

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A FY2026 GRANT APPLICATION TO THE CHEYENNE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER FOR GENERAL COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUNDING, ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF LARAMIE COUNTY, WYOMING TO REQUEST FUNDING FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE VICTIM'S WITNESS PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,490.00.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF: TO REQUEST GRANT FUNDS TO PURCHASE DRINK TEST STRIPS TO DISTRIBUTE AT COMMUNITY EVENTS WHERE ALCOHOL IS SERVED, SUPPORTING OUTREACH, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND PREVENTION OF DRINK TAMPERING AND SEXUAL ASSULT.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Cheyenne Regional Medical Center is accepting applications under their General Community Benefit Program and;

WHEREAS, the Laramie County Board of Commissioners is eligible to apply for and receive community benefit funds for the Sheriff's Office 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 \$2,490.00 be submitted to Cheyenne Regional Medical Center for consideration of assistance in funding the Laramie County Sheriff's Office's Victim's Witness Program for sexual assault prevention materials.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Amy Gorbey, or her successor in the position of Laramie County Grant Specialist, is appointed as agent of the Laramie County Board of Commissioners to execute and submit applications and certifications for these funds and that Sandra Bay, or her successor in the position of Laramie County Grants Manager is appointed as agent of the Laramie County Board of Commissioners to receive funds and implement the programs funded under this grant.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF APRIL 2026

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: 4/14/26

Applications must be typed and submitted electronically to:

Amy Spieker and Erika Novick
Amy.Spieker@crmcwy.org and
Erika.novick@crmcwy.org
(307) 773-8188 and (307) 773-8169

Please limit the applications to only the requested materials.

Cover Sheet Format:

Date of Request: 04-08-26

Program/Activity Title: Drink Test Prevention Outreach

Organization's Legal Name: Laramie County Sheriff's Department Victim's Witness Program

Physical Address: 1910 Pioneer Ave, Cheyenne, WY 82001

Website: [Laramie County Sheriff's Office Victim Assistance Program - Laramie County, Wyoming](#)

Key Contact for this Project: Tracy Grover, Program Coordinator

Phone Number: 307-633-4762

Email Address: tracy.grover@laramiecountywy.gov

Estimated start date: July 1, 2026

Amount Requested: 2,490.00

Dates and amounts of funds/resources previously provided by Cheyenne Regional for this purpose: This is a first-time application for this purpose.

Please describe other funders of this project: None

What percent of your operating budget do these funds represent? This is a program expense and uses no operation budget funding.

Typed Name, Signature and date signed of the Program Director. (CRMC program applications must also be signed by Vice President).

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Tracy Grover
Program Coordinator, Laramie County Victi...

CRMC Community Benefit Grant:

Description of Need

Provide a brief description of your organization's work: The Victims Witness Program (the Program) provides clients with services including: crisis intervention, personal advocacy, safety and security planning, extra patrol (law enforcement intervention), transportation, act as a liaison between the victim and law enforcement on questions regarding the status of the case, emergency financial assistance, assistance in requesting crime victim compensation, provide emergency shelter and food, hospital response, assisting with referral to other agencies for counseling, and follow up contact regarding the status of the case, orientation to the criminal justice system and provide written information to them, and provide information on the Wyoming Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification System (VINE). The program is continually developing ways of streamlining our services to increase accessibility for the public and engaging in public outreach to increase awareness about victim issues and support services. We rely heavily on our community partner organizations and refer those clients to those community services and have a strong network of community partners.

