

Wyoming Hunger Initiative

2024 Flexible Funding Grant

INFORMATION

Background:

Wyoming Hunger Initiative has a simple mission: to end hunger in Wyoming. We believe hunger in Wyoming is a problem that can be solved. We also recognize that where there's a hungry child, a hungry family, senior, or veteran isn't far away. We work to provide food insecurity by increasing awareness and support for the work of local anti-hunger organizations statewide through innovative programs that connect like-minded organizations as well as funding support for local solutions. Nourished kids, healthy families, and thriving communities: that's the goal of Wyoming Hunger Initiative.

Purpose:

Wyoming Hunger Initiative prides itself on being uniquely positioned to provide the framework and foundation for successful collaborations and solutions to hunger statewide. In partnership with the John P. Ellbogen Foundation, Wyoming Hunger Initiative will offer a grant cycle for "unrestricted" funding defined as expenses to your anti-hunger organization that may not fit the criteria for infrastructure or food. Examples include salaries, utilities, rent, etc..

Eligibility criteria:

Any 501(c)3 status (or equivalent) organization within the state of Wyoming whose mission aligns with the mission of Wyoming Hunger Initiative.

Funding available:

Applicants are encouraged to use and/or seek funding from more than just the John P. Ellbogen Foundation to meet the identified need(s). Funding decisions will be made by a collaborative grant committee. Funds are limited. Efforts will be made to fully fund as many qualified grants as possible, but grant demand will be considered and factored into final grant awards.

Application details:

To respect your busy schedule, we have constructed a simple application that outlines the necessary information the committee needs for consideration. The application process is as follows:

- Applications are due by May 31, 2024
- The committee will review your application
- Funded applications will be notified by July 1, 2024

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Reporting requirements:

If funded, you will be required to submit a written year-end report. The reporting requirements are as follows:

- Grant Report is due no later than January 1, 2025, 8pm MT in order to meet the qualifications of the grant.
- To find the reporting document, visit www.nohungerwyo.org/grants as the reporting form is the same.

Questions & Answers:

Q: *I have questions, who do I contact?*

A: We want to make sure everyone has a chance to ask questions. You can send in questions to be answered to info@nohungerwyo.org.

Q: *How do I apply?*

A: Visit www.nohungerwyo.org/quick-resources and scroll to the very bottom of the page to find the "Flexible Funding Grant Application."

Q: *How do I submit my application?*

A: Please email your application and any supporting documents to info@nohungerwyo.org for consideration.

Q: *Is there an invitation code?*

A: No

Q: *When is it due?*

A: May 31, 2024

Q: *How do I know if my request will qualify?*

A: Any 501(c)3 status (or equivalent) organization within the state of Wyoming whose mission aligns with the mission of Wyoming Hunger Initiative is eligible to apply. This grant is set up to address challenges across Wyoming that may not be addressed by other grant funding available. For example, salaries, utilities, rent, etc. will be considered.

Q: *How do you define flexible funding?*

A: This is the first time Wyoming Hunger Initiative is offering a grant that is defined as "flexible funding" due to the rising need across the state. These dollars are intended to address one-time or extra costs or expenses facing the organizations. Grants should help organizations meet their missions by solving problems, closing gaps, and otherwise accelerating work and impact in the community. It is important that organizations share a program or operations need and coherently align a solution that requires

funds. Examples of flexible funding may include but are not limited to:

- Rental deposit for a new location,
- New or upgraded technology (laptops, tablets, printers, software, etc.),
- Funds to hire consultants or experts to offer specific advice and/or solutions to a challenge,
- Prepayment of expenses like insurance,
- Hosting expenses for a gathering to spark community collaboration,
- Marketing expenses (websites, print materials, advertisements, etc.),
- Seed money to host a first-time community fundraising event or effort,
- A bonus or stipend for employees or volunteers,
- Professional development for Board, staff and/or volunteers (online or in person),
- Recruitment of staff and/or volunteers,
- Travel and per diem to visit and learn from another anti-hunger organization.

Q: *Is there a limit to how much funding I can ask for?*

A: There is not. We ask that you give us the whole picture when it comes to your need(s) and the committee will make final funding decisions.

Q: *How will my grant application be reviewed?*

A: Wyoming Hunger Initiative in collaboration with the John P. Ellbogen Foundation has formed a committee to review the grant applications and make recommendations to the Wyoming Governor's Residence Foundation, the board that oversees the work of Wyoming Hunger Initiative.

Q: *If I applied for a Wyoming Hunger Initiative Infrastructure Grant, am I eligible to apply for the Flexible Funding Grant?*

A: Yes, you are more than welcome to apply for both as each grant targets different need(s).

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