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**Friday, July 8, 2022**



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## The Grid

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### July 12, 2022 Councilmembers Absent:

Work Session Meeting Agenda Items	Recommendation	Begin Time	Allotted Time
Recommendations = Information Only, Move Forward for Approval, Direction Requested			
Meeting Follow-up		4:30	5 min
FWC Study Spectra and Visit Casper	Direction Requested	4:35	20 min
One Cent Follow Up Discussion	Move Forward for Approval	4:55	90 min
Agenda Review		6:25	10 min
Legislative Review		6:35	10 min
Council Around the Table		6:45	20 min
Approximate Ending Time:			7:05

### July 19, 2022 Councilmembers Absent: Cathey

Regular Council Meeting Agenda Items	Est. Public Hearing	Public Hearing	Ordinances	Resolutions	Minute Action
Pre-Meeting: Cemetary Rules and Regs					
Pre-Meeting: Casper Mountain Road Speed					
Approval of 7/5 Minutes					C
Approval of 7/5 Executive Session Minutes					C
Public Hearing: Restaurant Liquor License No. 47 for Steamboat Deli		N			
Public Hearing: Amending Ordinance No. 35-12 an Ordinance Granting a Franchise to WERCS Communications, Inc., D.B.A. Mountain West Telephone, for the Construction and Operation of a Telecommunications Service System		N			
Public Hearing: Ordinance Correcting a Scrivener's Error in the Legal Description of Trails West Estates No. 6 Subdivision		N			
Third Reading - Eagle Valley Addition No. 2			N		
River Grant				C	
A Resolution Authorizing a Contract Between the City of Casper and Lexipol, LLC for the City of Casper Use of the Cordico Fire Fighter Wellness App Platform.				C	
Approving the Vacation and Replat of Lot 1D, Centennial Hills Village Business Park No. 3, to Create Centennial Hills Village Business Park No. 4, and the Associated Subdivision Agreement.				C	
A Resolution Authorizing a Lease Between the City of Casper and WYO Complex for the use of land.				C	
A resolution authorizing a Professional Services Contract for transit services with Natrona County for Fiscal Year 2023.				C	
A resolution authorizing a Professional Services Contract for transit services with the Town of Evansville, a Wyoming municipality, for Fiscal Year 2023.				C	
A resolution authorizing a Professional Services Contract for transit services with the Town of Bar Nunn, a Wyoming municipality, for Fiscal Year 2023.				C	
Establishing a 50% Cost Recovery Goal for Highland Cemetery and Approve Rate Changes that Aim to Achieve this Cost Recovery Goal.				C	

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### July 26, 2022 Councilmembers Absent:

Work Session Meeting Agenda Items	Recommendation	Begin Time	Allotted Time
Recommendations = Information Only, Move Forward for Approval, Direction Requested			
Meeting Follow-up		4:30	5 min
One Cent	Move Forward for Approval	4:35	90 min
Ice Arena Expansion Update ( Tentative)	Direction Requested	6:05	60 min
North Platte River Park No. 2 Subdivision	Direction Requested	4:55	20 min
Agenda Review		6:35	20 min
Legislative Review		6:55	20 min
Council Around the Table		7:15	20 min
Approximate Ending Time:			7:35

### August 2, 2022 Councilmembers Absent:

Regular Council Meeting Agenda Items	Est. Public Hearing	Public Hearing	Ordinances	Resolutions	Minute Action
Approval of 7/19 Minutes					C
2nd Reading: Amending Ordinance No. 35-12 an Ordinance Granting a Franchise to WERCS Communications, Inc., D.B.A. Mountain West Telephone, for the Construction and Operation of a Telecommunications Service System			N		
2nd Reading: Ordinance Correcting a Scrivener's Error in the Legal Description of Trails West Estates No. 6 Subdivision			N		

### August 9, 2022 Councilmembers Absent:

Work Session Meeting Agenda Items	Recommendation	Begin Time	Allotted Time
Recommendations = Information Only, Move Forward for Approval, Direction Requested			
Meeting Follow-up		4:30	5 min
FY23 Budget Amendment #1	Move Forward for Approval	4:35	20 min
Agenda Review			20 min
Legislative Review			20 min
Council Around the Table			20 min
Approximate Ending Time:			7:35

## Future Agenda Items

### Council Items:

Item	Date	Estimated Time	Notes
Formation of Additional Advisory Committees			
Excessive Vehicle Storage in Yards			
Graffiti Abatement & Alternatives			
Safe Place Program Implementation & Resolution			
Non-discrimination Ordinance			
Code Enforcement - Municipal Code?			
Handymen and Home Inspectors			
Lifejacket Update			Summer
Drug Court Update			August 23 or later
One-Way to Two-Way Conversion Follow-up			End of Summer
Incarceration Budget			
Class and Compensation Study Follow-up			
Windhenge Follow-up			
Bird Scooters Update			August
SRO Program and Contract			
Parking Garage Lease			Summer 2024

### Staff Items:

Unsafe Structure Ordinance Follow-up			
City Inspectors Authority/Oversight of Licensed Contractors			
Shipping Container Ordinance Update			Summer
Recreation Refunds			
Sign Code Revision			
Council Goals Status Update			
Demolition Safety Barriers			
Sponsorships and Naming Rights			
Police Alarms			
Speed Limit Ordinance Review			

### Potential Topics-- Council Thumbs to be Added:

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### Future Regular Council Meeting Items:

Authorizing the Appointment of One New Member, Kate Maxwell, to Fill an Open Position and the Reappointment of an Existing Member, Errol Miller, to the Central Wyoming Senior Services Board.			
Resolution on Service Fees Police Response to Alarms			
FY23 Budget Amendment #1	August 16		
Changes to the City of Casper Municipal Ordinances, Chapter 8.08, Private Intrusion Alarms.			