Detail the causes/conditions/need leading to your request; provide available data: Laramie County averaged 14 sexual assault cases per year from 2020-2025. Of the 13 reported cases in 2025, 11 involved individuals under the age of 24. This local trend mirrors national data indicating that sexual assault disproportionately affects young people. According to the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN), 69% of sexual assault victims are between ages 12 and 34, and one in six U.S. women has experienced attempted or completed rape in her lifetime (National Institute of Justice & Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *Prevalence, Incidence and Consequences of Violence Against Women Survey*, 1998). Women ages 18-24 who are college students are three times more likely than women in general to experience sexual violence (Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Rape and Sexual Victimization Among College-Aged Females, 1995-2013*, 2014). Underreporting remains a significant concern. The National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC) found that 40% of rapes and sexual assaults were reported to police in 2017, but only about 25% were reported in 2018. Drug-facilitated sexual assault (DFSA) further compounds the challenge. DFSA includes the use of substances such as GHB or alprazolam ("date rape drugs") to incapacitate victims. According to the 2026 World Metrics Report, one in five reported sexual assaults in the U.S. involves a date rape drug, but 90% of these incidents go unreported due to fear of disbelief or mistrust in authorities. To address these issues, the Victim Witness Program's goal is to increase education on DFSA risks and prevention by distributing drink test strips at community and campus events. Providing these test strips creates a valuable opening for prevention education and outreach.

What goals from the Community Needs Assessment will be addressed through your work: The Laramie County 2025 Community Needs Assessment identified *Community and Social Context* as priority focus area for the 2025-2028 Community Health Improvement Plan. Within this area, the two primary action goals are 1) increase social connectedness among adults and 2) increase social connectedness among youth. Research demonstrates that sexual violence can directly and adversely impact these goals. According to Linnea L. Hjelm: *Youth Engagement in Sexual Violence Prevention Programs and Research: A Systematic Review, experiences of fear of date rape can significantly impact social engagement among young people by fostering a culture of shame and fear.* This environment leads to reduced trust in social interactions and participation in community activities, as well as a reluctance to speak openly about experiences or to seek help. The direct communication from the Project team and collaborators and event attendees will enhance awareness, community trust, and dialogue that reduces stigma around sexual assault and empowers survivors to connect with support systems. The 2025 Needs Assessment also found that approximately 19.7% of youth in Laramie County lacked access to a trusted adult they could talk to about their problems. This is slightly higher than Wyoming's average of 17.2%. This indicator highlights the need for stronger supportive relationships between youth and adults.

How does your work improve access to care in our community: Many residents are unaware of the services offered by the Program or the Cheyenne Police Department's (CPD) Victim Assistance Program.

Often, individuals do not learn about these programs until they themselves experience crime and victimization, which limits early access to support. Sexual assault remains widely underreported for many reasons. In cases of drug-facilitated sexual assault (DFSA), survivors may hesitate to seek help due to shame, gaps in memory, fear of disbelief, or mistrust in authorities. By engaging community members at events and distributing drink test strips, the Victim Witness program and its partners create openings to discuss victimization issues, share resource information, and build trust with potential victims and their social circles.

Describe who in our community will benefit from the services you provide: The beneficiaries of this project will be young adults 18-34 who attend community events where alcohol is served. This group is at an elevated risk, as 69% of sexual assault victims fall between the ages of 12 and 34. The project will also focus on women, since one in six U.S. women has experienced attempted or completed rape in her lifetime. By partnering with the Laramie County Community College, the Victim Witness Program hopes to reach college students directly with prevention and education opportunities.

Program Plan

Briefly describe the activities that will be funded through this grant: We are requesting \$2,490 to purchase 1,000 drink test strips. The Laramie County Sheriff's Office Victim Witness Program Coordinator and Advocate will reach out to the City of Cheyenne Victim Services, Laramie County Community College, Safehouse Services, and the Community Recreation & Events team, which organizes Fridays on the Plaza, to coordinate distribution at upcoming events.

How does the proposed program/activity respect the cultural diversity of our community and ensure accessibility for all groups: Laramie County and all the partners in this project maintain strict nondiscrimination policies and do not exclude participation bases on age, race, sex, color, religion, national origin, disability, military status, genetic information, or any other status protected by applicable state or local law. The target population for this project is primarily young adults aged 18 and 34 who attend community events where alcohol is served. The Laramie County Community College and other partners distributing the test strips will work to respect the cultural diversity of our community and ensure accessibility for all groups.

