

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**ENTITLED: "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RATIFIED SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE CHEYENNE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER FOR THE LARAMIE COUNTY PREVENTION GRANT (FY2027-2028), ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF LARAMIE COUNTY, WYOMING TO REQUEST FUNDING FOR THE CORONER'S OFFICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00."**

**FOR THE PURPOSE OF:** REQUESTED FUNDS WILL BE USED BY THE CORONER'S OFFICE TO PROVIDE SUICIDE PREVENTION RESOURCES, SUCH AS BOOKS AND RESOURCES TO THOSE THAT HAVE LOST A LOVED ONE TO SUICIDE.

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**WHEREAS**, the Cheyenne Regional Medical Center is to receive Federal Prevention pass through funds from the Wyoming Department of Health and;

**WHEREAS**, the Cheyenne Regional Medical Center will distribute a portion of these funds to Laramie County agencies and nonprofits for seed grants and;

**WHEREAS**, the Laramie County Board of Commissioners is eligible to apply for and receive Prevention Grant funds for the Coroner's Office and;

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of Laramie County desires to participate in the Cheyenne Regional Medical Center Prevention Grant by sponsoring this application to assist in financing the Coroner'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 \$5,000 be submitted to the Cheyenne Regional Medical Center for consideration of assistance in funding the Laramie County Coroner's Office for suicide prevention.

**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 7<sup>th</sup> 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: 3/16/26



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Medical Center**

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### FY 2027/2028 Prevention Grant - Subgrant Application

<b>Organization*</b>	Laramie County Coroner's Office
<b>Point of Contact*</b>	Rebecca Reid
<b>Contact Number*</b>	307-637-8000
<b>Contact Email*</b>	Rebecca.reid@laramiecountyyw.gov

<b>Funding Request*</b>	
Year 1	\$2,500
Year 2	\$2,500
<b>Total Request</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>

<b>Evidenced Based Stratgey - Select which one applies*</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Requesting funding for EBS listed on Wyoming Department of Health (WDH) spreadsheet
<input type="checkbox"/>	Requesting funding for Evidence-Based Strategy that is not listed (will require additional approvals from WDH)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other
If other, please explain:	

<b>Topics to be addressed - Select all that apply*</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Underage Drinking and Youth Marijuana
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adult Binge
<input type="checkbox"/>	Opioid/prescription drug misuse/abuse and other drugs
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nicotine
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Suicide

<b>Project Priorities (If applicable)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Includes partnerships or collaborations with at least three other community agencies.
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Prioritizes groups historically deprived of resources.

**Situation:** (Briefly describe your request, define how the activities proposed will benefit the community, and describe the capacity of your organization to implement the activities.)\*

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Since 2019, funding from previous prevention grants, community benefit grants, fundraising efforts and local support has enabled the Coroner's Office to maintain a diverse collection of grief and recovery resources for families. Suicide impacts numerous lives and is closely tied to overall community health, including personal behavior, environmental factors, and access to care. Funding this request ensures that the Coroner's Office has the capacity to help families and friends navigate their grief and reduce the risk of additional suicides within Laramie County.

**Background:** (Detail the causes, conditions, or needs that have led to this request. Describe how the activities proposed will enhance community well-being.)\*

Unfortunately, high suicide rates and their lasting effects are not new to Laramie County or the State of Wyoming. Between 2018-2021, Wyoming had the highest suicide rate in the nation and has remained among the top three states for suicide deaths over the past decade. On average, Wyoming has approximately 157 suicides per year, with a per capita rate of 26 per 1,000, almost double the national average. In 2025, Laramie County reported 26 suicides. As of early 2026, the Coroner's Office has confirmed four suicides. Over the six-year period from 2019-2024, the County averaged 25 suicides annually. Firearms continue to account for the majority of suicide deaths with most victims being male. The Coroner's Office has seen firsthand the impact of these losses on individuals and the community as a whole. The devastating effects of suicide leaves lasting emotional, psychological and financial tolls on families and friends of suicide victims. According to the CDC's Suicide Prevention Resource for Action, postvention efforts are essential for healing, but also for reducing future suicide risk. Family members or close contacts of a person who dies by suicide face a significantly higher risk of experiencing suicidal thoughts, attempts, or death themselves compared to survivors grieving other types of loss.

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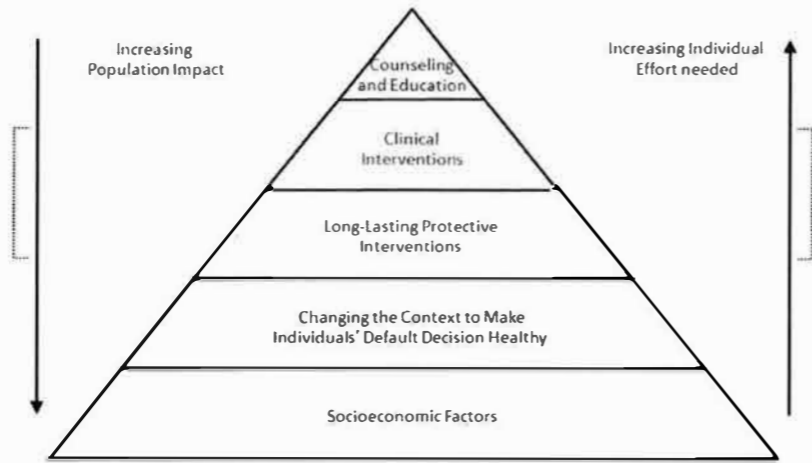
**Analysis:** (Provide data illustrating the need and describe the evidence-based strategies that have been selected for implementation. Describe the service area for implementation (i.e. Laramie County, Cheyenne, Pine Bluffs, etc.)\*)

This project began in 2019, when the Coroner’s Office first started providing grief and recovery resources to families affected by suicide. At the time, it was unclear how families would respond to the materials or how great the need for them would be. Since 2019, 179 individuals have died by suicide in Laramie County. The program’s impact has become clear through the 483 resource books given out since then to the families and friends of those who lost to suicide. Just in 2025, the Coroner’s Office distributed 116 grief and recovery resources to families, and as of early 2026 (to date) 22 resources have been provided.

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**Health Impact Pyramid** - Please select the level from the Health Impact Pyramid: \*



Frieden TR. Am J Public Health 2010;100(4):590-5

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Counseling and Education</b> (i.e. Dietary counseling, education to avoid drinking and driving, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Clinical Interventions</b> (i.e. Treatment of hypertension, medication-assisted treatment, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Long-Lasting Protective Interventions</b> (i.e. Tobacco cessation programs, brief behavioral counseling to reduce alcohol consumption, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Changing the Context to Make Individuals' Default Decision Healthy</b> (i.e. smoke-free laws, tobacco or alcohol taxes, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Socioeconomic Factors</b> (i.e. Early childhood education, improved housing options, etc.)

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**Evidence-based Strategy: - Select which one applies\***

Select: Requesting funding for EBS listed on Wyoming Department of Health (WDH) spreadsheet

**Topics to be addressed:**

Select: Suicide

**Provide Priorities: Include partnerships or collaborations with at least three other community agencies:**

Currently selected

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