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**Empowering People In Need Through Mobilizing
And Developing Community Resources**

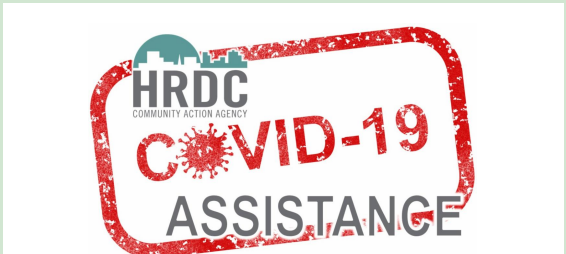


TAX TIME - DON'T WORRY
WE CAN HELP!  **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance**

HRDC's VITA Program, (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) is currently processing 2020 tax returns. VITA is now accepting appointments. Call 406-247-4701

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Community Action Works



HRDC 7 wants to help homes stay warm and weatherized.

In 2020 LIEAP provided heat assistance to 2,985 households in Big Horn, Carbon, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, and Yellowstone Counties. Of

How HRDC Is Helping

In December of 2020 and into January, 2021, HRDC launched its COVID-19 survey. The purpose of the survey was to examine the challenges, needs, and attitudes of households in our communities that have been impacted by the pandemic. Using the information we collected in this study, the agency believed it could better understand what households needed and provide the types and scope of services to assist them. All counties in the 5 county service area participated in the survey, with a good sampling of households representing different demographic and economic levels.

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these households 1,335 were senior citizens. LIEAP provided \$250,034 in emergency payments to clients, including help with furnaces, water heater repairs, and replacements. In 2020 Energy Share assisted 796 households with energy payments to avoid utility disconnects, establish or reestablish service, and to replace refrigerators, spending at total of \$279,314.

If you or someone you know needs help with heating assistance, or information on Energy Share, go to our website www.hrdc7.org, email us at info@hrdc7.org, or call 406-247-4788.



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Thank You For Your Support



Marc with Nathan Stone and Jody Cottrell, Red Wing

Red Wing Shoes

This past December, Nathan Stone, franchise owner of Red Wing Shoes, Billings and Bozeman donated \$5 for every pair of shoes and boots sold in his stores during the month of December. The two stores had a friendly competition to see which could raise the most money for their local HRDC's. On Thursday, January 21, 2021, Nathan and Billings Store Manager, Jody Cottrell, presented HRDC7 with a check for \$1,005. This donation will greatly benefit those in need of HRDC services.

Western Security Bank

The HRDC Home Center is dedicated to equal access to affordable, sustainable, and healthy housing in our community. Thanks to the support of Brett Solberg, Western Security Bank, the Home Center is better able to assist low - middle income families in the community. Their \$5000 donation is part of the CRA, Community Reinvestment Act. CRA helps



Marc & Eric with Bret Solberg, Western Security

support the HRDC Home Center to better assist individuals and families with homebuyer education programs that result in a purchase of a home. This community building activity is an example of what community partnerships can accomplish when we all work together.

Montana Emergency Rental Assistance

The Montana Emergency Rental Assistance program is being developed following the passage of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, which became law on December 27, 2020. Montana Housing with the Department of Commerce is working to develop a new program that will provide rent and utility assistance to eligible Montana renters. They are currently assessing the legislation and awaiting further guidance from the U.S. Treasury Department. Additional information will be updated as it becomes available, including the application launch date once determined.

If you are interested in receiving program updates as they become available, please click the "subscribe" button just below to contact Montana Housing and be added to the email updates list.

**NOTE* Check the box for Montana Emergency Rental Assistance on the contact form to sign up.*



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