RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RATIFIED SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE WYOMING OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY FOR THE FFY 2021 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (SHSP), ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF LARAMIE COUNTY, WYOMING TO REQUEST FUNDING FOR CERT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF $10,000.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF: REQUESTED FUNDS WILL BE USED FOR THE PURCHASE HANDHELD GPS UNITS, COMMUNITY OUTREACH MATERIALS, AND CERT GEAR AND TOOLS.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security receives FFY 2021 SHSP funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and;

WHEREAS, the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security distributes a portion of these FFY 2021 SHSP funds to Wyoming Counties and;

WHEREAS, the Laramie County Board of Commissioners is eligible to apply for and receive FFY 2021 SHSP funds for the County and;

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of Laramie County desires to participate in the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSP) by sponsoring this grant application to assist in financing the CERT Program; 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 for $10,000 be submitted to the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security for consideration of assistance in funding the Laramie County CERT Program under the FFY 2021 SHSP grant program.

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 6TH DAY OF APRIL 2021.

By: _____   Date: _____

Gunnar Malm, Chairman

ATTEST:

_____   Date: _____

Debra Lee, Laramie County Clerk

Received and Approved as to Form only By:

_____   Date: _3/26/2021_

Laramie County Attorney's Office

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USD$ 10,000.00 Requested	**Laramie County**

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Project Details

1. Type of Jurisdiction

- ✓ County Emergency Management
- ☐ Law Enforcement
- ☐ Coroner
- ☐ RERT
- ☐ Bomb Team
- ☐ School District
- ☐ State Agency
- ☐ Special District
- ☐ City/Town
- ☐ Other:

2. Does the requested funding cover 100% of the project cost?
Example: Installation, electrical, etc

- ✓ YES
- ☐ NO

3. Will you accept partial funding?

- ✓ YES
- ☐ NO, explain:

4. Have you applied for other grant opportunities/partners to fund this request?
If yes, please name what other grants have been applied for.

✓ YES, explain: SHSP 2020

   NO

5. Select your project Investment Justification

   Cybersecurity

   IED/Terrorism Response

   School Safety and Preparedness

   Inter-operable Emergency Communications

   Agricultural Emergency/Livestock Response

   CBRNE Response

✓ Community Resilience

   Fusion Center

   Critical Infrastructure

   Protection of Soft Targets/Crowded Places

   Addressing Emerging Threats

   Combating Domestic Violent Extremism

   Information and Intelligence Sharing

6. Briefly describe the project and how it supports the Investment Justification
Laramie County is requesting funding for CERT supplies to replace medical supplies and missing tools and gear along with adding GPS units and community outreach items. This project falls under the Community Resilience section, as it assists in the response and recovery from a threat or incident. The Laramie County CERT team can be deployed across the county to help with proper response and recovery efforts. Within the 2019/2020 THIRA, our county discussed logistics and situational management and the ability for community coordination and outreach efforts during manmade or natural hazards. The requested gear will assist our county and others in providing proper supplies and tools to carry out the mission and services of CERT. Proper equipment and supplies is critical for volunteers being able to effectively respond to threats within the community.

7. Explain this project's dual applicability to all-hazard events (man-made and natural hazards)
The Laramie County CERT team has already received training and certification and are ready to be deployed when requested. The cause of the threat/scene is not a prohibiting factor for the team or requested gear to be utilized. However, it should be noted that CERT is not going to be requested under certain circumstances if volunteers are deemed to be at risk in such an event as a chemical spill or other similar hazard.

8. Identify portions of the THIRA or SPR that the project will address
Our request addresses the Laramie County THIRA with examination of community resilience, operational and community coordination, and proper situational assessments. The THIRA confirmed our known gap in this area with response and recovery efforts. The tools, supplies and gear that we are requesting for the CERT trailer and team will provide the County with a reliable and flexible asset for community response efforts. CERT volunteers provide agency partners with a collaborative response effort for many natural or manmade incidents. Our THIRA identified the need for mobilizing resources and one of our best resources is the community itself.

9. How will this project increase capability or reduce vulnerabilities in protecting, preventing, responding, or recovering from an act of terrorism?
The proposed request will increase our county's ability and capacity to reach out to CERT volunteers for assistance in acts of terrorism, where it is safe for non-first responders to assist. Our request is for medical supplies to replace outdated or expired items along with replacing expired hard hats and replacing missing and outdated tools provided for volunteers to utilize while on scene. We are also requesting funds to purchase ten mobile GPS units for our CERT volunteers to use when necessary on scenes with limited visibility or in light search and rescue operations. Additionally, we are requesting funds to purchase community outreach materials such as water bottles or sunscreen along with an anemometer. These outreach items will further the publics knowledge and awareness of emergency response efforts

that are in place within Laramie County.