### Retreat Items:

Economic Development and City Building Strategy
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**CITY OF CASPER-NATRONA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**  
**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**

~~THURSDAY, JULY 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2022~~ **RESCHEDULED FOR JULY 7TH, 2022**

Virtual by Zoom or in person in the North Platte Conference Room

**ZOOM LINK:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87445988049>

**Phone: 1 253 215 8782 Passcode: 87445988049**

**5:30 PM**

- I. AGENDA/MINUTES**
  - a. **Previous Meeting Minutes/Notes**
    - i. June meeting minutes\*
  
- II. BUDGET/FINANCIAL**
  - a. **FINANCIALS**
    - i. May Financials\*
    - ii. June Financials-tabled until August meeting\*
  
- III. BOARD**
  - a. **Next Meeting Date**
    - i. **Proposed Meeting Date AUGUST 18TH, 2022\***
  
- IV. HEALTH OFFICER**
  - i. Health Officer Report
  
- V. DIVISION REPORTS**
  - a. **ADMINISTRATION-Anna**
    - i. **COVID-19 UPDATE**
    - ii. **General Administration**
      - 1. Reporting grid-updated, please review
      - 2. Strategic Planning for Board-MAPP Update
      - 3. Building update
      - 4. MOU with Community Action Partnership
  - b. **COMMUNICABLE DISEASE-Emma**
    - i. Expedition

- ii. WyAETC
- iii. HIV Case Management

**c. COMMUNITY PREVENTION-Hailey**

- i. Community Prevention
  - 1. State Prevention Contract
- ii. WCRS
- iii. WYCC

**d. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH-Ruth**

**e. NURSING PROGRAMS**

- i. DISEASE PREVENTION CLINIC-Kendall
- ii. ADULT HEALTH PROGRAM-Mary Ann
- iii. MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH PROGRAM- Tonya

**f. PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS- Tammy**

- i. Preparedness
  - 1. Ratification of Base Contract

**g. City/County Liaison**

**h. Board Member Reports**

**i. Adjourn**



July 8, 2022

City of Casper  
Renée Jordan-Smith, Executive Assistant  
City Manager's Office  
200 N. David  
Casper, WY 82601

Re: Children's Advocacy Project FY22 Quarter 1 Report

Please find included the final FY22 invoice for forensic interview services provided January 1-June 30, 2022. Total salary expenses for the forensic interviewers, therapist, and victim advocate during this time period was \$66,044.31.

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Thank you!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stacy Nelson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Stacy Nelson, Executive Director



## FY 2022 One Cent Funding Biannual Report

Please file this form biannually. Failure to complete and send in this form could result in a denial of payment for any current or future funding.

Organization: <u>Children's Advocacy Project</u>	Program: <u>Forensic Interview Services</u>	
Contact Person: <u>Stacy M. Nelson</u>	Phone Number: <u>307-232-0159</u> Date: <u>July 8, 2022</u>	
Email Address: <u><a href="mailto:stacy@childrensadvocacyproject.org">stacy@childrensadvocacyproject.org</a></u>		
Please Select One:	1 <sup>st</sup> Reporting Period <u>   </u> July 1 – December 31 Due on January 10	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reporting Period <u>  X  </u> January 1 – June 30 Due on July 10

### 1. Mission

Please state the agency's mission/vision.

- The Children's Advocacy Project is a team of committed agencies and individuals who work together to provide coordinated forensic and comprehensive services for alleged victims of child abuse and neglect in order to minimize trauma to children, to break the cycle of abuse and to foster a more effective community response to child maltreatment.

### 2. Financial Information

Please attach a one (1) page summary of the revenue and expenses for this program. Please include the amount you were allocated from One Cent funding.

The City of Casper allocated general funds for FY22 in the following amount:

- \$34,583.25

### 3. Program significance

- a. Using bullets describe the individuals who are the focus of your work and are influenced by your activities.
  - Children up to 18 years of age who are victims of physical, sexual and/or emotional abuse.
  - Non-offending family members of abuse victims
  - Child witnesses of abuse/violence
  - Drug Endangered Children
  - Vulnerable adults over the age of 18
- b. What impact did the program have on the specified target population and community?
  - CAP forensic interviews provide the opportunity for children to feel empowered to tell their story in a safe, child friendly environment with forensic



interviewers who are trained to facilitate the process at a developmentally appropriate level for the child.

- The CAP forensic interview process results in the child telling their story one time, which minimizes trauma to the child.
  - The forensic interviews conducted by CAP assisted law enforcement and the Department of Family Services from Casper and other counties within the state to further the investigations of alleged abuse situations involving children.
  - CAP assisted victims and non-offending family members by providing counseling and referral for needed services within the community.
- c. Have there been significant trends over the past months regarding your target population?

## 4. Results

- a. Please describe the outcomes/outputs.

### OUTPUTS:

#### Forensic Interviews:

- CAP facilitated forensic interviews for 100% of the cases referred to CAP. This resulted in CAP facilitating 130 forensic interviews from January 1, 2022-June 30, 2022, 79 of which were for children in Natrona County.
  - Breakdown of allegations:
    - Sexual Abuse: 94
    - Physical Abuse: 13
    - Neglect: 1
    - Witness to Abuse/Violence 13
    - Drug Endangered 3
    - Child Pornography 3
    - Child Sex Trafficking 2
    - Abduction 1
- # Therapeutic Counseling Sessions Provided:
  - 105
- CAP employs a trained Stewards of Children facilitator, which is a training focusing on recognizing and reporting child abuse. This training has continued with sessions scheduled throughout 2022.

### OUTCOMES:

- CAP provided forensic interviews to children who may have been witness to violence or who were alleged to be victims of physical and/or sexual abuse.
- CAP therapists provided individual therapy to children who have experienced trauma and provided counseling and/or referral to non-offending families members in an effort to help them deal with the trauma they may have experienced.
- Regardless of a criminal case status, the family can receive support through the Department of Family Services by working with the assigned caseworker.

This level of support often results in families creating safer environments for their children.

- b. Please describe the method of measurement.  
CAP maintains statistical data regarding each case to include:
- number of forensic interviews held
  - demographic information of victim including age, gender, race
  - demographic information of suspect including age, gender, relationship to the victim
  - Law Enforcement agency and county leading investigation
  - DFS worker assigned to the case
  - Information is also maintained regarding the status of the case. This information is updated, compiled and maintained to provide monthly and annual data.
- c. Please describe the performance results.
- CAP provided forensic interviews to 100% of the referred child victims and witnesses of abuse for children living in Natrona County and other surrounding counties.
  - CAP conducted follow-up to 100% of the families receiving forensic interview services following the interview. This practice allows the family to ask questions, discuss current needs, receive referral information for counseling and other support services. At minimum, the victim advocate contacts each family four times in the six months following the interview.
  - Forensic interviews often resulted in substantiating the initial report, providing enough information to formally charge the suspect or providing additional information to reinforce law enforcement's continued investigation. Occasionally, the interviews have resulted in additional suspects being identified as well.
  - Although there are many times there are no criminal charges filed, there are occasions when families agree to participate in a case plan with the Department of Family Services, which can improve safety for the child.
  - It should be noted the success of CAP and the forensic interview cannot be gauged on the status of criminal charges being filed. The most important aspect of the interview is to minimize the trauma for the child during the investigation process.

## **5. Program Results/Impacts (use bullets)**

- a. Explain how much (quantity) service the program delivered
- CAP responded to 100% of referrals, providing a total of 130 forensic interviews January 1-June 30, 2022.
  - CAP provided a total of 105 individual therapy sessions to children and non-offending family members at no cost to the family.

