



Wyoming Hunger Initiative

2024 *Grow A Little Extra* Grant



Our mission:

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 prevent 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.

Grow A Little Extra was created to utilize Wyoming agricultural products to combat food insecurity. Fresh food and sources of high-quality protein are notoriously expensive and difficult to procure for the American food bank system. Wyoming is a state of plenty, and agricultural solutions are a key element to reducing and eliminating hunger. Therefore Wyoming Hunger Initiative strives to offer a Wyoming solution to this Wyoming challenge.

Who is eligible for grants:

Any 501(c)3 status (or equivalent) organization within the state of Wyoming whose mission aligns with the mission of the Wyoming Hunger Initiative and who is committed to increasing the amount of local produce donated to individuals, food pantries, and social service agencies around the state.

Wyoming Hunger Initiative will consult with Cent\$ible Nutrition Program educators prior to approving *Grow A Little Extra* grants, to better understand the projects and needs within local communities.

Funding available:

For the 2023-2024 cycle, individual grants will be awarded up to \$1,000 per organization.

Timeline:

Grant applications will be accepted from November 1, 2023 through March 1, 2024. Grant dollars will be awarded as applications are received and for as long as funds are available.

Reporting:

A Grant Project Report will be due by December 31, 2024 to meet the qualifications of this Wyoming Hunger Initiative grant. A Grant Project Report form will be provided to you to report on the number of pounds donated, to which agencies, and additional questions about successes and challenges. Please take photos throughout the process to share as part of your reporting. We want to highlight your good work!

Contact:

If you have any questions about the grant application, please visit nohungerwyo.org/contact.





Please complete application thoroughly and submit to

info@nohungerwyo.org or print and mail to

Wyoming Hunger Initiative
5001 Central Ave.
Cheyenne, WY 82009

Organization Information

Organization Name:

Dollar Amount Applying for:

Submitted by:

Primary Contact for Organization:

Title of Primary Contact:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address for Organization:

Physical Address for Organization:

Organization Website:

Other Social Media Sites, if applicable:

Is this Organization a 501(c)3?

If yes, please provide EIN:

Wyoming Area Served by Organization:

Mission Statement of Organization:

Project Information

University of Wyoming Extension and the Cent\$ible Nutrition Program are already doing good work around the state with the Master Gardener program, sharing horticulture resources, promoting food gardens, and helping people learn how to cook and eat more vegetables. The *Grow A Little Extra* project will leverage existing efforts and help increase access to local produce for a wide range of people in Wyoming.

This collaborative effort will target three groups in Wyoming:

- **Community gardens:** encourage these existing garden organizations to dedicate a section to growing food specifically for local social service agencies and food pantries.
- **Churches, community organizations, schools, etc.:** establish a garden dedicated to growing food for the community.
- **Home gardeners:** while encouraged to participate in *Grow A Little Extra* by growing and donating produce to share with local food pantries, social service agencies, crisis centers, etc., home gardeners are **not eligible** for grant funds.

The purpose of this Wyoming Hunger Initiative funding is to help provide materials or supplies to grow additional produce for families in need within the local community. Items eligible for purchase include irrigation supplies, potting soil, tools, plant starts, seeds, raised bed supplies, a scale, etc. This funding is **not** for educational or outreach programs.

Funding Proposal

In one paragraph, please describe how you would utilize Wyoming Hunger Initiative funding to Grow A Little Extra in your local community, including the details of what you intend to purchase.

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