10. Provide justification on how the project will be maintained, supported, and sustained
Laramie County will assume all responsibility for the maintenance of the equipment to keep it operational and ready for use internally and externally by CERT volunteers. The requested equipment can easily be sustained by Laramie County for future operations. All requested equipment will be stored in the Laramie County CERT trailer or in the Laramie County Emergency Management Office and will be easily accessible for use by volunteers. Our request will assist Laramie County with providing volunteers with the necessary tools and gear for proper response operations.

11. Select your Primary core capability
Planning
Public Information and Warning
Operational Coordination
Intelligence
Interdiction
Screening, Search
Access Control and Identity Verification
Cybersecurity
Physical Protective Measures
✓ Community Resilience
Long-term Vulnerability Reduction
Risk and Disaster Resilience Assessment
Threats and Hazard Identification
Infrastructure Systems
Environmental Response/Health and Safety
Fatality Management Services
Logistics and Supply Chain Management
On-Scene Security, Protection, and Law Enforcement
Operational Communications
Other:

12. Select your Secondary core capability
Planning
Public Information and Warning
✓ Operational Coordination
Intelligence
Interdiction
Screening, Search
Access Control and Identity Verification
Cybersecurity
Physical Protective Measures
Community Resilience
Long-term Vulnerability Reduction
Risk and Disaster Resilience Assessment
Threats and Hazard Identification
Infrastructure Systems
Environmental Response/Health and Safety

Fatality Management Services

Logistics and Supply Chain Management

On-Scene Security, Protection, and Law Enforcement

Operational Communications

Other:

13. Select your Tertiary/Third core capability

Planning

Public Information and Warning

Operational Coordination

Intelligence

Interdiction

✓ Screening, Search

Access Control and Identity Verification

Cybersecurity

Physical Protective Measures

Community Resilience

Long-term Vulnerability Reduction

Risk and Disaster Resilience Assessment

Threats and Hazard Identification

Infrastructure Systems

Environmental Response/Health and Safety

Fatality Management Services

Logistics and Supply Chain Management

On-Scene Security, Protection, and Law Enforcement

Operational Communications

Other:

14. Describe existing capability levels

The Laramie County CERT program was started around 2005 in a partnership between EMA and the health department with funds from Homeland Security. The health department was tasked with organizing and providing trainings to community residents. We no longer have access to prior training rosters or records, due to employee turnover, but safely estimate that around 100 community members have been trained under the CERT program. Our active CERT team is comprised of thirty-five members and we have two trainers. Our current tools and gear are approximately 10-13 years old. Our goal over the next year is to focus on training and providing public outreach to the community.

15. Please provide an overview of the trainings, exercises, real events, or other needs assessments that have identified this as a gap (include the cause of the gap).

Laramie County participates in all planning and training efforts coordinated by our EMA office. We participate in all exercises, trainings, tabletops and planning efforts with LCCC, refinery, CFD and the state. Through the THIRA process, our county has been made aware of various manmade and natural hazards that would benefit from the use of trained volunteers. The CERT program has the capability to provide needed work force in these events under the direction of first responders.

16. How will this project reduce capability gaps?

If funded, the county will purchase needed replacement tools and gear for CERT volunteers. We would also purchase community outreach materials and handheld GPS units. Proper CERT supplies will allow volunteers to serve the community and provide valuable assistance to first responders in the goal of protection of life and property. The majority of our request is to replace outdated or expired medical supplies; this will allow our volunteers to provide life saving measures when needed. Requested items will also encourage and reassure volunteers that our county values their commitment to the community and appreciates their willingness to assist when called.

17. Does this investment focus on building new capabilities or sustaining existing?

    Build

✓   Sustain

18. Is any part of this proposed project a deployable asset? (Identifies the availability and the utility of an asset to multiple jurisdictions, regions, and the Nation; provides information on mobility of assets in an area. An asset that is physically mobile and can be used anywhere in the United States and territories via Emergency Management Assistance Compacts (EMAC) or other mutual aid/assistance agreements)

✓   YES, explain: physically mobile

    NO

19. Is any part of this proposed project a shareable asset?
Identifies the asset's ability to augment and sustain a reinforced response within a region. An asset that can be utilized as a local, state, regional, or national capability, but is not physically deployable (i.e., fusion centers)

    YES

✓   NO

20. Does this project support a NIMS typed resource?

    YES

✓   NO

21. Has this project been identified as a local priority through trainings, exercises, real world events, or other needs assessments?