- b. How well (quality) the services were delivered. For example, describe how individuals were better because of the service the program delivered.
- CAP provided forensic interviews to alleged child victims and witnesses of abuse for children living in Natrona County and other surrounding counties in an effort to minimize the trauma. Because this process reduces the number of times a child has to tell their story, the trauma associated with telling their story is reduced significantly.
  - These interviews often resulted in substantiating the initial report, providing enough information to formally charge the suspect or providing additional information to reinforce law enforcement's continued investigation. Occasionally, the interviews have resulted in additional suspects being identified as well.
  - Therapeutic services assist the clients and families with learning how to handle the trauma they have faced.
  - Providing a child the opportunity to feel empowered and safe to tell their story lessens the trauma associated with abuse.
- c. What does your analysis of the past year's data tell you about what is happening to the impacted target population?
- Data indicates child physical and sexual abuse and domestic violence is not decreasing. Law enforcement has increased requests to CAP to conduct interviews, which is an indication that CAP services are vital to our community.

## 6. Results Analysis

- a. How could the program have worked better?
- Counseling services provided reflected a decrease from the same previous reports. Although CAP had hired a therapist who began seeing clients at the end of 2021, this person resigned in January 2022 and the position has not yet been filled. Therefore, CAP has had only one part time therapist employed for six months.
- b. How will you address this?
- CAP has had the open position listed on various employment sites since January. Due to the limited number of qualified applicants, the CAP director and Board addressed this issue by increasing the starting salary for a therapist as CAP was not competitive with local agencies with similar positions. CAP hopes the new range of pay will attract qualified applicants.

## 7. Population Served

In order to gauge the impact that your program has had on the community, it is important that we know how many people use your program. Please describe the method used to determine the number of individuals served with this funding.

- CAP conducted forensic interviews for 100% of the cases referred. Of the 130 children alleged to be victims of abuse, 79 were children from Natrona County. These cases are tracked internally and shared only with member of the multi-disciplinary investigative team. Specific tracking information is detailed in under number 4b.

DATE: JULY 6, 2022  
TO: CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION  
FROM: HEIDI ROOD, HUMAN RESOURCES TECHNICIAN  
SUBJECT: CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING

**CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 2022**

1:00 P.M.

City Hall – Downstairs Meeting Room  
200 N. David St.

**AGENDA**

1. Approval of June 1, 2022, Meeting Minutes
2. Civil Service Rule Changes
3. Notice of Intent – Civil Service Rule Changes
4. Other Business
5. Set Next Meeting Date(s)

August 3<sup>rd</sup> – Certify Entry-Level Police List

September 7<sup>th</sup> – Civil Service Rules and Regulations



## FY 2020 General Agency Funding Biannual Report

Please file this form biannually. Failure to complete and send in this form could result in a denial of payment for any current or future funding.

Organization: <u>Youth Crisis Center, Inc.</u> Program: <u>Crisis Shelter and Group Home Programs</u>		
Contact Person: <u>David Hulshizer</u>	Phone Number: <u>307-577-5718</u>	Date: <u>07/1/2022</u>
Email address: <u>dhulshizer@casperycc.org</u>		
Please Select One:	1 <sup>st</sup> Reporting Period July 1 – December 31 Due on January 10	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reporting Period <u>X</u> January 1 – June 30 Due on July 10

### 1. Mission

Please state the agency's mission/vision.

To provide emergency shelter, crisis intervention, and group home services to youth and their families.

### 2. Financial Information

Please attach a one (1) page summary of the revenue and expenses for this program. Please include the amount you were allocated from One Cent funding.

\*As an agency, we were fortunate to have been able to participate in the Payment Protection Program due to having to cancel our fundraiser last fiscal year and increase wages to assist us during the first 8 months of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Though the loan was received last fiscal year, the loan was forgiven this fiscal year, which is why we show an increased income than we would normally have this year. This makes up for the losses of the previous and upcoming fiscal years.

### 3. Program Significance

a. Using bullets describe the individuals who are the focus of your work and are influenced by your activities.

- Crisis Shelter
  - Parents, foster parents, grandparents, and other guardians
  - Youth and children who are:
    - 0-17 years of age
    - Homeless or have nowhere else to go
    - Suffering from abuse/neglect
    - Struggling with behavior issues
    - Dealing with family conflict
    - Awaiting other placement (jail, psychiatric treatment, etc.)
    - Suspended from school
- Group Home
  - Parents, foster parents, grandparents, and other guardians
  - Youth and children who are:
    - 12-17 years of age
    - Court ordered/appointed
    - In need of structure and support

b. What impact did the program have on the specified target population and community?

- Crisis Shelter
    - Our crisis shelter provides safety, protection, support, food/shelter, family support, crisis planning to youth in crisis due to:
      - Abuse/Neglect
      - Family Conflict
      - Behavior Challenges
      - Homelessness
      - Placement difficulties/Nowhere else to go
      - Probation and other legal support/as an alternative to juvenile detention
    - Offering this care gives families a safe place for their children when they cannot be safe at home
    - Additionally, this service provides support to many youth who have nowhere else to go, who have been abused/neglected/abandoned, and who need additional support to help them be successful
  - Group Home
    - Our group home program provides services to youth and their families after youth have been court ordered out of their home. The group home program works with the youth and family to provide stability, structure, education, support, counseling services, and other unique services that assist the youth to successfully reunify with their family or to transition to independent living.
    - The YCC Group Home
      - prevents out of community placement (out of community placement can be difficult for most families due to a lack of access to support services when the youth returns home)
      - keeps kids from being placed into a higher level of care, such as juvenile detention, boys or girls school, and residential or psychiatric treatment (serving youth at the group home level can prevent future need for higher level care which is more expensive, often out of our community, and provides less support for the family)
      - serves as a step-down program when youth are reentering the community after they have been placed in a higher level of care; which supports the family and youth to achieve success
- c. Have there been significant trends over the past months regarding your target population?
- Crisis Shelter
    - The past 6 months we have seen an increase in mental health concerns for youth. The level of need continues to increase. Youth are struggling to balance home, school, social, and other life expectations; we are seeing more youth struggling with substance abuse, extreme negative/unhealthy behaviors, history of trauma, and higher level of challenging behaviors that can often become unmanageable in the home.
    - We are seeing a increasing number of youth that are being court ordered to the Youth Crisis Center. This has been resulting in much longer stays for these youth. We are unable to accommodate them into our Group home program due to a lack of funding.
    - We are seeing more teens placed with us in lieu of being placed at JDC.
    - Our crisis shelter has been consistently full with 10 kids and often times we have had to ask for a variance from DFS to house up to 12 at-risk youth.
  - Group Home
    - Over the past 6 months we have seen an increase in Juvenile Delinquency. Including the level and number of court violations youth have. Many youth we are working with have had upwards of 5-7 violations at varying levels of severity.
    - In the past 6 months we continue seen a decline in youth placed for Child In Need of Supervision or Child Protection and an increase in placement due to Delinquency\*.

