



2022 Annual Report



District 7, Human Resources Development Council provides supportive services and assistance to low-income residents living in Yellowstone, Big Horn, Stillwater, Carbon and Sweet grass Counties. Our Mission at HRDC District 7 is to mobilize and develop resources that create opportunities for community members to succeed in the counties we serve.

Together we can instill hope, extend respect, encourage people to dream for a better future and to change the economic landscape in our communities.

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As a Community Action Agency, HRDC addresses poverty issues in Montana by offering services to eligible community members that can help them reach economic independence. HRDC District 7 is one of the 11 Montana Community Action Agencies that help others become self-sufficient so that they may live more fulfilling lives. Our 2022 Annual Report shows just how much we have done to help residents overcome barriers they face.

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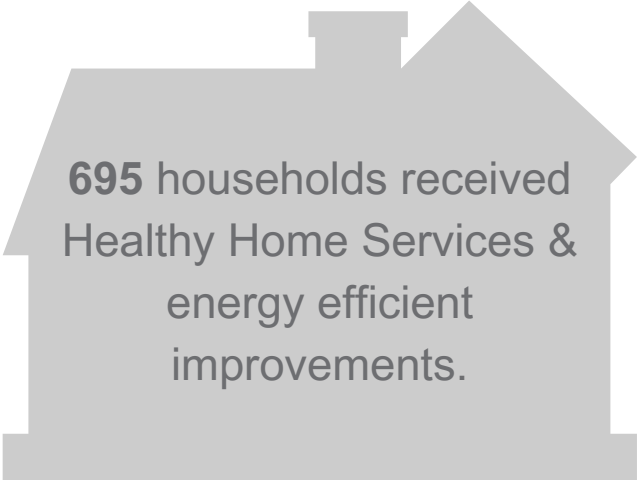
District 7, Human Resources Development Council administers **24 core programs**, funded by more than 50 grants and contract sources.

In 2022, HRDC District 7 provided services to **14,990** clients and assisted **6,484** households. The district gave **3,543** referrals to our community partners for specialized supportive services throughout the communities served.



Age Demographics

Total Individuals served under 18:	6,519
Total individuals served ages 18-54:	5,834
Total individuals served over 55:	2,603



HRDC District 7's Alternative Education Center provides one-on-one tutoring from a state certified instructor. This service is offered to individuals ages 16-80+ working to obtain their High School Equivalency (HI-SET), receive personalized college prep, or remedial training in reading and/or math. There is also tutoring available for the Written Drivers License Exam.

In 2022, a total of **69** students received assistance through Alternative Education with a total of **567.25** hours in personalized training. **5** students earned their HI-SET and 8 students studied for their Montana Driver's License written exam.

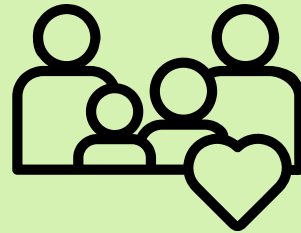


Early Childhood Provider Services

HRDC 7 oversees all child care provider trainings in the 14 county region and 2 tribal Nation Service area. In 2022, there were a total of **43** individual training courses offered, with **614** providers attending **420** hours of training.

Child Care Assistance

The Best Beginnings Scholarship Program assists eligible families with child care costs. In 2022, the scholarship distributed **\$6,885,496** to qualifying child care providers. A total of **1,369** families, which included **8,199** children, received the scholarship.



Elementary Out-of-School Scholarships

Montana provides one time scholarships to working families who have children in elementary school for 1st through 5th grade. These scholarships help cover the cost of summer programs or day care when children are out of school in the summer months. In 2022, a total of **548** eligible families and **785** children received this scholarship, totaling to **\$1,206,125**.



Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

CACFP was created in an effort to provide infants and children with balanced nutrition to help with their health and early development. In 2022, a total of **435** child care programs were reimbursed **\$3,493,388.30** to provide nutritious meals and snacks to **6,059** children.

