



Blaine County
Fiscal Year 2024
External Organizations Budget Request

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FY24 Strategic Priorities

Each budget request for FY24 should directly correlate to at least one of the FY24 Strategic Priorities. All funding requests and approvals will be weighed against how they align with the Strategic Priorities.



General Information

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Organization Profile

Organization Mission

NAMI-WRV and 5B Suicide Prevention Alliance:

Our mission is to support the mental health of our community members through Education, Support, & Advocacy. Our vision is to support mental health wellness in the Wood River Valley. We aim to link community members with local health resources to educate the community on mental health topics, cultivate the acceptance of mental health challenges, and foster inclusion for individuals, families, and friends.

NAMI-WRV is honored to be the fiscal agent and sponsor of the *5B Suicide Prevention Alliance*, a collaborative of Wood River Valley community members and organizations who strive to build a resilient county. The *5B Suicide Prevention Alliance* is working to prevent suicide and educate our community about mental health. We focus on increasing awareness, understanding, and action around suicide prevention, educating our community about the signs of emotional distress and emphasizing the importance of every day healthy habits.

Operational Description

Description of the organization operations and service(s) provided to Blaine County.

NAMI-WRV and 5B Suicide Prevention Alliance:

Grassroots and community-based organizations at their cores, *NAMI-Wood River Valley (NAMI-WRV)* and the *5B Suicide Prevention Alliance* directly support the Wood River Valley by supporting those who are affected by mental health challenges or have lost a loved one to death by suicide. The daily operations of our organizations are extensive and diverse and can vary from: advocating for

effective policy change at the local, state, and federal level; to providing educational trainings on resilience; understanding the signs of suicidality; mental health within the workplace; supporting a loved one with a mental health condition(s); community education on sensitive topics; first responder crisis intervention trainings and collaborative resources to support our first responder population; Medicaid access classes; the successful implementation of a county-wide postvention response plan for any sudden death; resource referrals with our collaborative community partners; or to the weekly support groups for adolescents, adults, family members, or individuals navigating the judicial system; the possibilities in the world of mental health are truly limitless!

Organizational Structure

Include a current organizational chart that highlights any new FTEs that were added the last FY and highlights in a different color any new FTEs being requested in the upcoming FY.

NAMI - Wood River Valley:

FY 2023 FTE additions: Administration – Executive Assistant (bilingual) – 30 hours per week allotted.

FY 2024 FTE proposed additions: Programs – Communications and Program Director – 40 hours per week.

During FY 2023, NAMI-WRV was fortunate enough to have found a bilingual member of our community to fulfill our office administration role of an Executive Assistant. This position has proven to be instrumental in our community engagement and outreach with the hispanic community, as well as providing a supportive administration role to oversee the daily operations within our organization.

In FY 2024, our aim is to hire a new full-time employee whose job description would entail spending 20 hours per week on communications and outreach with local and regional press with the remaining 20 hours per week dedicated to providing community based support groups for marginalized populations within our local detention center and public schools, in addition to individuals navigating the nuances of a behavioral health condition and their caregivers.

5B Suicide Prevention Alliance:

FY 2023 FTE additions: Administration – Suicide Prevention Coordinator – 20 hours per week allotted.

FY 2024 FTE proposed additions: Administration – Suicide Prevention Coordinator – Increased hours – proposed 30-40 hours per week.

During FY 2023, The 5B Suicide Prevention Alliance was fortunate enough to find an ideal candidate to fulfill the role of the Suicide Prevention Coordinator. This individual was in their last year of college through Boise State University, in pursuit of a degree in Public Health. However, despite the good match, the high cost of living within our community proved to be a barrier in their ability to continue to fulfill this role, causing their official resignation in May of 2023 upon their acceptance of a full time position with sustainability for their family elsewhere.

In FY 2024, the 5B Suicide Prevention Alliance aims to identify a new individual who can fulfill the role of Suicide Prevention Coordinator as a full time job, ensuring sustainability within their role and access to increased benefits. This job description would entail facilitation of the 5B Suicide Prevention Alliance meetings in addition to all subcommittees; community engagement and education; collaboration with community partners; management of the Lethal Means materials within our community; countywide postvention implementation; and organizing the Core Loss Team as requested.

