

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RATIFIED SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE SPIRIT OF BLUE FOUNDATION ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF LARAMIE COUNTY, WYOMING TO REQUEST FUNDING FOR THE LARAMIE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000.00.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF: REQUESTED FUNDS WILL BE USED TO PURCHASE FIVE FINGERPRINT SCANNERS.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of Laramie County desires to participate in the Spirit of Blue Foundation by sponsoring this grant application to assist in financing this project; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of Laramie County has been provided with preliminary cost estimates and information on this project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF LARAMIE COUNTY that a grant application in the amount of \$15,000.00 be submitted to the Spirit of Blue Foundation for consideration of assistance in funding the Laramie County Sheriff's Office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Kathi Wilson, or her successor in the position of Laramie County Grant Writer, is appointed as agent of the Laramie County Board of Commissioners to execute and submit applications and certifications for these funds.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 4th DAY OF MARCH 2025.

By: _____
Chairman, Laramie County Commissioners

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Debra Lee, Laramie County Clerk

Date: _____

Received and Approved as to Form only By:



Laramie County Attorney's Office

Date: 2/24/25

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Grant Application



The Spirit of Blue Safety Grant Program is designed to award equipment, or in some cases training, that will protect officers serving on duty. You should only request items that you can articulate will have a positive impact on officer safety.

By filling out the form below, your agency is declaring that it is authorized by its local governing authority to receive grants. Once submitted, your agency's request will be added to our active database and a confirmation email will be sent with a copy of your submission.

Please note: We have closed the 2024 grant cycle. Applications are collected on an ongoing basis and are added to our active database. If not selected in 2024, applications will automatically be reviewed for and considered for the 2025 grant cycle beginning July 1, 2025.

If you have an emergency need, please email grants@spiritofblue.org (<mailto:grants@spiritofblue.org>).





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Spirit of Blue Grant Consideration Form

The information requested below is what we require in order to evaluate your need. For questions or to provide additional supporting documents such as quotes if you have obtained them, email grants@spiritofblue.org

Contact & Agency Info

Agency Name *

Laramie County Government

Sworn Officers *

146

Applicant Rank

None

Input "None" if POC is an unsworn individual.



Applicant Name *

Kathi

First Name

Wilson

Last Name

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Applicant Email *

kathi.wilson@laramiecountyw

example@example.com

Applicant Phone Number *

(307) 633-4535

Please enter a valid phone number.

Agency Physical Mailing Address *

310 West 19th Street

Street Address

Suite 320

Street Address Line 2

Cheyenne

City

Wyoming

State / Province

82001

Postal / Zip Code



Head of Agency *

Gunnar Malm, Commissioner

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Unfunded Safety Needs

Share what items you are seeking to obtain through the grant, to include quantity and some additional information if possible. For example, if requesting eight tourniquets, list "Tourniquets" under Need, "8" under Quantity and "Looking to obtain C-A-T Tourniquets in black from North American Rescue" under Description. You may include up to 5 items, but you aren't required to.

Need 1 *

Portable fingerprint scanners

Need 1 Quantity *

5

Need 1 Description *

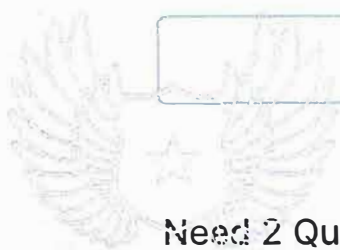
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Need 2

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Need 2 Quantity

e.g., 23



Need 2 Description

Need 3

Need 3 Quantity

e.g., 23

Need 3 Description



Need 4

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Need 4 Quantity

e.g., 23

Need 4 Description

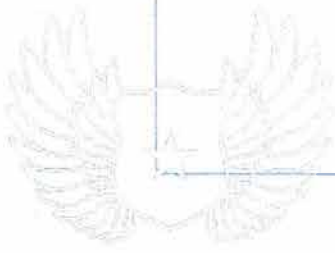
Need 5

Need 5 Quantity

e.g., 23

Need 5 Description





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Supporting Information

This section allows you to include any additional information you feel is relevant and would help us in evaluating your request for a potential grant. Agency Description and Financial Situation are the only required fields, but we encourage you to complete the other sections to strengthen your application.

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Tell us a little about your agency, the community you serve and your approach in general.

Financial Situation *

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Is there a story or recent incident that underscores the need for any of the items you are requesting?

Additional Information

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What else do you want to share that you feel is important for us to know?

Please verify that you are human *



I am human



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Kathi Wilson

From: Spirit of Blue Grant Program <noreply@jotform.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2025 5:02 PM
To: Kathi Wilson
Subject: We have received your grant application for Laramie County Government

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Sworn Officers	146
Applicant Rank	None
Applicant Name	Kathi Wilson
Applicant Email	kathi.wilson@laramiecountywy.gov
Applicant Phone Number	(307) 633-4535
Agency Physical Mailing Address	310 West 19th Street, Suite 320, Cheyenne, Wyoming, 82001
Head of Agency	Gunnar Malm, Commissioner Chairman
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