Energy Assistance

HRDC administers the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and Weatherization. In partnership with Energy Share of Montana, District 7 also helps administer the Energy Share Program. In 2022, **4,212** households received energy assistance through public and private funds that support these programs.

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

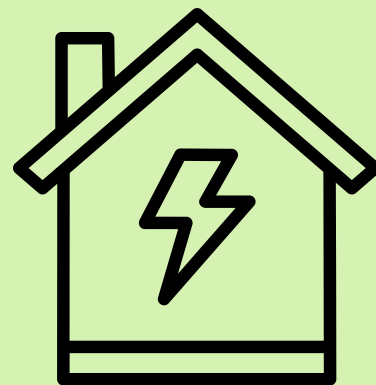
LIHEAP provides low income households with residential energy costs needed to heat and power homes. In 2022, **3,746** households received a total of **\$16,268,857.90** in assistance, including **\$13,311,845.83** in utility payments and **\$1,211,806.29** in energy pay.

Weatherization

In an effort to provide energy conservation, the weatherization department provides services to increase energy effect in households at no extra cost to clients. In 2022, HRDC District 7 weatherized **54** homes, repaired **50** furnaces and provided **14** furnace replacements.

Energy Share

Energy Share of Montana is a loan program that offers year-round emergency assistance for eligible households facing an energy crisis. This program is used when all other resources have been exhausted. In 2022, **\$704,389.99** was provided to **412** households.



Youth Homeless Demonstration Project (YHDP)

HRDC District 7 provides homeless youth with the tools to reach self sufficiency. YHDP help provide youth ages 14-24 with low barrier housing through rental assistance, individualized case management and provides other supportive services based on the needs of the client. The goal of this program is to diminish youth homelessness by providing permanent housing. In 2022, HRDC placed **8** participants in stable housing, received **76** months of rent, **8** security deposits and issued **28** supportive services for school and employment supplies.

Family Forward

The Family Forward Program is HRDC District 7's bundled service program, addressing barriers clients face through multiple supportive services. In 2022, the program served **57** households and **123** individuals.

Bundled Services



Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA)

The Youth Employment & Training (E&T) program is made possible through funding from the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act. The program helps clients ages 16-24 build necessary skills to obtain and maintain employment. In 2022, a total of **\$146,267.08** was distributed to **23** clients for on-the-job training and work experience through WIOA and **62** participated in youth employment programs.

HRDC District 7 offers several Employment Training programs for clients who are referred by another agency. These programs include the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Employment and Training, Pathways and the Work Experience Program.

In 2022, **45** clients received on-the-job work experience, **71** received job readiness training, **55** attended career counseling workshops, and **52** participated in job searching activities. This includes activities such as interview skills training, job referrals and job placement.



Pathways

The Pathways program is offered to eligible families receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). The program offers interconnected programs and supportive services designed to help clients reach economic independence. In 2022, a total of **1,916** clients received assistance in several different areas. This includes **313** transportation services and **421** utility payments.



Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)

HRDC District 7 operates the FDPIR in the city of Hardin, Montana, serving community members living on the Crow Reservation and surrounding area. In 2022, **112** households received food commodities through FDPIR for a total of **\$305,705** in food support.



Food
Services

Employment
Training

Emergency Solutions Grant

Through our Emergency Services, HRDC District 7 helps community members find stable housing after facing homelessness or a housing crisis. The Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) helps provide individuals with emergency shelters through Rapid Rehousing, Homeless Prevention, and emergency housing vouchers. In 2022, the grant provided **\$337,629.43** to **244** households paying **41** security deposits, **141** months of rent and **13** rental arrears.

Yellowstone County Burial

A unique service offered at HRDC District 7 is assisting in burial expenses for those who cannot afford it. In 2022, the district provided **\$56,985** in assistance to help with **34** burials.



