

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RATIFIED SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE CHEYENNE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER FOR THE LARAMIE COUNTY PREVENTION GRANT, ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF LARAMIE COUNTY, WYOMING TO REQUEST FUNDING FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000.00

FOR THE PURPOSE OF: REQUESTED FUNDS WILL BE USED FOR ADDRESSING ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES IN THREE AREAS: TOBACCO/VAPING, ADULT BINGE DRINKING AND OPIOID/PRESCRIPTION ABUSE AT \$5,000 FOR EACH FOCUS AREA.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Cheyenne Regional Medical Center received Federal Prevention pass through funds from the Wyoming Department of Health and;

WHEREAS, the Cheyenne Regional Medical Center distributes 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 Sheriff's Department 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 Sheriff's Department; 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 Cheyenne Regional Medical Center for consideration of assistance in funding the Laramie County Sheriff's Department enforcement activities.

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

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF MAY, 2019.

By: _____

Date: _____


Linda Heath, Chairman

ATTEST:

Date: _____

Debra Lee, Laramie County Clerk

Received and Approved as to Form only By:

 FOR _____

Date: 4/19/19

Mark Voss, County Attorney

DECLARATION

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears in the records of the County of [] State of []

Witness my hand and seal of office this [] day of [] 19[]

Notary Public

My commission expires on the [] day of [] 19[]

My office is located at []

My term of office begins on the [] day of [] 19[]

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Submitted
4/18/19

Laramie County Prevention Grant Application

Please complete by April 26, 2019. Progress cannot be saved so please complete the form in its entirety.

* Required

Organization (Legal name) *

Laramie County Sheriff's Department

Physical Address *

1910 Pioneer Ave, Cheyenne, WY 82001

Key Contact for Project *

Lt. Kevin James

Phone Number *

307-633-4773

E-mail *

jamesk@laramiecounty.com

Estimated Timeline *

One Year

Amount of Funding Requested *

\$15,000.00



Topic(s) to be Addressed *

- ☐ Tobacco
- ☐ Alcohol
- ☐ Suicide
- ☐ Other drugs
- ☒ Multiple topics

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Laramie County Prevention Grant Application

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Project Description



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. *

The Laramie County Sheriff's Department is requesting funding to address law enforcement efforts surrounding tobacco/vaping in youth, adult binge drinking and opioid prescription drug abuse. Our request is to allow for special community policing efforts to address these activities in all of Laramie County. Our Department serves the rural locations to include Carpenter, Hillsdale, Albin, Burns and Pine Bluffs. Our department will utilize our existing patrol officers and create overtime sign-up sheets for these special enforcement activities. For tobacco/vaping enforcement we will focus on the prevention of tobacco initiation amongst our youth, with an emphasis on our current vaping usage in Laramie County. Specifically, we will have Certified Peace Officers work special shifts focused on the enforcement of tobacco laws among youthful offenders to promote compliance with our laws and to provide education on the health risks associated with tobacco use.

For the adult binge drinking area the focus will be enforcement, which is one of the five casual areas identified within the Environmental Strategy Tool. When the other casual areas do not prove effective with all people as a deterrent to binge drinking and then deciding to drive, we must rely on enforcement of our alcohol laws to remove dangerous intoxicated individuals from our public streets. Specifically, we will have Certified Peace Officers work special shifts to target offenders that are violating our alcohol and drunk driving laws.

Finally, for opioid and prescription drug abuse we will focus our efforts on the areas within Laramie County that have been identified as areas of high drug use or drug overdose. We will then have Certified Peace Officers conduct directed patrols in these areas through traffic enforcement and field contacts to investigate possible unlawful prescription drug possession and or use, but to also include other illicit drugs as well such as marijuana, methamphetamine, heroine, and cocaine.



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

Tobacco and Vaping: Nationally, one in five high school students have vaped in the past month, according to the new numbers announced by the FDA and released in conjunction with the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. These numbers show that vaping increased nearly 80% among high schoolers and 50% among middle schoolers compared to the 2017 numbers. We know from research that nicotine can harm adolescent brain development, which continues into the early to mid-20s. Our enforcement activities will provide education to Laramie County Youth on the legal consequences of tobacco/vaping usage while utilizing our school resource officers whenever appropriate. It is our hope to reduce the prevalence of our youth using tobacco and vaping products which will be a benefit to all of Laramie County.

Adult Binge Drinking: Citing data from 2017, in December 2018 the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration ranked Wyoming as the deadliest state in the nation for drunken driving fatalities at 7.59 deaths per 100,000 people. We feel that through enforcement we can help change the acceptable social norms of binge drinking in Laramie County. Laramie County has a higher percent of arrests due to public intoxication compared to the rest of the State at 21.7%. The Laramie County Sheriff's Department is committed to using enforcement tactics to reduce the frequency of adult binge drinking in our community.

Opioid/prescription drugs: Prescription drug abuse and opioid abuse are on the rise in the United States. According to the Center for Disease Control, drug overdoses killed 63,632 Americans in 2016. Nearly two-thirds of these deaths (66%) involved a prescription or illicit opioid. The Sheriff's Department would like to focus on this issue through patrol and enforcement. Our department is aware of the increasing abuse of opioids and other drugs within the community. At our level, we feel that we can contribute to reducing the socioeconomic factors surrounding usage within the community.



