

LETTER OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR CONTRACT

Under Title III of the Older Americans Act
Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027

Summary Sheet

Applicant Agency: Bozeman Senior Center Project Director: Shannon Bondy
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Type of Organization:

City County Private Non-Profit Other (specify): Public Non-profit 501(c)3

Geographic area to be served: Gallatin County Nutrition Program (WIM) Bozeman, Three Forks, West Yellowstone

List services to be provided:	Estimated # of unduplicated <i>persons</i> to be served during project period for each service type:	Estimated # of unduplicated <i>units</i> of service during project period for each listed service type:
<u>Bozeman</u>	<u>This includes all three sites</u>	<u>23,000</u>
<u>Three Forks</u>	<u>1,200</u>	
<u>West Yellowstone</u>		

Applicant agrees that the project described in this Letter of Intent will be operational July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 and certifies that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information in this application is true and correct and the attached conditions will be complied with if the contract is awarded.

Shannon Bondy

Type or print person authorized to sign

Executive Director

Title

Mary Orr

Type or print person authorized to sign

Board President

Title

Shannon K. Bondy
Signature

Date

Mary Orr
Signature

03/19/20
Date

4. Statement of how your project will fulfill the mission of the Older Americans Act. (Include a description of criteria for selection of clients, outreach and targeting activities and how the project fulfills the objectives of the Older Americans Act.)

5. If extra funding was available, what would you do to increase services and how would you plan to spend the money?

The Older Americans Act requirements state that aging providers are supposed to “target resources from all appropriate sources to meet the needs of older persons with the greatest economic or social need, with particular attention to low income, low income minority, those residing in rural areas, and elders who are disabled and frail. Providers are also required to ensure access to service based on certain economic, demographic and geographic factors.”

6. Please provide letters of support from other local community-based and/or institutional programs, agencies or organizations involved with older adults.
7. List wage range of all employees funded in full or in part by this contract: \$ _____ to \$ _____.
8. Is this project covered by liability insurance? _____ How much? _____
8. How many years has this project received Title III funds: _____
10. Please provide a **detailed** estimated budget for this Title III service for the fiscal year 2026-2027 as follows (list appropriate estimated resources):

PLEASE FILL IN THE FORM BELOW, YOU MAY SUBMIT ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION IF NECESSARY.
 (Your expenses should equal your resources)

Expenses:

Personnel and fringe: _____
 Supplies: _____
 Raw food/meals: _____
 Commodities: _____
 Communications: _____
 Utilities: _____
 Repairs/maintenance: _____
 Travel/training: _____
 Building space: _____
 Insurance: _____
 Equipment: _____
 Contracted services: _____
 Audit: _____
 Other: _____
TOTAL: \$ _____

Resources:

Area IV Funds: _____
 Project income: _____
 Other Resources: _____
 Cash in Lieu: _____
 Commodities: _____
 Match: _____
 Other: _____
 Other: _____
TOTAL: \$ _____

Application deadline - The electronic application and 2 copies must be received by Rocky before 4 p.m. Friday, March 27, 2026. Applications received after this deadline date will not be considered for funding.

The contractor presentations will be on Zoom again this year.

The date of the Area IV Board Meeting is May 21, 2026 at 9:00am.



HRDC

BUILDING A BETTER COMMUNITY

Jon Gorton
Area IV Council on Aging
P.O. Box 1717
Helena, MT 59624

Dear Jon,

On behalf of the Human Resource Development Council (HRDC) and our Galavan transportation program, I am pleased to offer this letter of support for the Bozeman Senior Center's application for Area IV funding.

The Bozeman Senior Center is an essential partner in serving older adults throughout our community. Their programs foster social connection, nutrition, physical activity, and lifelong learning, which are key components of maintaining health and independence for seniors. Many of the individuals who rely on Galavan transportation use our services to access meals, activities, and social opportunities provided at the Senior Center. The Center's work directly complements our shared mission of supporting the well-being and mobility of older adults in Gallatin County.

Area IV funding is critical to ensuring that the Senior Center can continue providing these vital services and expanding access to the growing senior population in our region. The Bozeman Senior Center's programs reduce isolation, enhance quality of life, and strengthen community connections, which are values that align closely with HRDC's goals and the priorities of the Area IV Council on Aging.

We strongly encourage your continued investment in the Bozeman Senior Center through this funding opportunity. Their leadership and commitment make a meaningful difference in the lives of hundreds of seniors each year.

Thank you for your consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,

Talia Seltzer

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January 28, 2026

John Gorton
Area IV Agency on Aging
PO Box 721
Helena, MT 59624

Dear John,

The Bozeman Senior Center plays a vital role in supporting older adults across Gallatin County through its congregate meal program. Serving seniors in Bozeman, Three Forks, and West Yellowstone, the Center provides nutritious, well-balanced meals in a welcoming environment of connection and belonging.

Congregate meals offer far more than nourishment. Each meal provides an opportunity for daily social interaction, reducing isolation while encouraging friendships and support. For many seniors, this shared mealtime is the highlight of their day — a chance to stay engaged, feel valued, and remain connected to their community.

In addition to meals, participants benefit from access to a wide range of workshops, activities, and programs that promote independence and overall well-being. As Gallatin County continues to grow and the senior population increases, sustained funding is essential to ensure that high-quality congregate meal services remain accessible to those who rely on them.

Sincerely,

Lisa Beedy
Center Manager
Belgrade Senior Center



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Dear John:

I am writing to express my strong support for the congregate meal sites located throughout Gallatin County, Montana. These sites provide far more than nutritious meals - they serve as a vital lifeline for older adults seeking nourishment, connection, and community.

The congregate meal program plays a critical role in addressing food insecurity, supporting overall health, and reducing social isolation among older adults. For many seniors living alone or on fixed incomes, access to consistent, balanced meals in a welcoming setting is essential to maintaining health, independence, and dignity.

Equally important, congregate meal sites foster social connection through conversation, friendship, and engagement. These interactions support mental and emotional well-being and can help delay the need for more intensive care services. The sense of belonging created in these shared spaces cannot be replaced by a delivered or packaged meal.

As Gallatin County continues to grow, the need for programs that support healthy aging will only increase. Continued investment in congregate meal programs is essential to ensuring older adults remain connected, supported, and valued within our community.

I strongly encourage continued funding and community support for congregate meal sites. Their impact extends well beyond a plate of food - they strengthen community ties and improve quality of life for our aging neighbors.

Sincerely,

Margaret

Margaret Mason
Chief Development Officer

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