



Wyoming Hunger Initiative allocates \$153,846 in infrastructure grants to anti-hunger nonprofits

Cheyenne, WYO - First Lady Jennie Gordon's Wyoming Hunger Initiative allocated \$153,846 this month to anti-hunger organizations for infrastructure needs through the Initiative's fourth grant cycle since launching in October 2019.

Wyoming Hunger Initiative grants are intended to support infrastructure and longevity of anti-hunger organizations as well as long-term, sustainable solutions to food insecurity across the state. For the second year, Wyoming Hunger Initiative sold "Hearts for Hunger" during the month of February for \$5 each, proving that no matter the size of the donation, every dollar makes a difference. All funds raised were put towards infrastructure grants; as a result of the generosity exhibited this year, nearly \$20,000 was put to use to fund this infrastructure cycle. Grant funding also comes from the Wyoming Hunger Initiative Hunger Champions Circle, which is a team of dedicated ambassadors who serve as catalysts in the ongoing mission to end food insecurity in Wyoming. Lastly, Wyoming Hunger Initiative partnered with Lowe's this year to stretch the infrastructure dollars further by purchasing particular items at a discounted rate as part of Lowe's mission to serve their community.

"The mission of Wyoming Hunger Initiative is to support the existing work of anti-hunger organizations across the state," First Lady Jennie Gordon said. "It's important to us that we allocate resources where they will have the greatest impact, as quickly as possible."

Several organizations applied for Wyoming Hunger Initiative infrastructure grants and the Initiative is proud to announce that 40 applications were funded. The following organizations are 2022 recipients:

- Action Resources International, Albany County
- Afton Food Pantry, Lincoln County
- Big Horn County Cent\$ible Nutrition, Big Horn County
- Boys & Girls Club of Carbon County, Carbon County
- Boys & Girls Club of Sweetwater County, Sweetwater County
- Bread of Life Food Pantry, Johnson County
- Carbon County School District #1, Carbon County
- Casper Salvation Army, Natrona County
- Cent\$ible Nutrition Program, Statewide Program
- Cody Cupboard, Park County
- COMEA Shelter, Laramie County
- Community Cupboard Corporation, Sheridan County
- Council of Community Services, Campbell County
- Eagles Hope Transition and Emergency Shelter, Fremont County
- Edible Prairie Project, Campbell County
- First Stop Help Center, Fremont County
- Food Bank of Sweetwater County, Sweetwater County
- Friday Food Bag Foundation, Laramie County
- Gillette Salvation Army, Campbell County
- Guernsey Community Food Pantry, Platte County
- Hole Food Rescue, Teton County
- Johnson County Friends Feeding Friends, Johnson County
- King's Portion Community Food Pantry, Converse County
- Lander Care & Share Food Bank, Fremont County
- Laramie Interfaith, Albany County
- Meals for the Soul, Johnson County
- Meals on Wheels of Cheyenne, Laramie County

- Moorcroft Interfaith Community, Crook County
- Niobrara County Senior Center, Niobrara County
- Poverty Resistance Food Pantry, Natrona County
- Pushroot Community Gardens, Fremont County
- Red Dirt Master Gardeners, Hot Springs County
- Shoshoni Senior Center, Fremont County
- Thayne Community Food Bank, Lincoln County
- The Food Group, Inc., Sheridan County
- Town of Star Valley Ranch, Lincoln County
- Wind River Nations Growing Gardens & Food Justice, Wind River Indian Reservation
- Worland Community Gardens, Washakie County
- Wyoming Rescue Mission, Natrona County
- Youth Alternative Home Association, Uinta County

All funds distributed through Wyoming Hunger Initiative are raised privately through donations. Because of the generosity of the John P. Ellbogen Foundation and the Hughes Charitable Foundation, a second cycle of grant funding has been made possible; applications for this additional cycle will be open until July 29, 2022. Visit nohungerwyo.org to apply today.

About Wyoming Hunger Initiative

Wyoming Hunger Initiative seeks to find and support Wyoming solutions to the challenge of food insecurity, which affects approximately 86,000 residents statewide. Launched in October 2019, Wyoming Hunger Initiative is the official initiative of Wyoming's First Lady Jennie Gordon and is governed by the Board of Directors of the Wyoming Governor's Residence Foundation, a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. For more information, visit www.nohungerwyo.org.

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