✓   YES, explain: Identified as a gap in the THIRA

    NO

22. Does this project support a previously awarded investment?

✓   YES

    NO

23. ** If you answered YES to number 22, please answer: (a) what previous year; (b) the investment name; and (c) the last completed milestone. ** If you answered NO, please put N/A.
If yes, what previous year, investment name and last completed milestone? Homeland Security has funded the Laramie County CERT program from federal funds passed through the Citizen Corp grant starting in 2005 and Laramie County last received a Citizen Corp grant in 2012.

Milestones
Submit a minimum of four (4) milestones for all projects. Milestones should represent a logical progression of the project to allow for realistic monitoring and management of grant funding. This attribute will function as a tool for measuring project progress in future reporting periods. Provide a high level narrative description of activities to occur within each milestone including anticipated milestone dates/timeframes.

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24. First Milestone/Key Activity. Include your projected Start and End Dates.
Example: December 15, 2012 to December 15, 2013.
1. A grant award is anticipated to occur in October 2021. At this time, we will establish a budget and accounting line items to prepare for the grant. After funding has been awarded, we will go out for a formal bid process according to Laramie County Procurement Policies on requested equipment. We are anticipating this will be completed by the end of December 2021.

25. Second Milestone/Key Activity. Include your projected Start and End Dates.
Example: December 15, 2012 to December 15, 2013.
2. We plan to receive quotes the beginning of February 2022 and at that time all quotes will be evaluated and a vendor recommended. We will also be conducting research on the proposed supplies for proper fit into CERT operations. Once

this process is complete, we will be moving forward with our selected vendor to purchase the equipment. We are allocating three months for this process.

26. Third Milestone/Key Activity. Include your projected Start and End Dates.
Example: December 15, 2012 to December 15, 2013.
3. Beginning in May of 2022, we anticipate receiving the equipment. We are estimating six months for this process to allow for fluctuating availability and shipping schedules. At the time of the equipment arriving we will inventory and sticker all items.

27. Fourth Milestone/Key Activity. Include your projected Start and End Dates.
Example: December 15, 2012 to December 15, 2013.
4. Our final milestone will be to close out and finalize all grant items for the grant from the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security. We anticipate this concluding around November 2022.

AEL Codes

28. List your AEL Codes here. The AEL is available at http://www.fema.gov/authorized-equipment-list.
Some equipment items require prior approval before the obligation or purchase of the items. Please reference the grant notes for each equipment item to ensure prior approval is not required.
GPS units 04AP-02-DGPS
Community outreach materials and CERT gear and tools 21GN-00-CCEQ

Additional Information

29. Provide any additional information about the project you would like us to consider.
You may upload a document if you need more space.
Throughout the years, Laramie County has invested within the community to bring the CERT program to everyday citizens. Training has been offered and accepted for approximately fifteen years. Our active CERT team is ready to respond if called, however they need proper supplies for their protection and for providing the best possible assistance to the public in the event of an emergency. The lack of updated tools and medical supplies is a concern for not only the county but also for our volunteers. It is a risk and liability at this point to send out volunteers with expired and outdated medical supplies and gear. The need for updated CERT supplies has been brought to our attention through various exercises and training scenarios. The need for GPS units and anemometers has also been identified as a priority to provide our volunteers with the proper supplies for a magnitude of events.

Budget *top*

Funding Uses/Expenses	Amount Requested	Total Project Cost
Planning	USD$ 0.00	USD$ 0.00
Organization	USD$ 0.00	USD$ 0.00
Exercise	USD$ 0.00	USD$ 0.00
Training	USD$ 0.00	USD$ 0.00
Equipment	USD$ 10,000.00	USD$ 10,000.00
Total	**USD$ 10,000.00**	**USD$ 10,000.00**

Budget Narrative
Our request is comprised of three categories to bring the Laramie County CERT team back into full operational capacity. We are requesting ten handheld GPS units for volunteers to use in a variety of situations such as hazardous weather, search and rescue and basic operations in the rural community ($2,500). We are requesting

money for community outreach items make everyday citizens aware of emergency response operations within Laramie County and the assets we have to help keep our community safe ($1,000). Finally, we are requesting funds to update and replace items in our CERT packets to include expired medical supplies ($6,500). Much of what we are purchasing will replace outdated supplies such as gauze, bandages, splints etc... We also have a need to replace non-sparking tools and equipment such as hardhats. All purchases will follow the Laramie County Procurement Policy and will be stored and properly maintained by the County. By investing in our CERT volunteers, we will be addressing the following gaps identified in the THIRA to include operational coordination, situational assessments, logistics, mobilizing resources and providing community outreach management. Through these avenues, Laramie County will be able to better build and sustain community resilience.

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Documents Requested *	Required?	Attached Documents *
		AEL's

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