FY23 Fiscal Year Review

FY23 Performance Metrics

(Provide a bulleted list of at least 3 performance metrics - Note – going forward these should be reported on year-over-year as well as a history of this data)

- Metric 1 – **NAMI-WRV and 5B Suicide Prevention Alliance:**
 - NAMI-WRV and the 5B Suicide Prevention Alliance were able to successfully identify and hire a part-time Suicide Prevention Coordinator through the fiscal agency and supervision of the 5B Suicide Prevention Alliance by NAMI-WRV, thereby increasing the output capacity of the 5B Suicide Prevention Alliance as demonstrated through the implementation of the county-wide postvention plan, and dispersal of community wide educational materials in both English and Spanish.
- Metric 2 – **NAMI-WRV:**

- NAMI-WRV provided an increase of community-wide support via support group offerings, an extreme increase in calls seeking support services, and community collaboration and engagement as demonstrated by increased numbers of participants within support groups and the drastic increase in calls for support services/resource sharing.
- Metric 3 – **5B Suicide Prevention Alliance:**
 - The 5B Suicide Prevention Alliance was able to successfully finalize and implement the county-wide postvention plan and Core Loss Team as demonstrated through the successful support services and grief related support on multiple occasions this spring following the requested need for these services within our community and first responders.

FY23 Fiscal Year Highlights

(Provide a bulleted list of three to five highlights from FY23 – should tie directly to budget requests and approvals from current FY and how the budget approvals help(ed) your organization achieve your metrics)

- Highlight 1 – **NAMI-WRV and 5B Suicide Prevention Alliance:**
In FY 2023 NAMI-WRV and the 5B Suicide Prevention Alliance have worked collaboratively to support the unique needs of our first responder community. Through collaborative efforts with the chiefs of Police, Fire, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and St. Luke’s Wood River, we have engaged in the implementation of increased support for the health and well-being of our local first responder community, including but not limited to: the promotion of first responder based resources such as 911 At Ease and Blaine County First Responder Support Team (BCFRST); education of the Core Loss Team as a resource for both the community and first responders; individualized mental health and suicidality education for each agency; and activation of the Core Loss Team in response to traumatic responses to any sudden death.
- Highlight 2 – **NAMI-WRV:**
In FY 2023 we were able to increase the number of support group offerings in response to the decline of mental health within our community following the COVID-19 pandemic. These resources included the implementation of brand new offerings for the first time within the state of Idaho to provide educational support for caregivers of a loved one navigating a mental health crisis in Spanish.
- Highlight 3 – **NAMI-WRV:**
In FY 2023 we were able to provide the necessary funding to support our local law enforcement and first responder community. This was demonstrated through our sponsorship of two local officers, one from the

Hailey Police Department and another from the Blaine County Sheriff's Office, who were able to travel to Salt Lake City and receive certifications as trainers of the Crisis Intervention Team model (CIT). This certification will now allow for the training of all officers within Blaine County on the evidence-based model to ensure appropriate education, support, and resources are provided for one of the most vulnerable demographics, an individual in the midst of a behavioral health crisis.

- Highlight 4 – **5B Suicide Prevention Alliance:**

In FY 2023 we were able to fulfil the role of the Suicide Prevention Coordinator, allowing the work of the 5B Suicide Prevention Alliance to reach new heights within our community outreach, community collaboration, and dispersal of educational materials and resources. Due to the fact that the 5B Suicide Prevention Alliance is made up entirely of volunteers, this is not something that would have occurred without the support of a designated staff.

- Highlight 5 – **5B Suicide Prevention Alliance:**

In FY 2023 we were able to finalize our community-wide postvention plan in response to any sudden and unexpected death within the community. This collaborative effort has included the creation of infographics to support first responders in understanding their role; the creation and implementation of a Core Loss Team; the creation of educational materials in both English and Spanish for survivors of any sudden and traumatic death; and an official Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to support confidentiality and outline objectives and responsibilities for the Core Loss Team with Hospice of the Wood River Valley, NAMI-WRV, Resiliency Rising, and the 5B Suicide Prevention Alliance.

FY23 Other Highlights

(Provide any other highlights and updates from FY23)

- Highlight – **NAMI-WRV:**

- Increased collaboration with law enforcement on available mental health resources for behavioral health based crisis calls.
- Ongoing participation with the Central Idaho Community Response Team, a collaborative effort with local law enforcement, the Blaine County School District, The Advocates, The Hunger Coalition, The Senior Connection, St. Luke's Wood River, NAMI-WRV, and county officials including the prosecutors office and county commissioners.