\*This trend seems to fit with juveniles in the County at this time. YCC staff serve on several community juvenile serving boards and many juvenile serving agencies are reporting the same.

## 4. Results

a. Please describe the outcomes/outputs.

- Crisis Shelter
  - 98% of families report satisfaction with services
  - 73% of families received referrals to other community supports
  - 89% of youth successfully transitioned home (to foster home or family home)
- Group Home
  - 100% of group home residents participate in weekly life skills groups which focus on career and skill building, healthy relationships and boundaries, and nutrition and cooking
  - 100% of group home residents' case plans had specific educational goals which are supported by the center staff
  - 70% of group home residents returned home, or to a lower level of care

b. Please describe the method of measurement.

All tracking is done through intake process, case manager reporting, grade and attendance tracking, depart surveys and processes, and monthly tracking attendance for meals, case plans, and groups.

c. Please describe the performance results.

- Crisis Shelter
  - The highest priority for the YCC crisis shelter is to be available to provide a safe place for any youth who needs it. By having a high satisfaction rate, we know parents and youth are more likely to utilize this service again when youth need safety. Additionally, this means that through our crisis shelter services we are meeting the needs of the youth and families we are serving
  - It is also important for our crisis shelter to provide support to youth and their families; we seek to identify the needs of the youth and their family, so we are better able to support a successful reunification. After identifying the needs of the family and youth we provide referrals and other access to community resources that can support the youth and their families. This assists us to help youth to return home safely and successfully
- Group Home
  - It is imperative for youth in our group home to learn many of the most basic living, educational, and relationship skills. The priority of the group home is to provide stability, support, and training that helps youth and their families be successful in their future living. Every youth in our group home program must attend weekly life skills group or work on other life skills, for example: some youth may be participating in outpatient substance abuse treatment, working their own job, or working with another program to build their life skills. These skills are essential to success as youth transition home. Youth are also required to set educational goals. Research shows that youth who are in school, with passing grades, are less likely to engage in criminal or other unhealthy activities
  - Another priority of the group home program is to assist youth to be successful in returning home to their families. This past fiscal year, 6 of 7 youth who have departed from the group home program have returned to their home or a lower level of care. This is significant as most of the youth and families we work have had dysfunctional behavior patterns that result in the youth being placed out home. Successfully returning home means the families and the youth have worked to establish healthy boundaries, improve relationships, build structure in their home, and work other case plan goals that assist them in having a successful family unit.

## 5. Program Results/Impacts (use bullets)

- a. Explain how much (quantity) service the program delivered.
- Crisis Shelter December 31, 2021 – July 1, 2022
    - 194 youth served
      - 29 – 8-12 years of age
      - 165 – 13-17 years of age
      - 97 Male
      - 97 Female
      - 10 report homelessness
      - Average age 14.33
    - 1194 nights of service
      - Average length of stay 7.87 days
      - 3338 meals served
      - 196 hours of support group provided
      - 555 family & individual support/crisis meetings
      - 22 safety plans developed
      - 618 hours of homework help provided
  - Group Home December 31, 2021 – July 1, 2022
    - 12 youth served
      - 6 Male
      - 6 Female
      - 0 – 8-12 years of age
      - 12 -13-17 years of age
      - Average age 15
    - 1,303 nights of service
      - Average length of stay 146 days
      - 2179 meals
      - 56 hours of group counseling
      - 256 hours of High-Fidelity Wraparound service provided
      - 305 hours of homework help
      - 8 safety plans developed
      - \$459.25 saved by departing youth (from chore/personal finance program)
- b. How well (quality) the services were delivered. For example, describe how individuals were better because of the service the program delivered.
- Crisis Shelter
    - We asked: “What services provided by YCC did you find most helpful?” Here are a few responses:
      - “Family Meetings”
      - “Case Management, Amanda was great”
      - “Safe place”
      - “Very informative and supportive. I was getting a child from YCC as a foster and they have been helpful with any questions I had.
      - “The program and things explained, options available, etc. ... were very helpful. We are leaving with hope and excited to have resources available to help us. Thank you.”
  - Group Home
    - Reported improvements from youth
      - Set goals and achieved them
      - Helped to return home
      - Gained credits for school
      - Learned to handle anger
- c. What does your analysis of the past year’s data tell you about what is happening to the impacted target population?
- Though most of what we see when working with youth are the challenges, disruptions, and negative impacts of trauma, substance abuse/use, and mental health. We also get the opportunity to work with youth who are resilient, hardworking, determined, and more



than capable to be successful. Our data over the past year tells us that Youth in our community are facing even more challenges than ever before. The social isolation, economic challenges of COVID-19, economic challenges of Wyoming's current economy, substance abuse, mental health, and family disfunction is a pandemic for the youth in our community. Those shows us that Crisis Shelter and Group Home services we provide are essential for our Community; without these services youth and families would not have the support they need to obtain safety, access resources, and find success.

- As State, Federal, and Local funding is cut we continue to receive decreases in the amount of financial support we receive. This reduction in funding impacts the level of services, the amount of service, and the programs we are able to provide to youth and families in a time when our services are more important than ever. This is of extreme concern as we continue into the new year; and we worry about the loss of supportive resources for youth and families throughout our community.

## 6. Results Analysis

- a. How could the program have worked better?
  - Due to the increase of needs for youth and families, over the next 6 months we are working to improve our case management services for both group home and crisis shelter services and by providing therapy and counseling to the at-risk youth.
- b. How will you address this?
  - Crisis Shelter
    - Hired additional a case manager:
      - During our busiest months we may intake 75-80 youth. In the past we have had one case manager who was attempting to provide services to all those in our crisis shelter. With that number of youth, and the ever-increasing-need, one case manager could not provide the level of care necessary. By hiring an additional case manager, we have increased our capacity to provide quality care and services.
    - Providing clinical therapy and counseling
      - We have identified that both mental health and substance abuse issues are growing in the youth population that are staying with us here at YCC. As a result, we felt it would be beneficial to restructure and hire a full-time counselor that provides both individual and group therapy. Her focus is trauma and substance abuse issues. Our therapist also conducts group therapy, family therapy and emergency sessions for ne at-risk youth that are in need of immediate help.
  - Group Home
    - Continue to build wraparound program:
      - Our High-Fidelity Wraparound Program providers continue to receive training and support to increase their skill sets. Additionally, we are currently in the process of adding an additional wraparound provider so we can continue to increase the level and number of services we can provide.

