



Wyoming Hunger Initiative allocates \$51,751.36 in infrastructure grants to anti-hunger nonprofits

CHEYENNE, WYO - First Lady Jennie Gordon's Wyoming Hunger Initiative and the Wyoming Governor's Residence Foundation allocated \$51,751.46 this week to anti-hunger nonprofit organizations for infrastructure needs through the Initiative's third grant cycle since launching in October 2019. Since launching Wyoming Hunger Initiative Grants, a total of \$152,200.36 has been awarded to anti-hunger organizations across the state.

Wyoming Hunger Initiative grants are intended to support infrastructure and longevity of anti-hunger organizations as well as provide long-term, sustainable solutions to food insecurity across the state. All funds distributed through the Wyoming Governor's Residence Foundation are raised privately through donations.

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

The Wyoming Hunger Initiative Hunger Champions Circle provided the funding for the 2021 infrastructure grant cycle. The Hunger Champions Circle was developed to create a network across the state to support the work of Wyoming Hunger Initiative and to keep community partners engaged. Additionally, donations made in February's #heartsforhunger went directly toward funding spring grants.

Over 35 entities applied for Wyoming Hunger Initiative infrastructure grants and the Foundation is proud to announce that 15 requests were funded. The following organizations are June 2021 recipients:

Afton Food Pantry, Afton
Casper Housing Authority, Casper
Cody Cupboard, Cody
Edible Prairie Project, Gillette
Element Church, Cheyenne
First Stop Help Center, Lander
Food Bank of Sweetwater County, Rock Springs/Green River
Guernsey Community Food Pantry, Guernsey
Laramie County Extension, Cheyenne
Laramie Soup Kitchen, Laramie
Platte Valley Christian Center, Saratoga
Ranchester Community Cupboard, Ranchester
River of Life Fellowship, Thermopolis
Wind River Grow our Own 307, Riverton
Wyoming Food for Thought Project, Casper

About Wyoming Hunger Initiative

Wyoming Hunger Initiative seeks to find and support Wyoming solutions to the challenge of food insecurity, which affects approximately 71,000 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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