Capacity: Describe your organization's one-, three-, and five-year goals.

One-Year Goal: Strengthen the Victim Witness Program and the Cheyenne Police Department Victim Assistance Program's collective outreach efforts to raise awareness about victim issues and the services available in Cheyenne and Laramie County.

Three-Year Goal: Continue to increase community awareness and responsiveness to victim issues such as sexual assault throughout Laramie County through collaborative outreach and education.

Five-Year Goal: Sustain and expand community awareness and responsiveness to victim issues throughout Laramie County through continued collective outreach and strong partnerships.

How does this work align and build capacity to meet those goals: The Program has been a vital part of the Sheriff's Office since 1999, maintaining a strong presence in the community through consistent engagement and partnerships. The Program has the capacity to facilitate the project and is experienced in engaging with the public and participates in various other community programs throughout the year, such as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Violence Against Women Awareness Campaigns, and Crime Victims' Rights Week. Providing prevention test strips and conducting outreach at large public events where people may be more vulnerable to sexual assault, supports our 1, 3 and 5-year goals by creating opportunities for community engagement and education about sexual assault issues.

Provide data illustrating your organization's ability to meet the needs identified: Our Program Coordinator and Advocate are extensively trained in sexual assault prevention and education. They maintain strong collaborative partnerships with Laramie County Sheriff's Office detectives and deputies, the Cheyenne

Police Department and its Victims Services team, and the Laramie County Community College. Our experienced team and established network of partners ensure the capacity and expertise necessary to carry out this project successfully.

What is your staff and volunteer capacity? Will you take on new staff to complete the work: The Program has two full-time staff members who will lead this initiative, working closely with two full-time staff at the CPD's Victim Assistance Program. The CPD Coordinator maintains strong working relationships with downtown venues and will partner with businesses such as the Crown and the Wigwam, to distribute the drink test strips during Fridays On the Plaza, Frontier Days, and other downtown events where alcohol is served.

Performance Evaluation

Provide performance measures against which you will monitor for effectiveness. How do you measure and ensure that your services are accessible, respectful, and culturally competent: The Program will maintain a record of events and business partners participating in outreach activities. They will coordinate with City of Cheyenne's Community, Recreation and Events (CRE) Department, which manages the logistics and security for the events at the Plaza. CRE staff will assist in observing potential safety concerns during events. All partners of this project will ensure that the distribution and outreach are completed in an accessible, respectful, and culturally competent manner. Following each event, the Program will debrief with partners, including bar owners, event staff and law enforcement to gather feedback on public response, reported incidents and the overall effectiveness of the outreach. Data collected will include the number of events attended, test strips distributed, and feedback on outcomes.

If you have previously been awarded funds, please provide a summary of the effectiveness: The Program has not previously applied for CRMC Community Benefit funding.

What happens if your request is not met: If funding is not awarded, the Program will pursue alternative funding sources to continue this important initiative.

What is the potential return on the investment to the community: Distributing drink test strips at local events empowers residents to protect themselves and others from potential harm and increase awareness about how alcohol, medications, or drugs can contribute to vulnerability and potentially result in sexual assault. By providing prevention tools and engaging in meaningful conversations about safety, this initiative supports the *Community and Social Context* goal identified in the *Laramie County 2025 Community Needs Assessment* by creating opportunities for youth and adults to connect with trusted advocates.

Partnership

Describe the current role you play in the Laramie County Community Partnership Action Teams on which you serve: The Program will participate in the Behavioral Health Team meetings in 2026. At least one team member will attend each meeting.

Describe actions taken by this collective group in support of this proposal; attach letters of support from partners with whom you work to achieve the program goals: Letters of support are included from the Cheyenne Police Department Victim Assistance Program and Safehouse Services. Safehouse is a long-standing community partner, who the Program Coordinator and Advocate frequently partner with to raise awareness about violence against women issues and sexual assault. The CPD Victims Team and officers will assist with community outreach, distribution of drink testing strips, and collection of related feedback and data.