## 7. Population Served

In order to gauge the impact that your program has had on the community, it is important that we know how many people use your program. Please describe the method used to determine the number of individuals served with this funding.

- All individuals served by the Youth Crisis Center, Inc. complete an intake packet and consent for services.

1631 Blue Spruce Dr.

Casper, WY 82609

June 28, 202

Members of the 1% Committee and the Casper City Council

200 North David

Casper, WY 82601

Dear 1% Committee and City Council Members,

I am writing on behalf of the officers of the Natrona County Historical Society to express our support of Fort Caspar Museum Association's application for 1% funding to begin their Capital Campaign this summer for a badly needed addition. This expansion would focus on the history of Casper from the early beginnings until 1970. It would also include a gallery reconstruction of the Tripeny Drug Store and contain the drug store's collection.

We feel that this addition would be a worthy contribution to preserving Casper's history and benefit the educational options for the area as well. Thousands of students visit the museum annually.

In addition, the tourism industry benefits from the many visitors Casper's historic downtown and Fort Caspar Museum attract. Visitors from almost every state and many foreign countries are recorded in the Museum's registry every year.

Thank you for your consideration. We eagerly await your response.

Sincerely,

  
Robin Broumley, President

Natrona County Historical Society

**From:** Amanda McAlaster <Amanda.Mcalaster@walmart.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 4, 2022 1:24 PM  
**Cc:** Lori Hardman - l0h023o.s01617 <l0h023o.s01617.us@wal-mart.com>  
**Subject:** Walmart Store 1617 - Grand Re-Opening - July 29th

We would like to cordially invite you to the Grand Re-Opening ceremony for Walmart Store 1617 on Friday July 29<sup>th</sup> at 8AM.



**Amanda McAlaster** | Market Coordinator  
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**Self Help Center (Jen Dyer, Executive Director 307-235-2814  
jdyer@shccasper.com) Total amount last round: \$220,556.00**

**What is our partnership with the community and City of Casper:**

We provide the only 30 day emergency safe house for those in immediate danger for the county of Natrona. Our safe house is utilized by our walk in clients in addition to CPD victim advocates when they are on scene to a Domestic Violence or Sexual Assault call. The City and CPD do not have the capacity to offer this service. In addition, to our safe house we offer a 24/7 crisis hotline, advocacy and support to include: protection orders, counseling, substance use treatment, education programs, financial empowerment classes, and rapid re-housing (the #1 cause for homeless women and children is violence in the home). We also offer youth programs in the schools and during the summer. All of these programs work to reduce the cycle of violence and crime in our community.

**How many do we reach:**

- We serve over 600 walk-in clients per year that are experiencing violence and provide our essential advocacy and support services to every single person
- We serve over 3000 youth in schools with over 200 experiencing violence in the home,
- We receive over 4000 crisis hotline calls per year (up from 2500 pre-covid).
- We served 132 women and children in our safe house last year.

**The impact of losing the funds:**

We utilize the funds for our office space and the programs offered within. In addition, we utilize the funds to partner with the school district to offer presentations within all schools and support groups at all the secondary schools in Natrona. Without these funds programming with the school district would be greatly impacted. In addition, we would have to reduce operations to offset funds for building support. Finally, community partnerships to include CPD, Natrona School District #1, and many others would be greatly impacted financially.

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**Seton House, Carrie Reece**

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**What is our partnership with the community and City of Casper:**

We support single-parent families who are homeless or facing homelessness.

**How many do we reach:**

22 families including 37 kids as of today. 56 families this past year.

**The impact of losing the funds:** We have received roughly \$30,000 for the past 3 for building repairs and maintenance. These buildings are old, and we desperately need

support to maintain them. Families come to Seton House from treatment centers, incarceration, and also a myriad of other situations including family violence, abuse, neglect, mental health challenges and other very sad experiences. Without enough funding we cannot serve these vulnerable families. These are our neighbors, and many of them are draining the system with their needs. Our mission is to help these families achieve self-sufficiency, to find and maintain employment and to contribute to the community rather than continue to utilize services.

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**Youth Crisis Center: - (David Hulshizer, Executive Director 307-577-5718  
dhulshizer@casperycc.org) Total amount last 1 cent Grant Allocation Cycle:  
\$280,000.00**

**What is our partnership with the community and City of Casper:**

We partner with law enforcement and DFS and community parents to offer a safe place for youth ages 0-17 a safe place to say to find help with abuse, negelect, homelessness, sexual abuse. We offer services such as group home, mental health treatment, substance abuse treatment, family therapy, life skills training and a robust food program to help feed kids in need.

**How many do we reach:**

In four years YCC will serve over 1800 youth and over 200 families over the course of the next four years. We offer emergency crisis sheltering, food assistance, educational assistance and both mental health and substance abuse assistance to At-Risk youth in our community. Many at-risk youth will have no place to go without the continued support of our partners including the City of Casper. Services such as mental health therapy, life skills, group therapy and family therapy would also be impacted as well as Case Management services. The Youth Crisis Center is the only emergency youth shelter in central Wyoming and Natrona County. We also are the largest and busiest at-risk youth shelter in all of Wyoming.

**The impact of losing the funds:**

We have received roughly \$280,000 for the past 4 years. Losing support provided by the City of Casper would result in a 20% reduction in staffing, as required by state licensing, to operate at our current capacity. This would involve a reduction of 4 Crisis Shelter beds due to the state requirement of 1 Youth Care Worker to 6 Youth. The impact would severely reduce our ability to house at-risk youth in need of our care and emergency sheltering. The Casper Police Department would have to find alternative emergency sheltering for at-risk youth if our numbers in the crisis shelter exceed 6 youth as we would not have the capacity to house youth over the licensing requirements. Currently, our average for at-risk youth in the crisis shelter has been 8 to 10 kids. We currently have room for up to 12 kids in the crisis shelter with a variance approved by the Department of Family Services. As part of our services we would also have to limit the number of court order kids accepted to our center and redirect them to the charging

agency. For charges stemming from a Casper Police Officer arrest or criminal charges, we would have to redirect their placement back to the Casper Police Department for housing in another facility.

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**The Science Zone, Keri Owen**

**What is our partnership with the community and City of Casper:**

We inspire children and families through hands-on interactive science experiences through our museum and a variety of programs.

**How many do we reach:**

~30,000 visitors annually through our interactive science museum, 200 students through our summer camp programs, 5,000 children and families through our outreach programs across the state and our community, 500 students through hands-on field trips.

