

Special Joint Meeting

April 27, 2026

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

County Commission Chambers

Chair: Mark Newcomb

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I. ZOOM LINK FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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II. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

III. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. FY27 Health & Human Services Budget and Application Review (Travis Riddell & Rachel Wheeler, 120 mins)
- B. FY27 Community Development Budget and Application Review (Cal Brackin & Kat Daigle, 60 mins)

IV. ADJOURN

Please note that at any point during the meeting, the Chair or Mayor may change the order of items listed on this agenda. In order to ensure that you are present at the time your item of interest is discussed, please join the meeting at the beginning to hear any changes to the schedule or agenda.



JOINT MEETING AGENDA DOCUMENTATION

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Health

PRESENTERS: Travis Riddell, Rachael Wheeler

MEETING DATE: April 27, 2026

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2027 Health & Human Services Budget and Application Review

STATEMENT/PURPOSE: The purpose of this meeting is to evaluate community applications for Health & Human Services funding and to allocate funds for Fiscal Year 2027.

BACKGROUND/ALTERNATIVES: Teton County and the Town of Jackson have long collaborated in annual contracts for service supporting local Health and Human Services (HHS) organizations.

In 2020, both entities jointly adopted the [Teton County and Town of Jackson Health and Human Services and Resource Allocation Plan](#) (the "Allocation Plan" and [Appendices](#)) in an effort to address, "lack of a strategic funding framework hinder[ing] elected officials' ability to assess funding commitment through key service categories and limit[ing] their ability to respond to identified community priorities."

Staff believe that appropriate stewardship of taxpayer dollars includes prioritization of spending in order to maximize community benefit. The Allocation Plan provides such a framework.

This winter, staff conducted an [analysis](#) (and [appendices](#)) of County-level HHS allocation prioritization for Fiscal Years 2021-2026, finding that fund distribution has been based on historical precedent rather than on the strategic framework and community-led prioritization developed in the Allocation Plan. County human services fund allocations increased from a total of \$1,387,673 in 2021 to \$2,383,850 in 2025. This was followed by a slight decrease in fiscal year 2026 to \$2,360,965 as budgeted. Town human services fund allocations increased from a total of \$855,452 in 2021 to \$1,464,581 in 2026. The analysis proposes steps to apply the strategic funding framework of the Allocation Plan to future cycles. For FY2027, the Teton County Health Department has assumed the administration of the HHS Funding Program from the Clerk's Office and implemented several changes to the application and reporting process.

Changes this year include:

- **Revisions to the application** to more accurately categorize requests by service category, understand community members impacted, and to set the groundwork for more accurate, quantitative measurement of the impact of future funding.
- An opportunity for elected officials to review applications and **pose questions in advance of the Joint Meeting**.
- An opportunity for applicants to provide optional **Impact Videos** to personalize and describe the anticipated impact of their proposals in advance of the Joint Meeting.
- Provision of **data-driven analyses of funding requests** with which elected officials may consider various funding allocation scenarios.
- **Allocation prioritization categories were adjusted** slightly. The Priority 2 categories of "child abuse and neglect" and "domestic violence" were identified as high-priority themes based on community surveys, interviews and focus groups performed for the Health Department's [2024 Community Health Needs Assessment](#) and recategorized under Priority 1 as the single category, "**violence, abuse and neglect.**"

Housing, which is historically funded by other means, was removed. **Veteran's services** was added under Priority 3.

- **Title 25 Hospitalization** was removed from the County HHS funding budget and placed in the County Attorney's budget (\$70,000 in FY 2026).

Future Changes could include:

- Re-engagement with community partners to refine the process and for continued assessment of community needs. The Allocation Plan's prioritization scheme, which is now 5 years old, includes guidance to, "**conduct regular and rigorous community prioritization activities, including formal needs assessments, to ensure funding remains responsive to community input and context.**" This could be readily accomplished using existing County activities, such as the Health Department's regular [Community Health Assessments](#) (CHA)s and [Community Health Improvement Plans](#) (CHIP)s.
- Consider **reform to the governance structure of human services funding allocation**. The Wyoming Community Human Services Act also provides for the ability for the county to "establish a community board" for human services (W.S. §35-1-614). This entity could be appointed by the County Commission and/or Town Council, delegated to an existing volunteer board (such as the Board of Health), or delegated to an outside entity.