General Relief

for residents of Yellowstone County, General Relief helps individuals waiting on Social Security Insurance (SSI) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) Insurance approval with rental assistance. In 2022, a total of **\$57,211** was provided to **23** households.

Temporary Emergency Housing

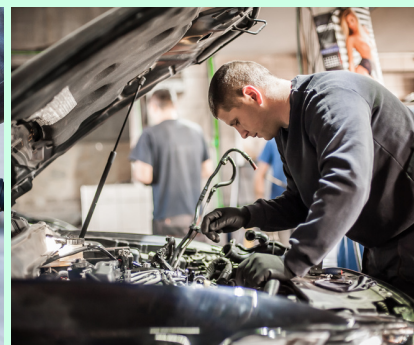
In 2022, HRDC District 7 provided housing stabilization services to **742** individuals. **197** individuals received access to a low barrier shelter and **275** domestic violence survivors were housed at Gateway Horizons Emergency Shelter.



Transportation

Wheels to Work

In partnership with United Way of Yellowstone County, HRDC District 7 helps serve individuals who need transportation to find or maintain employment. In 2022, the district assisted **252** households, providing **64** car repairs, **60** bus passes and **418** gas cards.





In 2022, a total of **1149** individuals received eviction prevention services. This includes eviction counseling, landlord and tenant education, rental arrears, etc. **506** individuals received rental assistance, **100** received rental deposit assistance, and **479** received temporary housing placement.

Housing Choice Voucher

HRDC District 7 helps administer Rural Section 8 Housing Vouchers in the five counties served, excluding the city of Billings. Our Housing Specialists assist clients in finding safe affordable housing while working with Inspectors to verify units meet rental requirement for the potential tenant. In 2022, **295** households received a total of **\$1,747,040** in assistance, covering **1,396** months of rent, **156** utility payments, and **30** housing inspections.

Harmony House

The on-campus Harmony House Transitional Living Program provides young mothers, families or parents ages 14-21 and their children with a safe, temporary place to live while they work to achieve self-sufficiency. Transition In Place provides parents and their children with an off-campus living space. In 2022, Harmony House provided residence to **8** young mothers and their children. Transition in Place assisted **2** young families obtain employment and paid for **38** months of rental related bills.

The Home Center

HRDC's Home Center is a collaborative community resource made up of agencies, financial institutions, and businesses to provide educational information and instruction on housing and financial topics. In 2022, **348** clients participated in Pre-purchase counseling, **295** graduated from the Homebuyer Education Course, and **85** households participated in financial literacy workshops. A total of **78** clients reported closing on their home.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

The Home Center's VITA service provides eligible families with tax preparation at not cost. In 2022, **111** returns were prepared at no cost. **11** VITA volunteers spent **420** hours preparing tax returns for clients, generating **\$221,495** in refunds and tax credits. The VITA program helped taxpayers save approximately **\$26,100** on tax preparation fees. Altogether, a total of **\$247,595** went directly back into our communities we serve.



Child Day Care Assistance	\$7,873,983
Low-Income Energy Assistance	\$5,461,447
Section 8 Housing (estimate)	\$708,380
Pathways Client Direct Assistance	\$54,675

Total Financial Assistance	\$14,098,485
Crow Reservation Food Distribution	\$99,030

Total financial and commodity services	\$14,197,515
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**This total was paid in subsidies that went directly back into our communities.*

Revenues

Program Grants	\$9,983,251
Fees for Service	\$295,661
Contributions	\$23,346
Interest	\$878
Miscellaneous	\$30,958
Rental Income	\$29,699
In-Kind Contributions	\$1,922
Net Assets Released	\$2,042

Program Expenses

Community Development	\$361,367
Emergency Food & Housing	\$2,279,340
Energy Programs	\$2,147,687
Employment Assistance	\$1,765,799
Family Development	\$2,421,219
Fundraising	\$250
General & Administrative	\$825,794

Total Revenue	\$10,367,757	Total Expenses	\$10,071,456
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