**The impact of losing the funds:**

We have been awarded over \$300,000 to help us grow our museum and programs. We've been able to move into a far better location to serve the community. Losing this support would result in roughly a 1/6th loss of our annual budget.

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**Mercer Family Resource Center:** Cori Burton, [cburton@mercercasper.com](mailto:cburton@mercercasper.com), 233-4260  
[www.mercercasper.com](http://www.mercercasper.com)

**What is our partnership with the community and the City of Casper:**

Mercer FRC provides education, counseling, and prevention services that build stronger and healthier youth and families in our community. Mercer FRC provides family and parenting education, adult and youth intervention, and community connections that are proactive, impactful, and accessible to anyone in the community! Serving Natrona County since 1971, we are the lead agency for the Natrona County Prevention Coalition, Natrona County Suicide Prevention Task Force, and the Youth Empowerment Council (YEC). YEC meets weekly, holds pro-social events monthly (Community Outreach Team), and presents quarterly to their peers (Suicide Prevention Awareness Team); Other subcommittees include their Green Team and Healthy Relationships. Mercer adapts to community needs as they arise, such as providing alternative activities for youth when teen fights became a trending problem and creating relationship groups to address spikes in adolescent sexual assaults. We also keep juveniles out of the criminal justice system through alternate programming for ticketed youth.

**How many do we reach:**

Each year Mercer FRC serves approximately 3,000 individuals through parenting classes, early intervention and education, and empowerment programs for youth. We provide an average of 8,000 direct service hours to youth and families annually. We

reach another 80% of the population through substance abuse prevention and suicide awareness presentations and campaigns. YEC reaches an average of 700 new students in grades 6-12 each school year, providing roughly 2,000 direct service hours annually.

- Current grant cycle stats (July 2019 - June 2022):
  - **10,215** Community Engagement Participants
  - **7,205** Clients Receiving Direct Services
  - **2,717** YEC participants

**The impact of losing the funds:**

Mercer FRC has been awarded \$128,022 for the four-year cycle. During the last fiscal year, we served 30% more clients than prior years. Resources like the City of Casper funding reduce the burden of program costs that are passed on to clients, as well as create scholarships to reduce these costs when our regular sliding-fee becomes a barrier to services. 80% of clients this past year reported coming from low income families (a 10% increase from last year). Our anticipated deficit is growing due to budget cuts while our clients (and employees) are all feeling the burdens of inflation.

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**Interfaith of Natrona County** - Lindsey Tempest/ED [lindsey@interfaithnc.org](mailto:lindsey@interfaithnc.org)  
307-235-8043 [interfaithofnc.com](http://interfaithofnc.com)

**What is our partnership with the community and City of Casper:**

We provide emergency services to the citizens in our community living in extreme poverty. Many of our clients are experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless without intervention. We promote self-sufficiency models to prevent homelessness. In addition to providing rent/utility assistance, we are the only agency in Natrona County who provides funding for identification documents which are necessary for citizens to receive most other social services in the community.

**How many do we reach:**

21/22 Fiscal Year (July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022) - 1,287 individuals served (383 children's lives impacted and 337 disabled).

- 1,992 services provided
- 1060 case management service hours
- \$95,150 spent for rent/mortgage assistance
- \$11,600 spent for utility assistance
- \$6,400 spent for identification documents (needed for housing/employment/SNAP)

*\*\*\*these are our main areas of dollars spent but not all dollars spent...*

**The impact of losing the funds:**

We were awarded \$136,667 (\$34,166 annually) for this previous 4yr cycle, only received \$133,708.57 due to budget cuts in 2020. Losing city funds would cut our budget by approx 20%. In order to preserve funds for direct client services, Interfaith would have

to look at staffing and make a decision about decreasing the number of case managers we have.

As it is, we only have 3 part-time case managers, losing 1 due to lack of funding would put a serious strain on case numbers for our case managers.

Alternatively, if we were to cut funding from client services instead, that would equate to 62 families losing rental assistance per year which puts them at risk of becoming homeless.

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**Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Wyoming- Ashley Bright, [abright@bgccw.org](mailto:abright@bgccw.org) CEO; Cheryl Hackett, Director of Development, [chackett@bgccw.org](mailto:chackett@bgccw.org)**

We serve 7,436 youth, ages 5-18, in Casper. Our programs focus on academic success, good character & citizenship and healthy lifestyles. To help empower youth to make healthy decisions and avoid risky behavior, especially when it comes to alcohol, tobacco, drugs and suicide prevention, Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Wyoming (BGCCW) takes a multi-prong approach, utilizing programs like SMART Moves, "Be Somebody: Cowboy Ethics," and QPR for suicide prevention.

#### **Partnership with City of Casper:**

Through the years, optional one-cent funding has supported the Club's facility improvements and has helped our operations meet the growing needs of the 7,436 youth, ages 5-18, we serve on a yearly basis in Casper. At the City's request, the Club has hosted several one-cent question and answer sessions on our campus and have displayed one-cent banners at events. We have worked hand-in-hand with the City when community issues in need of a solution have arisen—such as hosting Safe Kids Days, and Teen Social at David Street Station to combat juvenile delinquency and misbehavior. The Club is there for kids when they need it most: after school, all day in the summer, and on out-of-school days. The Club promotes good character and citizenship, as well as academic success and healthy lifestyles.

In partnership with the City, we monitor activities at the skate park—which was made possible by one-cent funding—and have allowed Casper Police Officers to use our building for surveillance of the skate park. The Club's All American Center, which houses WyoTowne and the Casper Boxing Club, are in a long-term lease with the City. We have provided transportation to the citizens of Casper, and we provide a free meal to youth and their families each weekday evening. In fact, the Club served 111,075 free snacks and meals in 2021. When community needs arise, we galvanize quickly to meet the need. In fact, we recently launched a new workforce development program for teens to combat unemployment in Casper and encourage local youth to stay in the community after graduation.

**Impact of the funds:** One-cent funds provide enhancements to our programs and allow us to provide more services to more youth and families in Casper. Decreased funding would mean decreased services after-school, in summer, and on out-of-school days. This would likely result in more juvenile misbehavior and crime in the city.



With current economic inflation, and coming out of COVID, organizations are serving more individuals with less funding. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Wyoming could not provide bright futures for Casper youth without the City's continued partnership, including the option of additional support from one-cent funding. Not allowing local non-profits to apply for funding as part optional one-cent funding may result in a short-term financial savings. However, the decision would be terribly costly—both fiscally and in terms of human capital—to the City and its citizens in the long-term.