The latter option would be consistent with the model utilized by many communities with local United Way chapters, including the United Way of Southwest Wyoming which acts as a human services fund allocator in Fremont, Lincoln, Sweetwater, Sublette and Uinta counties. Under such a model town/county staff and Council/BCC could retain oversight responsibilities.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ALIGNMENT: The Jackson/Teton County Comprehensive Plan (2020) lists "Quality of Life" as one of its three core common values. Under this value, the plan emphasizes the need for:

- Essential Community Facilities: Supporting the infrastructure for social services.
- Diverse Social Population: Maintaining a resident workforce and vulnerable populations through support systems.

STAKEHOLDER ANALYSIS: The breadth and depth of Town and County support for HHS is considerable. The attached [heat map](#) shows coverage of target populations by applicant services. **In Fiscal Years 2021-2026 Teton County contracted for over \$11.7 million to local health and human service organizations** through the HHS Funding Program. Outside of the Funding Program but over the same period, at least an **additional \$137.5 million in county-controlled allocations went to health and human service-related priorities** as identified in the Allocation Plan, largely dominated by housing, behavioral health, transportation, education & training, and childcare.

[HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICE APPLICANTS](#)

Teton County received 23 applications for funding for FY2027. There are 17 applications from 16 organizations which were FY2026 awardees: 13 applications requested level funding and 4 requested increased funding. There are 6 applications from organizations that did not receive funding in FY2026. A yearly comparison of allocations is available [here](#). Click below to view each application.

1. [Children's Learning Center](#) (request: \$290,030)
2. [Community Entry Services](#) (request: \$220,000)
3. [Community Resource Center of Teton Valley](#) (request: \$20,000)
4. [Community Safety Network](#) (request: \$110,000)
5. [Education Foundation of Jackson Hole](#) (request: \$85,000)
6. [Family Safety Network of Teton Valley](#) (request: \$15,000)
7. [Good Samaritan Mission](#) (request: \$69,500)
8. [Hole Food Rescue](#) (request: \$25,000)
9. [Immigrant Hope – Wyoming/Idaho](#) (request: \$7,500)

10. [It Takes a Valley: Perinatal Resource Collaborative](#) (request: \$3,000)
11. [Jackson Hole Children's Museum](#) (request: \$20,000)
12. [Mental Health & Recovery Services](#) (request: \$440,000)
13. [Mental Health & Recovery Services Title 25](#) (request: \$180,000)
14. [One 22 Resource Center](#) (request: \$216,960)
15. [Senior Center of Jackson Hole](#) (request: \$215,200)
16. [Seniors West of the Tetons](#) (request: \$24,000)
17. [Silicon Couloir](#) (request: \$1,000)
18. [Teton Area Climb Wyoming](#) (request: \$10,000)
19. [Teton Literacy Center](#) (request: \$62,860)
20. [Teton Youth and Family Services](#) (request: \$651,078)
21. [The Mental Wellness Collaborative](#) (request: \$25,000)
22. [Voices Jackson Hole](#) (request: \$15,000)
23. [Wyoming Immigrant Advocacy Project](#) (request: \$37,500)

Notes: Title 25 Hospitalization (\$70,000 in FY 2026) is to be recategorized to the County Attorney's budget. No funding was requested by Civil Air Patrol, a previous recipient.

Town of Jackson received 18 applications funding for FY2027. There are 12 applications from organizations which were FY2026 awardees: 9 requested level funding and 3 requested increased funding. There are 6 applications from organizations that did not receive funding in FY2026. A yearly comparison of allocations is available [here](#). Click below to view each application.

1. [Children's Learning Center](#) (request: \$151,291)
2. [Community Entry Services](#) (request: \$180,000)
3. [Community Safety Network](#) (request: \$87,500)
4. [Education Foundation of Jackson Hole](#) (request: \$ 85,000)
5. [Good Samaritan Mission](#) (request: \$ 69,500)
6. [Hole Food Rescue](#) (request: \$ 25,000)
7. [Immigrant Hope – Wyoming/Idaho](#) (request: \$8,000)
8. [It Takes a Valley: Perinatal Resource Collaborative](#) (request: \$ 3,000)
9. [Jackson Hole Children's Museum](#) (Request: \$30,000)
10. [Mental Health & Recovery Services](#) (request: \$ 185,000)
11. [One 22 Resource Center](#) (request: \$ 180,000)
12. [Senior Center of Jackson Hole](#) (request: \$142,020)
13. [Silicon Couloir](#) (request: \$485)
14. [Teton Area Climb Wyoming](#) (request: \$433,806)6,125)
15. [Teton Literacy Center](#) (request: \$47,145)
16. [Teton Youth and Family Services](#) (request: \$433,806)
17. [The Mental Wellness Collaborative](#) (request: \$25,000)
18. [Wyoming Immigrant Advocacy Project](#) (request: \$22,500)

Note: No TOJ funding was requested by Voices JH, a previous recipient.