- NAMI-WRV’s executive director was promoted to serve as co-chair with Ross Edmunds, the director of Behavioral Health under the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW), of the Interagency Governance Team (IGT) and the Interagency Work Group (IWG). Each group is mandated as a term under the Jeff D. Settlement Agreement for children’s mental health.
- NAMI-WRV facilitated the first ever, Youth Mental Health Service Accessibility Simulation in collaboration with Families and Youth of Idaho (FYIdaho), the Idaho Parent Network, Idaho Parents Unlimited (IPUL), and the Idaho Anti-Trafficking Coalition, to over 150 participants at the State Board of Education (SDE) annual Prevention and Support Conference.
- Highlight – **5B Suicide Prevention Alliance:**
 - The 5B Suicide Prevention Alliance hosted the second annual community education and engagement event in April, creating awareness and understanding in how to identify and prevent deaths by suicide.
 - The 5B Suicide Prevention Alliance collaborated with St. Luke’s Wood River, the Blaine County Sheriff’s Office, and the South Central Public Health District to identify trends and methods of suicide attempts and completion within Blaine County and Region 5; thereby informing our targeted educational outreach.
 - The 5B Suicide Prevention Alliance launched a new lethal means reduction community education campaign, titled “Did You Know” in an effort to increase awareness of how to reduce access to lethal means during times of distress.
 - The 5B Suicide Prevention Alliance was honored to be a co-recipient of this year’s Mental Health Hero Award under the category of “Group/Organizaiton” from the South Central Public Health District in acknowledgement of our ongoing work in suicide prevention.

FY24 Fiscal Year Budget Request Highlights

Requested Resources and Associated Costs

(Identify any significant budget requests and applicable information to support the requests. Explain how the requests will support increased performance of the above identified performance metrics.)

- People; Facilities; Equipment; Programming Costs; Other Requested Resources
 - Identify request

- Identify associated cost of request
- Identify which **Strategic Priority** this request will help support

NAMI-WRV: Requested Amount: \$25,000

- People – NAMI-WRV is in need of further staff support to meet the increased demands for behavioral support within our community. Due to the added stressors of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is not feasible to continue to meet these demands without further increasing our internal staffing capacities, from one full-time staff member, to two. Furthermore, with an increase of staffing support within NAMI-WRV, the capacity to seek further funding opportunities would also be increased. (\$15,000)
- Programming Costs – All services that are offered by NAMI-WRV are at no cost to our participants, ensuring that financial burden is never a barrier to accessing mental health services. As the demand within our community increases for mental health support services, we continue to grow our programs in response. Funds would be used to increase the presence of our support programs with the help of our new Communications and Programs Director. (\$10,000)
- Strategic Priorities – Any funds received from Blaine County will support NAMI-WRV in meeting the following strategic priorities within the county: Sustainability, Community Well-Being, and Organizational Development.

5B Suicide Prevention Alliance: Requested Amount: \$50,000

- People – The 5B Suicide Prevention Alliance is in need of a new Suicide Prevention Coordinator. The demand for our services continues to grow as we seek to prevent further deaths by suicide in Blaine County. Additionally, the cost of living within Blaine County has proven to be a barrier in the sustainability of a part-time position. The need for an increase in hours for this position would support not only the new-hire, but furthermore, the successful implementation of resources and services offered by the 5B Suicide Prevention Alliance. Furthermore, with an increase of hours for our coordinator position, the capacity to seek further funding opportunities would also be increased. (\$46,800)
- Programming Costs – The 5B Suicide Prevention Alliance strives to increase community support through both suicide prevention and postvention in response to any sudden death. Programming costs for the successful implementation of our work would include: associated printing costs for community education materials,

training for responders associated with the Core Loss Team, and available stipends for trained individuals with the Postvention and Core Loss Team for their additional work. (\$3,200)

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FY24 Fiscal Year Anticipated Highlights

FY24 Anticipated Projects, Performance and Highlights

(Provide a bulleted list of at least 3 anticipated highlights based upon budget requests or anticipated projects.)

- Anticipated Highlight 1 – **NAMI-WRV and 5B Suicide Prevention Alliance:**
Training of our local law enforcement and first responder community in mental health appropriated interventions, resources, and our county-wide postvention plan, as measured by educational training opportunities with each first responder agency in Blaine County and a minimum of five local law enforcement officers becoming certified in the evidence based model, Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training.
- Anticipated Highlight 2 – **NAMI-WRV:**
Maintained mental health programming with increased participants as measured by average participation rates through offerings in both in-person and virtual formats.
- Anticipated Highlight 3 – **5B Suicide Prevention Alliance:**
Five trained responders through the county-wide Postvention plan and Core Loss Team to support individuals, families and businesses impacted by sudden, traumatic death(s).