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**Central Wyoming Hospice & Transitions:** *Kilty Brown, ED*  
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*[susanb@centralwyominghospice.org](mailto:susanb@centralwyominghospice.org), 307-577-4832*  
**Total amount last round: \$150,333.33**

**What is our partnership with the community and City of Casper:**

Central Wyoming Hospice and Transitions has provided 40 years of end-of-life care to the residents of our city. The majority of our patients are cared for in their own homes. However, we operate two hospice homes, at a loss, so that patients without caregivers and resources have compassionate care in their last days. During the past few years, we've almost tripled the amount of hospice care we've provided within our community.

Additionally, Hospice provides free grief care to anyone in the community who has suffered a loss. Following COVID, we doubled the amount of grief care provided to the community. Our Transitions program offers a free support program to the homebound elderly to allow them to remain independent in their own homes. Through the We Honor Veterans program we honor veterans and provide specialized, trauma-informed care in their last days of life. Hospice does not receive any reimbursement for these extra community services.

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Hospice benefits the City of Casper in the following ways:

- On an average day, Hospice cares for over 50 patients living in the community. Our 24 hour nursing team responds to patient medical crises at the end of life, relieving pressure on the city's Emergency Services. Without Hospice services police, fire and ambulance would be responding to multiple calls daily for terminal patients.

- Central Wyoming Hospice also alleviates burdens on our community hospital and the emergency department, freeing beds for patients who are acutely ill.
- Our hospice homes serve as a safety net for our patients. By operating them, we can immediately remove patients from unsafe situations, such as elder abuse, extreme neglect, drug diversion, elderly with wandering behaviors, etc. Because of our intervention, police are rarely called, and these individuals don't enter "the system."
- Our free grief counseling acts as a first line of mental healthcare. Because we automatically connect with every family, we mitigate the effects of complicated grief and depression.
- 8% of children in Wyoming have lost a parent or sibling. Hospice's kids grief care program offers early intervention to process grief and trauma. Studies show these children are more at risk for developing psychological and behavioral health problems, including substance abuse and post traumatic stress reaction.
- During COVID, Hospice was one of the few medical institutions admitting residents with COVID. Moreover, hospice was the only place in the community where family could be together in the last hours. At the height of the pandemic, we doubled occupancy rooms in our hospice home to alleviate the pressure placed on our community hospital.
- Hospice provided approximately \$740,000 in charity care during this grant cycle. (\$240,000 in 2021)

**How many do we reach:** In 2021...

- We cared for 423 patients in the past year—or 21,949 days of care.
- We provided free supportive care to 117 elderly Transitions clients.
- 575 members of the community received free grief care.
- We served the specialized needs of 92 veterans under our care.

**The impact of losing the funds:**

Our fundraising efforts heavily skew toward a broad base of small donations. The One-Cent funding allows for repair, maintenance, and infrastructure spending that are generally not funded by grants or by donors. In fact, many funders restrict their donation to fund programs and patient care rather than capital projects. This loss of funding could necessitate diverting monies marked for patient care. For example, without the One Cent Funds during the last cycle, we would have needed to cut staffing or spending on patient care. This would have very detrimental consequences to patients and families at any time, but would have been especially devastating during a pandemic.

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**Child Development Center-Alisha Rone, [arone@cdccasper.org](mailto:arone@cdccasper.org) 235-5097**

**What is our partnership with the community and the City of Casper?**

The CDC's partnership with the City of Casper and the community has been long-standing. The CDC has been part of the One Cent funds for many years and those funds have helped to offset funding to expand the CDC facility and provide early intervention services for children birth to age five, with and without special needs. As well as outpatient services for children birth to twenty one. These services include physical therapy, speech therapy, cognitive skill development, occupational therapy, preschool, family service coordination, nutrition, audiology, and development screenings free of charge for all children and families in need. Additionally, the CDC has a partnership with the city in that, the CDC utilizes the city's transit program to get some of our children to school and therapy appointments.

**How many do we reach:**

**On an annual basis the CDC serves:**

Children with disabilities ages 0-5= **424**

Children without disabilities but are low income= **135**

Outpatient Therapy= **105**

Development Screenings= **1,100**

Audiology=**200**

**Total= 1,964 Natrona County Children**

**The Impact of Losing the Funds**

The last One Cent Cycle- the CDC has received \$54,187.50 as of 6/30/22. The funding we received expanded our therapy rooms to provide more PT, OT, and Speech therapies for children and helped to offset the costs of providing development screenings for all children in the community. Each development screening costs on average \$100 between the protocol and the staff time. Last year we delivered over 1,100 screenings to our community's children which totals over \$110,000. Early Intervention is key to a child's overall development, especially when they have been diagnosed with a disability. Obviously, without these funds it would impact the number of screenings the CDC is able to provide thus impacting little lives. We will do what we can to fill the gap, but at the same time it's the city supporting what we as a nonprofit do for the children and families we serve. The families we serve vote for the One Cent because they realize that those funds support their child receiving much needed services, that's over 1,900 constituents voting "yes" for the One Cent.

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**Big Brother Big Sisters** (Andrea D'Onofrio, Community Outreach,  
Andrea@bbbswyo.org)

### **What is our partnership with the community and City of Casper?**

Big Brothers Big Sisters is the oldest, largest, most effective mentoring program in the nation. Our traditional model involves a child being paired with an adult volunteer with a similar personality and interests to make a 'match'. Our staff maintains regular contact with the volunteer, the child, and the parent/guardian to ensure that a positive relationship develops and provide additional resources as needed. This relationship can help ignite the potential the potential that is already in that child by just knowing there is a mentor in their corner. Many of these children are in single parent/guardian homes and the addition of a mentor can help them not fall through the cracks.

Our Progressive Youth program is a restorative justice program that provides positive supervision and supportive services that are intended to reintegrate, reconnect, and reengage youth into their families, schools, and communities. These programs have a phenomenal success rate, with very few participants reoffending. This program helps keep young people out of the court system which in turn saves the taxpayers and city money and has better outcomes for the youth involved. The PY program actively seeks out and partners with community members and businesses to provide meaningful community service opportunities that help youth internalize the concept of helping others. The program provides workplace training, positive recreation, and guided small group interactions, life skills training, support services, and academic assistance.

### **How many do we reach**

We served 154 unduplicated youth in 2021. 87 in our one on one mentoring program and 67 in our juvenile justice program. We also served 448 total household members in addition to these youth.

### **The impact of losing the funds**

We received \$9,523 per quarter in this contract period. The loss of this funding would be extremely detrimental to our program and more importantly, to the youth of Casper. With the challenges facing out young people and experts sounding the alarm on increasing struggles for young people with mental health, the supportive programming offered by Big Brothers Big Sisters provides an additional protective factor to help children develop resilience and lessen the negative impacts of mental health issues for our youth and families.

