grocery stores.

Section IV. *Financial Information* (a current balance sheet can be submitted to satisfy this requirement)

Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2018:

<p>Assets</p> <p>Current: Cash: \$203,183.32 CDs , etc.: \$104,993.49 Receivables: 0</p> <p>Fixed: Equipment: \$965.69 Building & Land: 214,136.50 Less Depreciation: 0</p> <p>Total Assets: \$523,279.00</p>	<p>Liabilities</p> <p>Current: Payables: 0 Withholding: 2016.22</p> <p>Long Term: \$216,786.61 Promissory Notes: 0 Mortgage: 0</p> <p>Owner's Equity: \$304,476.17</p>	<p>Other Financial Information You Wish to Include:</p> <p>Due to wide variations in the timing of donations and expenditures it is necessary for us to maintain a fairly large cash reserve. Donations are usually greatest at the end of the year, resulting in a temporarily high case balance at that time.</p>
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SECTION V. FY 2018/2019 Budget Information

Revenue

	Amount	Secured or pending?
City of Laramie, Community Partner	36,750	Pending
Albany County, Community Partner	15,000	Pending
United Way	48,750	Pending
Donors	211,000	Pending
Fundraisers	15,000	Pending
Interest	300	Pending
Other-Savings		Pending
Other-CSBG	65,000	Pending
Other-Other grants	46,550	Pending
Other- In-kind volunteer hours and food donated	*730,033.52	Pending
Total Estimated Revenue	1,168,383.52	438,350 before inkind

- *Did your agency use Community Partner funding to leverage additional funds, either through grants or other means?*

Persons served: Medical Assistance:

Medical assistance 280 vouchers

Travel Assistance:

Motor fuel: 877 gas cards
 Greyhound bus tickets: 96 persons
 Rides on PATS bus: 269 rides
 Vehicle repair: 41 households
 Driver's license and ID cards 5 people

Food:

Food pantry: 567 households served per month
 USDA food commodities: 922 households per month

Lodging:

444 vouchers provided

Client Rent and Utility Assistance:

629 vouchers written

The income level for travel assistance, lodging and rent and utility assistance is required to be at or below 125 percent of the federal poverty guidelines (FPG). People receiving USDA Food Commodities must have incomes at or not exceeding 135 percent of the FPG. Seventy-five percent of the persons receiving food from the food pantry cannot have gross household incomes exceeding 100 percent of the FPG.

Anyone is eligible to receive services from our agency. This includes but is not limited to individuals, couples, parents, children, from any or no faith, culture, race, age, disability, veteran status, sexual preference or identity, homeless or indigent, county resident or non-resident, employed or unemployed. All persons receiving assistance must physically be in Albany County, Wyoming.

The requested funds represent about 18 percent of the overall budget. The biggest expenditures are in Client Services, mainly housing, lodging, and utilities. The federal grants each have specific purposes, and it is extremely helpful to have funds that can be used to assist people not covered by those programs.

No monetary funds are used for leveraging or matching funds. Donations and volunteer hours are used to meet matching requirements for federal grants.