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.) *

All three areas of our project will be implemented to include the entire community of Laramie County and the smaller jurisdictions such as Pine Bluffs, Burns and Albin. Under the tobacco/vaping section we will be addressing the goal of preventing initiation amongst youth and young adults through surveillance and regulation. According to the data for Wyoming that was collected in 2015 as part of the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System, over 2,355 students frequently use electronic vapor products. With enforcement we hope to prevent initiation among youth and young adults through community policing interventions. We will continue our enforcement efforts to enforce the minimum age of purchase for tobacco products and the support of indoor air laws.

For adult binge drinking we will use our enforcement efforts to help address community norms surrounding large alcohol consumption amongst adults in the community. Public policies, law and regulations rely on active enforcement for effective implementation. We will be doing this through evidence based enforcement of impaired driving laws.

For opioid and prescription abuse we will also be conducting enforcement activities to examine the social availability surrounding community norms. In 2016, there were 50 opioid-related overdose deaths in Wyoming a rate of 8.7 deaths per 100,000 persons compared to the national rate of 13.3 deaths per 100,000. Our department works closely with the Coroner's Office on tracking opioids in the County. Enforcement efforts of opioid and prescription abuse are a critical component to reducing these numbers.



Request: Provide a detailed budget to explain how funding will be allocated. *

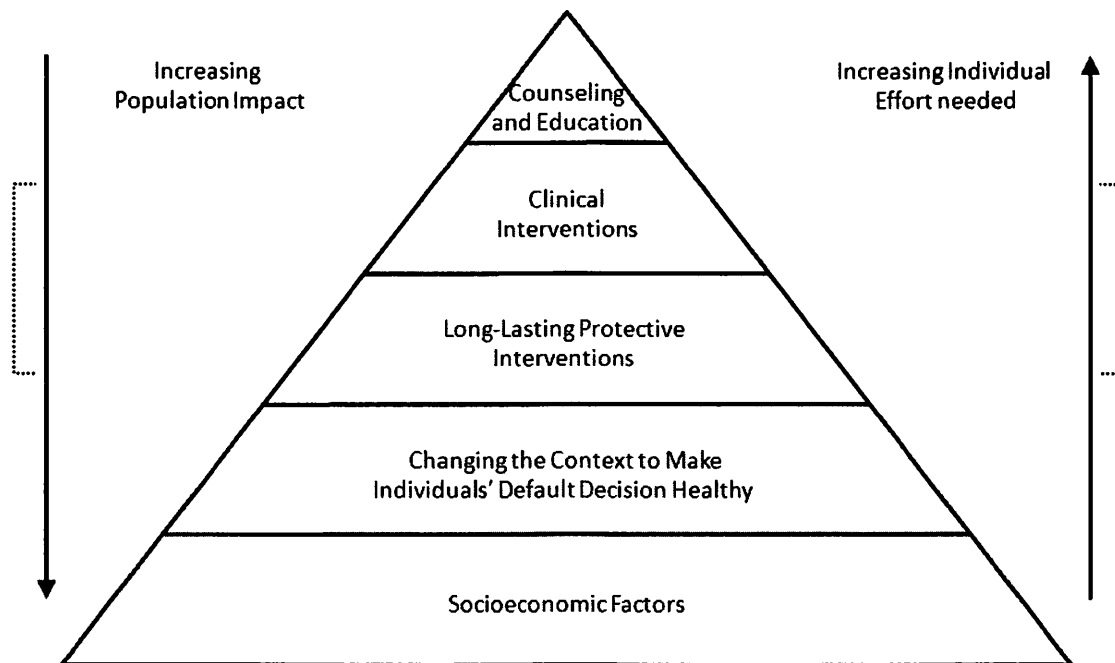
We are requesting a total of \$15,000 to address the three components outlined above, \$5,000 per each focus area. Funding will go to the overtime and benefit costs for having our deputies go out and conduct enforcement. It is estimated that checks will happen at least three times in the funded year for each focus area. That will equate to approximately 150 hours of overtime for each focus area, times the three areas for a total up to 450 hours of overtime in the year long period. The Laramie County Sheriff's Department currently conducts DUI checks, tobacco retail checks and alcohol retail checks. Hours of enforcement along with costs of overtime and benefits were derived from past enforcement efforts. Overtime and benefits will be calculated directly off of officer timesheets and will vary per officer and hours worked. Sign-up sheets managed by Lieutenants in the Sheriff's Department will control the hours available for each event.

Evaluation: Please describe how you will evaluate the process and impact of your program or strategy. *

Officers will complete activity sheets when working overtime events to document encounters, this information will then be combined into a centralized tracking spreadsheet for each focus area. We track items such as products being used, ages, gender, and citations. We will be building these forms and can make them flexible to other information that is needed by the action team. We will evaluate and monitor the hours of enforcement for each focus area and be ready to readjust or strategize appropriate locations and times. Our goal is to begin generating internal statistics surrounding vaping, adult binge drinking and opioid and drug abuse in Laramie County. While this project is focused on the goal of reducing numbers (vaping youth, adult binge drinkers and drug abuse) through enforcement, we think our activities will allow the gathering of information that can and will be used for future prevention efforts.



Health Impact Pyramid



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

Please select the level from the Health Impact Pyramid where the project fits best. *

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



I understand that as a recipient of these funds, I will be required to actively participate in Laramie County Community Action Teams. *

☒ Yes

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