FISCAL IMPACT

Teton County: Requests to the County for FY 2027 total \$2,743,628, an increase of \$237,463 (9.5%) compared to the FY2026 budget when Teton County allocated \$2,556,165 to HHS contracts for service (in both cases excluding Title 25 Hospitalization).

Town of Jackson: Requests to the town for FY 2027 total \$1,681,372, an increase of \$216,791 (15%) compared to the FY 2026 budget when TOJ allocated \$1,439,581 to HHS contracts for service (in both cases DUI/Drug Court are excluded).

FUNDING PRIORITIZATION

Revisions to this year's funding application allowed staff to apply quantitative analysis to the requested funds based on the prioritization scheme established in the Allocation Plan. These analyses are provided below as three separate scenarios, presented separately for the applicant pools to the County and to the Town:

- **Scenario 1: Full funding of all FY 2027 applicants**
 - [Teton County Scenario 1](#)
 - [Town of Jackson Scenario 1](#)
- **Scenario 2: No changes from FY 2026**
 - [Teton County Scenario 2](#)
 - [Town of Jackson Scenario 2](#)
- **Scenario 3: Application of a "light" prioritization scheme**, consisting of:
 - a. Full funding for all requests addressing Priority 1 services: Behavioral Health; Childcare; and Violence, Abuse & Neglect
 - b. No new requests funded for Priority 2 and 3 services: Crisis Services, Food Security, Income Support, Physical Health Support, Education & Training, Employment Support, Legal Issue Support, Oral/Dental Health Support, Utilities Stability, Veteran's Affairs, and "Other."
 - c. A small decrease in funding for returning applicant requests for Priority 2 and 3 Services. To achieve level funding vs. FY 2026, this required a 5% decrease in Priority 2 and 3 funding for County requests and a 7% decrease for Town requests.
 - [Teton County Scenario 3](#)
 - [Town of Jackson Scenario 3](#)

Please note, these scenarios apply only quantitative analysis to the funding requests; they DO NOT consider the quality, impact, or qualitative value of any individual request over others.

STAFF IMPACT: Teton County Staff from the Health Department have invested considerable time and energy into this project.

LEGAL REVIEW: N/A

ATTACHMENTS

1. FY2027 HHS Applications (see links in HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICE APPLICANTS above)
2. [Heat map of target population coverage of applicant services](#)
3. [Teton County FY2027 HHS Applications-Yearly Comparison](#)
4. [Teton County Scenario 1](#) (Full Funding)
5. [Teton County Scenario 2](#) (FY 2026 Funding)
6. [Teton County Scenario 3](#) (Light Prioritization)
7. [Town of Jackson FY 2027 HHS Applications-Yearly Comparison](#)
8. [Town of Jackson Scenario 1](#) (Full Funding)
9. [Town of Jackson Scenario 2](#) (FY 2026 Funding)
10. [Town of Jackson Scenario 3](#) (Light Prioritization)
11. [Teton County Health & Humans Services Funding Allocation Prioritization Analysis: 2021-2026](#) (and [Appendices](#)), February 2026
12. [Teton County and Town of Jackson Health and Human Services and Resource Allocation Plan](#) (and [Appendices](#)), adopted December 2020.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommend discussion of the 2027 Health & Humans Services budget and possible allocation scenarios for Health and Human Services contract for service.

A proposed agenda for the discussion:

1. Staff Background: HHS funding program, historical funding processes, and changes enacted this year.
2. Staff Overview: Description of this year's applicants
3. Questions from Elected Officials to Applicants (if time allows)
4. Round Table Discussion: overall HHS appropriation goals for Teton County and Town of Jackson
5. Round Table Discussion: allocation of overall appropriation among applicants. Staff recommends application of a "light" prioritization rubric as a starting point.

As in previous years, the Town and County will decide in separate meetings the actual funding allocations for each entity to include in the Fiscal Year 2027 budget.

SUGGESTED MOTION: None at this time.



JOINT MEETING AGENDA DOCUMENTATION

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Administration

PRESENTERS: Cal Brackin, & Kat Daigle

MEETING DATE: April 27, 2026

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2027 Community Development Application Review

STATEMENT/PURPOSE:

The purpose of this meeting is to evaluate applications for Community Development funding and to consider potential fund allocations for Fiscal Year 2027.

For clarity, the County refers to this category as Community Development and the Town refers to this category as Community Initiatives, but for this document it will be referred to as Community Development (CD).