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**Natrona County Library – Lisa Scroggins, Executive Director**

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(307) 262-0754 - Cell

**What is our partnership with the community and City of Casper:**

While we are a County Library, the city has historically welcomed the Library as a 1% partner recognizing that a high percentage of library patrons are City of Casper residents. While the County is legislatively obligated to provide for a county library, there is no legislation that suggests the County should be the sole source of funding.

Libraries build literate, productive and engaged communities. It is a gateway to knowledge and plays a fundamental role in our community by promoting culture, civility, and democracy. Knowing illiteracy and crime are connected, by promoting literacy the Library is reducing the crime rate. (The Department of Justice states, "*The link between academic failure and delinquency, violence, and crime is welded to reading failure. Over 70% of inmates in America's prisons cannot read above a fourth grade level.*") The Library provides assistance to the business and workforce communities, offering technology literacy, workforce assistance and job skills training as well as a wide variety of programming and other resources for individuals of all ages and economic classes.

**How many do we reach:** The library has 34,884 registered card holders which does not include temporary card holders or people who use library services that do not require a card.

**Goals for funding:** The Library plans to make a 1% request to the City in two areas: Books & Materials, and Safety & Security. We seek City 1% funding to purchase books and other materials circulated to the community. We also seek funding for contracted security so we can provide the same level of safety in the parking lot as we do inside the building. The lack of safety was a problem exasperated with the placement of the bus transfer station next to the Library. The disruptive, violent and often illegal behaviors from the transfer station and surrounding area often spill over into the library parking lot, creating an access barrier for many Casper residents.

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**The impact of losing funds:** Without this funding, the quality of the circulating collection will deteriorate quickly. Without an ongoing infusion of materials, a library's collection becomes outdated and irrelevant. It will also impact the Library's ability to combat the known safety issues in our parking lot and surrounding the library, eliminating the ability to provide residents the safe environment they expect and deserve. (We currently appreciate CPD's response to security issues; however, our goal is to prevent the issues from happening in the first place. This will not only improve safety for our patrons but will also reduce demands on an already-stretched-thin police department.)

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**Wyoming Food for Thought Project – Jamie Purcell, Executive Director**

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**What is our partnership with the community and City of Casper:**

Since our inception in 2012, we have been a collaborative force with the City of Casper. First, when we took over the management of the Downtown Casper Community Farmer's Market (at the Nic) we worked with the City to close streets weekly for that event.

In 2013, we approached the City with the idea of placing free food gardens in City parks. We worked with the City to identify a park (Dallason Park) to accomplish this goal. The idea was to create a proof of concept and show the City that the partnership could work, water would be conserved better with our watering system than what was already in place for the existing space, and that the concept could benefit the neighborhood Dallason Park is located in.

Since that project began community partnerships have evolved to include a new community based non-profit (Friends of Dallason Park) and the park has seen revitalization. This included making the park handicap accessible with a new walkway, handicap accessible beds, a new pergola, and new trees and play-pieces.

James Reeb Park is also a City Park (located at 916 Saint John) in north Casper. This park has historical significance as it was donated to the Presbytery of Wyoming who then gifted it to the City of Casper to be used for the benefit of the community. We manage that park which is primarily made up of community gardens but also has a playground.

Today our partnership with the City has expanded to include receiving one cent funds for the past 2 cycles, and also working with the City on our Good Food Hub project (they are wonderful advisors) and with the CDGB-COVID funds we applied for through the city as the sponsor.

**How many do we reach:** We reach 1,000 kids annually through our food bags (300,000 meals distributed annually), 250 children with Service-Learning, 1,000 adults with volunteer opportunities, and approximately 1,000 families with our community gardens.

**Impact of losing funds:** Funding is always appreciated and the past one cent cycle was helpful as we worked to get our Good Food Hub off the ground, as well as our Food Rescue programs where we use our commercial kitchen to create frozen meals for kids.

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**Children's Advocacy Project, Inc.**

Stacy Nelson, Executive Director, 307-232-0159

[stacy@childrensadvocacyproject.org](mailto:stacy@childrensadvocacyproject.org)

**What is our partnership with the community and City of Casper?**

CAP partners with the Casper Police Department and other local, state and federal law enforcement and DFS investigators by responding to requests to conduct forensic interviews of children who are alleged to be victims of sexual abuse, physical abuse, severe neglect, maltreatment, abduction, drug endangerment and children who may have witnessed violence such as homicide and domestic violence. CAP also conducts forensic interviews of vulnerable adult victims of abuse. The forensic interview process at our advocacy center is designed provide a coordinated community approach to child abuse and minimize trauma to the children experiences the abuse. In addition to forensic interviews, CAP provides victim advocacy and trauma based therapy services such as EMDR and other post traumatic stress therapy modalities for child victims and their families.

CAP is available 24/7, 365 days/year if situations arise requiring the forensic interviews to be conducted outside of normal working hours.

**How many do we reach?**

CAP is one of only three nationally accredited child advocacy centers in Wyoming, conducting more forensic interviews than any other center in the State. In 2021, CAP conducted 354 forensic interviews, the most ever conducted in one year since opening in 2002. Of these 354 forensic interviews, 220 were of children living in Casper.

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**The impact of losing the funds:**

CAP was awarded \$138,333 in the last four-year grant cycle ending June 30, 2023. CAP does not receive funding from the State of Wyoming and federal funding continues to decrease each year. The funding from the City of Casper and other municipal and county funding ensures CAP can retain their highly trained staff and ensures continued training requirements are met. Training for the NCAC forensic interviewing protocol is only offered out of state and requires significant time and funding to complete. It is a process that provides the best opportunity for the community of Casper to ensure best

practice, least traumatic protocols are utilized when handling child abuse investigations. A loss of funding or significant decrease would negatively impact our ability to meet the needs of the hundreds of child victims in our community.

**United Way- Nikki Hawley, Executive Director**

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**What is our partnership with the community and the City of Casper?**

United Way's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers free tax preparation for families and individuals with income of \$58,000 or less. This program promotes financial well-being. Our certified volunteers prepare income tax returns for qualifying families and individuals. Our work ensures that tax returns are accurate, and everyone receives their full refund and avoids unclaimed tax credits, fees for tax preparation. These refunds help families pay bills, cover basic needs, and save for the future.

**Grant Total \$15,151 Last 1 Cent Cycle**

**How many do we reach:**

Total federal returns prepared 4 years: 5,665

Refunds totaled **\$7,132,972**

We had 77 volunteers.

Total volunteer hours were 5,744 hours

**Impact of losing funds:**

Families and individuals with \$58,000 or less annual income no longer will receive FREE tax preparation. Loss of **\$7,132,973** in the hands of members in our community to potentially be spent at local businesses in Natrona County.

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