Wyoming Key Take Aways

It would be valuable to learn from other organizations who differ in type, size and geography.

1. Facilitate in-person meetings to draw out new thinking
2. Address general needs of the larger group, but also offer more focused breakout sessions on specific topics
3. Offer access to experienced, qualified, local consultants and organizations

Rural and small-town organizations face challenges in identifying and securing available funding.

1. Offer technical assistance on revenue development, especially over the long term
2. Increase transparency around funding from Funders
3. Market unique grant opportunities

Increased access to various resources would be beneficial, especially resources that have a deep understanding of the challenges faced by rural organizations.

1. Offer specific lists of “go to” resources with clear description of what assistance is available
2. Look to other local agencies as resources, i.e. larger organizations could offer grant writing assistance in exchange for referrals from smaller agencies.
3. Offer supports online as well as in person
4. Develop relationships with resources in order to develop institutional knowledge base

“Many times we do not know everything available to us or where to look for help. We access and overload one or two local resources.”

“We tend to work in silos with our own ideas and mindsets. Sharing skills, services and programs would enhance overall individual impact.”

“To ignite innovation and add interest in the region, we must seek additional resources to support our programs.”

Wyoming Priorities

1. RESOURCES
   Communications and marketing support

2. DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION
   Assist with recruiting and retaining diverse staff

3. LEADERSHIP
   Board recruitment and training

4. VISION & MISSION
   Help create/foster a shared vision for the community and assist organizations in seeing their role in it

5. ALIGNMENT & COLLABORATION
   More inclusive, cross-sector peer learning opportunities