BACKGROUND/ALTERNATIVES:

Teton County and the Town of Jackson have long collaborated in annual contracts for service supporting Community Development (CD) organizations. For FY2027, the Teton County Administration Department has assumed administration of the CD Funding program from the County Clerk's Office. The application process was done in tandem with the Health and Human Services funding application process led by the Teton County Health Department.

Changes this year include:

- County Legal review providing guidance on applications.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ALIGNMENT

The Jackson/Teton County Comprehensive Plan (2020) lists "Quality of Life" as one of its three core common values. Under this value, the plan emphasizes the need for:

- Essential Community Facilities: Supporting the infrastructure for social services.
- Diverse Social Population: Maintaining a resident workforce and vulnerable populations through support systems.

STAKEHOLDER ANALYSIS & INVOLVEMENT

The breadth and depth of Town and County support for CD is considerable. County community development in Fiscal Years 2021-2026 Teton County contracted over \$3,620,100 to Community Development. Town community initiatives fund allocations increased from a total of \$81,476 in 2021 to \$307,200 in 2026.

Community Development Applicants

Teton County: For FY2027, there are 14 applications from 7 organizations which were FY2026 awardees. 4 requested level funding, 1 requested decreased funding, and 2 requested increased funding. There are 7 applications from organizations that did not receive funding in FY2026.

A yearly comparison of allocations is available (click [here](#)).

Click each to view applications:

1. [Arts for All](#) (\$41,160)

2. [Central Wyoming College](#) (\$580,993)
3. [Teton County Historic Preservation Board](#) (\$50,000)
4. [JH Air](#) (\$30,000)
5. *[Jackson Hole Historical Society and Museum](#) (\$106,150) (*\$170,000 funded by Lodging Tax)
6. [JH Public Art](#) (\$15,000)
7. [Jackson Hole Community Housing Trust](#) (\$50,000)
8. [Leadership JH](#) (\$9,500)
9. [Legacy Works Group](#) (\$7,500)
10. [PAWS](#) (\$30,000)
11. [Teton Trust for Historic Places](#) (\$30,000)
12. [Yellowstone-Teton Clean Cities](#) (\$4,000)
13. *[Energy Conservation Works](#) (request: \$37,100) (*Funded by County, not by Community Development)
14. *[Grand Targhee](#) (request: \$85,000) (*Funded by Lodging Tax)

Town of Jackson: For FY2027, there are 12 Community Initiative applications total. Three applicants requested level funding, five requested increased funding, two past recipients (one that was not funded last year) requested less funding than they last received, and one applicant has never been funded.

Click each to view applications:

1. [Energy Conservation Works](#) (request: \$37,100)
2. [Leadership JH](#) (\$9,500)
3. [Legacy Works Group](#) (\$7,500)
4. [Central Wyoming College](#) (\$205,000)
5. [Yellowstone-Teton Clean Cities](#) (\$4,000)
6. [Teton County Historic Preservation Board](#) (\$53,700)
7. [Jackson Hole Historical Society and Museum](#) (\$30,000)
8. [JH Air](#) (\$15,000)
9. [Teton Trust for Historic Places](#) (\$30,000)
10. [JH Public Art](#) (\$15,000)
11. [Arts for All](#) (\$10,290)
12. *[Jackson Hole Community Housing Trust](#) (\$50,000) (*tracked in housing fund)

A yearly comparison of allocations is available (click [here](#)).

FISCAL IMPACT

Teton County: Requests to the County for FY2027 total \$954,303, an increase of \$263,153 (38%) compared to the FY2026 budget when Teton County allocated \$691,150 to CD contracts for service.

Town of Jackson: Community Initiative requests to the Town for FY27 total \$417,090, an increase of \$109,900 compared to the FY26 budget when the Town allocated \$307,200 in this category. The JH Community Housing Trust also applied for flat funding of \$50,000. That funding appears in the budget in the Housing Fund, so it is listed separately and not tallied with the rest of the requests for the Town.

STAFF IMPACT:

Teton County Staff from the Administration Department have invested considerable time and energy into this project.

LEGAL REVIEW:

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STAFF INPUT / RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend discussion of the 2027 Community Development budget and possible allocation scenarios for Community Development contracts for service.

A proposed agenda for the item:

1. Staff Background: CD funding program, historical funding processes, and changes enacted this year.
2. Questions of Staff
3. Staff Overview: Description of this year's applicants
4. Questions of Applicants (if time allows)
5. Each Board individually to discuss overall CD appropriations

As in previous years, the Town and County will decide in separate meetings the actual funding allocations for each entity to include in the Fiscal Year 2027 budget.

[ATTACHMENTS](#)

See above link

[SUGGESTED MOTION:](#)

None at this time