Are there already comparable programs in the community offering this program: The Laramie County Coroner's Office in partnership with Zonta has previously distributed prevention materials prior to Frontier Days. However, we are not aware of other current initiatives conducting this type of targeted prevention and outreach in the community.

BUDGET DETAILS AND JUSTIFICATION:

Detail the amount of your request (line-item justifications will be most helpful to explain how the funding will be used).

The Laramie County Sheriff's Office Victims Witness Program is requesting \$2,490.00 through the CRMC Community Benefit Grant to purchase drink test strips for distribution through community outreach events conducted in collaboration with the City of Cheyenne Victims Assistance Program, Laramie County Community College (LCCC), Safehouse Services, and Fridays on the Plaza. CRMC Community Benefit funds would support the purchase of rapid drink test strips designed to detect common "date rape" drugs, including Ketamine, GHB and Scopolamine. The test kits will be distributed during public events where alcohol is served, with the goal of reducing sexual assaults and other forms of violence against women in the community. Providing access to drink testers promotes safer participation in social and community gatherings and directly supports the Laramie County Needs Assessment Goal for Social Connectedness by increasing individuals' sense of safety, confidence, and willingness to engage in social events. The Victim Witness Program will coordinate distribution, education, and outreach activities with its partner organizations to ensure community-wide access and awareness.

Line-Item Justifications

Item	Description	Quantity	Cost per Unit	Total
Drink Spike Test Strips	Boxes of 2-pack drink test strips (each box includes 100 two-packs).	10 boxes	\$249.00	\$2,490.00

Total Request: \$2,490

<https://duiprevention.org/product/2-pack-drink-spike-test-strip/>



April 2, 2026

Cheyenne Regional Medical Center
Committee on Community Health and Benefit

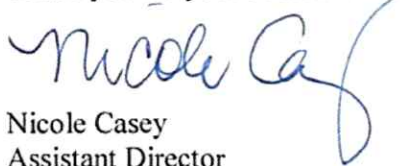
Re: Laramie County Sheriff's Department Victim Assistance Program

Dear Committee on Community Health and Benefit:

I am writing in support of the General Community Benefit Funding Application submitted by the Laramie County Sheriff's Department Victim Assistance Program. Our organization fully supports their mission to enhance the treatment of victims and survivors of crime, and non-criminal crisis situations.

At Safehouse Services, we see firsthand the impact on families when they don't have the support through the criminal process. LCSD Victim Assistance Program provides victims with assistance and services necessary to speed their recovery; to support and aid them through the criminal justice system; and make referrals to appropriate agencies. Beyond these supports we have seen their efforts in outreach and prevention. The funding from this grant would be instrumental in prevention and awareness around sexual assault and other types of abuse. This would not only provide a good safety planning tool, but gives a great platform for education and awareness.

Thank you for your consideration.



Nicole Casey
Assistant Director

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April 6, 2026

RE: Cheyenne Regional Medical Center Benefit Grant

To The Grant Committee:

This letter is written in support of the Laramie County Sheriff's Department Victim Assistance Program (LCSOVA). It is our understanding that LCSOVA is applying for funding from your organization which will enhance the safety, health, and well-being of the citizens of Laramie County.

Our two programs have worked very closely together for many years. The Cheyenne Police Department can say with full confidence that the work of the LCSOVA has been exemplary. This program demonstrates extraordinary skill, care, and competence in the numerous interactions it has within the community. Our two programs have had mutual interactions with clients over the years, and the Cheyenne Police Department has received very good feedback from the clients that we share. Additionally, LCSOVA has always received excellent audit findings from the State Division of Victim Services.

It is for these reasons that we strongly support and recommend LCSOVA for this grant opportunity. Their program has proven to be invested in the welfare of the community, and they have proven to be prudent and responsible stewards of the funding they receive.

I am very happy to provide any additional information you may need. Please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone or email.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie Anthony".

Julie Anthony

Victim Assistance Coordinator

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