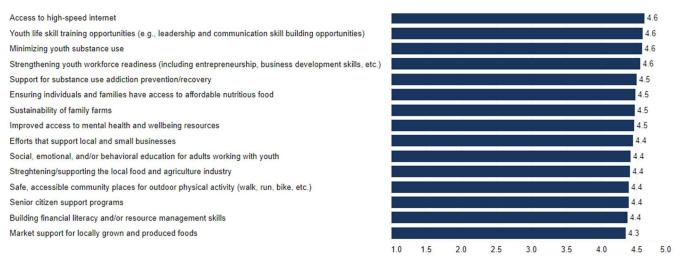


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Lewis County Results Summary

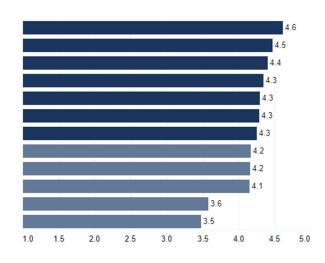
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Top 15 Issues in Lewis County



Agriculture and Natural Resources Needs

Access to high-speed internet
Sustainability of family farms
Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry
Market support for locally grown and produced foods
Providing increased market opportunities for farmers
Issues affecting crops (e.g., pests, diseases and weed issues)
Preserving/managing agricultural land
Helping individual, families, farmers, and/or businesses recover from natural disasters
Assisting farmers in agricultural production or profitability
Helping individuals, families, farmers, and/or businesses prepare for natural disasters
Helping producers create carbon neutral businesses
Dealing with climate variation



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Community and Economic Development Needs

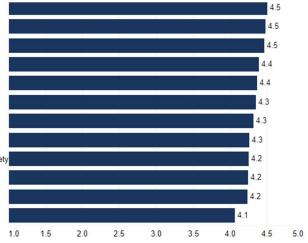
Efforts that support local and small businesses								
Safe, accessible community places for outdoor physical activity (walk, run, bike, etc.)								4
Strengthening adult workforce readiness (including entrepreneurship, and business development skills)								4.3
Addressing housing issues (e.g., affordable housing, evictions, and unhoused populations)							4.3	2
Opportunities that promote a sense of local community (e.g., community events, creative expression, and community gardens)							4.1	
Collaborations among community organizations and local government, particularly representing or working with underserved populations	,					-	4.0	
Preparations for community-wide disasters and/or climate impacts							4.0	
Building the capacity of local nonprofits and community leaders							4.0	
Assisting more populated communities in addressing issues associated with community, social and/or economic development							4.0	
Assisting local government and businesses with land use decisions							3.9	
Programs/information to build capacity for community arts & design, placemaking and infrastructure							3.8	
Creating inclusive involvement of diverse populations in community efforts/events and decision-making							3.7	
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Youth Development Needs

Youth life skill training opportunities (e.g., leadership and communication skill building opportunities)								4.6	ô
Minimizing youth substance use								4.6	ò
Strengthening youth workforce readiness (including entrepreneurship, business development skills, etc.)								4.6	í.
Social, emotional, and/or behavioral education for adults working with youth								4.4	
Coping strategies to support youth wellbeing								4.3	
Minimizing bullying and/or school violence								4.3	
Reducing youth obesity through nutrition education and/or exercise								4.3	
Strengthening youth-adult or mentorship relationships								4.3	
Strengthening youth peer-peer relationships								4.3	
Promoting youth agriculture and natural resource literacy							4	4.2	
Maximizing youth voice in issues that matter to them							4	4.2	
Engaging diverse and non-traditional youth audiences in programming			_				4.0		
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Individual and Family Development Needs

Support for substance use addiction prevention/recovery
Ensuring individuals and families have access to affordable nutritious food
Improved access to mental health and wellbeing resources
Senior citizen support programs
Building financial literacy and/or resource management skills
Stronger parenting and relationship-building skills
Building life skills of community members
Building employee soft skills (e.g., communication, productivity, and teamwork skills)
Educational opportunities to promote healthy homes (e.g., mold prevention/treatment and home safety
Food as health: addressing food insecurity and diet related chronic diseases
Educational opportunities about home food safety practices (e.g., food preservation and canning)
Prepare community members for formal/informal leadership and/or volunteer roles



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