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# Wyoming Hunger Initiative allocates \$207,022 in infrastructure grants to anti-hunger nonprofits

**CHEYENNE, WYO** - First Lady Jennie Gordon's Wyoming Hunger Initiative allocated \$207,022 this summer thanks to a match from the Pace Family Foundation to anti-hunger organizations for infrastructure needs through the Initiative's sixth grant cycle since launching in October 2019. Wyoming Hunger Initiative grants are intended to support infrastructure and longevity of antihunger organizations as well as long-term, sustainable solutions to food insecurity across the state.

For the fourth 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 \$12,000 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.

"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 57 applications were funded. The following organizations are 2024 recipients:

Absaroka Head Start, *Fremont*

Afton Food Pantry, *Lincoln*

Alcova Community Food Pantry, *Natrona*  
Alpine Food Bank, *Lincoln*  
Backpack Blessings of Powell, *Park*  
Boys & Girls Club of Cheyenne, *Laramie*  
Boys & Girls Club of Douglas, *Converse*  
Boys & Girls Club of Sweetwater County, *Sweetwater*  
Casper First Church of the Nazarene, *Natrona*  
Casper Youth for Christ, *Natrona*  
Cent\$ible Nutrition Program, *Natrona*  
City Park Church, *Natrona*  
Cody Council on Aging, *Park*  
COMEA, Inc., *Laramie*  
Eastern WYoming College Food Pantry, *Goshen*  
Edible Prairie Project, *Campbell*  
Element Church Food Pantry, *Laramie*  
Feed307, *Natrona*  
First Stop Help Center, *Fremont*  
Food Bank of Sweetwater County, *Sweetwater*  
Friday Food Bag Foundation, *Laramie*  
Gillette Salvation Army, *Campbell*  
Good Samaritan Community Meal, *Fremont*  
Good Samaritan Mission, *Teton*  
Helping Hands Community Services, *Natrona*  
Johnson County Friends Feeding Friends, *Johnson*  
Kind Grounds, *Natrona*  
Laramie Interfaith, *Albany*  
Laramie Connections, *Albany*  
Laramie Soup Kitchen, *Albany*  
LIE Totes of Hope, *Big Horn*  
Lovell United Methodist Church, *Big Horn*

Mannahouse Food Pantry, *Park*  
Needs, Inc., *Laramie*  
Niobrara County Senior Center, *Niobrara*  
One22 Resource Center, *Teton*  
People for People Backpack Program, *Hot Springs*  
People for People Community Meal, *Hot Springs*  
Pinedale Community Food Basket, *Sublette*  
Powell Senior Citizens, *Park*  
Pushroot Community Garden, *Fremont*  
Rooted in Wyoming, *Sheridan*  
Sheridan Salvation Army, *Sheridan*  
Senior Citizens Council, The Hub, *Sheridan*  
Shoshoni Senior Center, *Fremont*  
St. Luke's Episcopal Church, *Johnson*  
Thayne Community Food Bank, *Lincoln*  
The Community BakPak Program, *Sublette*  
The Food Group, Inc., *Sheridan*  
The Soldier's House, *Fremont*  
True Vine Community Church, *Laramie*  
Washakie County Conservation District, *Washakie*  
Washakie County Ministerial Association, *Washakie*  
Wind River Food Sovereignty Project, *Wind River Reservation*  
Wright Community Assistance, *Campbell*  
Wyoming Indian Elementary, *Wind River Reservation*  
Wyoming Food for Thought Project, *Natrona*

Wyoming Hunger Initiative is the official initiative of 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. All funds distributed through Wyoming Hunger Initiative are raised privately through donations. Thanks to a match from the Pace Family Foundation, Wyoming Hunger Initiative was able to fund an additional \$100,000 in grants statewide.

## **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](http://www.nohungerwyo.org).*

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