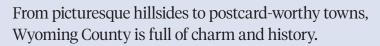


2023 Wyoming Foundation Community Connection



With the goal of improving the lives of residents, the Wyoming Foundation was created in 1976 by Dr. James MacCallum. Today, it continues to serve as a trusted partner to provide deep local knowledge and a vehicle through which individuals give to causes and organizations they care about. In addition to the work that the Wyoming Foundation does assisting generous individuals and families make a difference through their giving, each year it runs a competitive grants process where funding is distributed to support local nonprofit organizations.

In 2023, the Wyoming Foundation announced awards totaling more than \$21,000 to six Wyoming County nonprofit organizations for its 2023 grant cycle. Grants were awarded to programs in Wyoming County with a preference for requests that either increase job readiness for youth or connect residents to the County's arts and cultural gems. The awardees from the 2023 competitive grant process are listed below.

2023 Competitive Grants Cycle

Arts Council for Wyoming County \$3,360 for Wooly Wonders 3

Eagle Free Library \$2,025 for March into the Library

Perry Rotary Foundation/Perry Literacy Center \$2,000 for Perry Literacy Center

Shake on the Lake \$5,000 for Shake on the Lake 2023 Tour in Wyoming County

WNY Rural Area Health Education Center \$4,007 for Teen Mental Health First Aid

Wyoming Free Circulating Library \$4,876 for Bringing Wyoming Together!

Thank you to our clients who make this work possible!

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We appreciate your continued support!

Setting the Stage Through Strategic Planning

In June, Wyoming Foundation Council members met at the Wyoming County Agriculture and Business Center in Warsaw, with some members joining virtually, for a strategic planning session.

During the half-day workshop, consultants Tracy Sawicki and Glenda Cadwallader, who specialize in understanding rural communities, led Council members in a discussion about the

Wyoming Foundation's impact over the past decade, the current status of Wyoming County and proposed new opportunities for the Council to consider.

The new strategic plan—the first in a decade— will be approved later this year and will be rolled out in 2024. The plan will inform the work of the Wyoming Foundation, including its 2024 competitive grants process.





Pictured above are Council members, from left: Jamie Pankow, Maria Walczak, Scott Gardner, Chair; and Jennifer Tyczka. Other Council members include: Emily Conable; Margaret Dadd; Pilar McKay, Vice Chair; Daryl McLaughlin; and Linda Purdy, Secretary/Treasurer.

In May, the Wyoming Foundation and the Allegany County Area Foundation hosted a special event at the Humphrey Nature Center at Letchworth State Park called **Impact Toolkit: A Key to Successful Capacity Building for Rural Nonprofits.**

Dozens of representatives across Allegany and Wyoming counties were in attendance to learn about various capacity building topics such as grantmaking/ grant writing, strategic planning, and building a board.



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Featured GRANTEE *Arts Council for Wyoming County*



A 2022 grant from the Wyoming Foundation supported the Wooly Wonders project at the Arts Council for Wyoming County, allowing the organization to reach people tinterested in fiber arts programming but did not have the funds to do so.

"The Wooly Wonders grant from Wyoming Foundation has allowed us to engage with a growing number of people in the community, including learning and experienced fiber artists, shepherds, and fiber vendors and teachers," said Linda Franke, Grants and Educational Outreach Coordinator, Arts Council for Wyoming County. "Taking a fleece from sheep to finished project is a time-consuming process and has allowed us to get to know these people well and learn about what they need from— and what they bring to—the community. We have expanded from adults only in our first year to teens in the school this year, and hope to include seniors and others experiencing social isolation in the upcoming year."

Pictured left: Wyoming County teens dye wool in Wooly Wonders program