THE SHORT VERSION · SHELTER JH

One endorsement. Whose is it?

Shelter JH is a housing group whose endorsement decides Teton County elections. On paper it belongs to about 600 dues-paying members. Here is where its money comes from, who runs it, and where it meets the rest of the network.

WHERE ITS MONEY COMES FROM

Its members
$24,408 in dues (2023). Membership is $20 a year; about 600 members.

A Sheridan "social welfare" group
$70,000 (2023). Western Futures Fund — the same fund that pays the PAC and the consultant's PAC below. Never names its donors.

Arnold Ventures' advocacy arm, Texas
$250,000 (2025) "to expand … pro-housing policies in Wyoming." Public only on Action Now's federal return.

The Community Foundation of Jackson Hole
$93,673 (2023–24) routed through a charity sponsor, Jackson Hole United, "for Shelter JH." Plus a Catalyst Grant, Dec 2025, amount unpublished.

Storer Foundation
No grant on any filing. Storer says $10,000 of board-directed money came via a fiscal sponsor.

SHELTER JH

501(c)(4) · Jackson · founded 2016

Can endorse, oppose and support candidates. Does not have to name a donor. Publishes its criteria in one sentence; not the rubric it says it built, not the scores, not the board vote, not a conflict policy.

Members are told about the Community Foundation grant and the Old Bill's drive. In the newsletters reviewed, they are not told about Sheridan or Texas.

WHAT IT DOES WITH THAT

2026: endorsed Karyn Chin and Ali Dunford, recommended Luther Propst — over two incumbents who voted yes on the largest housing project in county history. Propst was the lone no.

WHO RUNS IT — AND WHERE ELSE THEY WORK

Nikki Kaufman · vice chair, then chair, 2022–24
Paid $67,087 by the Storer Foundation (2022). Ran the Wyoming Donor Alliance, a Sheridan-funded group. Paid campaign consultant — clients include Propst, and two candidates the group endorsed in 2024 while she chaired it.

Skye Schell · co-founder, treasurer 2022
Ran the Storer-funded Conservation Alliance, 2017–22. Founded the consulting firm all three 2026 winners hired — with Karyn Chin, one of the three.

Clare Stumpf · executive director
Led the 2025 statewide expansion, paid for by a grant whose donor she said "cannot be disclosed at this time."

Its staff, elsewhere
Bilingual coordinator sits on the Community Foundation's competitive-grants committee. Grant manager sits on the Laramie City Council.

"ShelterJH Foundation Chapter"
Its new charity vehicle for Old Bill's 2026, under Wyoming Neighbors for Housing — whose director sits on the board of the Storer-funded Civic Engagement Network.

WHERE IT MEETS THE REST OF THE NETWORK

three funders, three routes into the same three candidates

SHERIDAN — The Western Futures Fund pays Shelter JH ($70,000), the PAC that gave the three candidates $5,500 (Way Back PAC), and the PAC that paid their consulting firm $47,805 (Wyoming Way PAC). One funder, three levers, no donor named.

STORER — Storer says $10,000 of foundation-board money reached Shelter JH via a fiscal sponsor. It paid the group's future chair $67,087, funded the Conservation Alliance its co-founder ran before founding the consulting firm. Storer's husband is on the slate; her PAC promoted it.

JACKSON — The Community Foundation of Jackson Hole reaches Shelter JH through a charity sponsor ($93,673) and a Catalyst Grant. A Shelter JH staffer sits on the committee that awards its competitive grants.

THE SLATE — all three won the August 18, 2026 primary

Karyn Chin · endorsed | Luther Propst · recommended | Ali Dunford · endorsed

Same PAC money. Same endorsement. Same consultant: $17,064 to Mountain Movement Strategies.

Nothing here is illegal. A member who paid $20 could not have learned any of it from the organization. Every figure is from a tax return, a campaign filing, or the organization's own website, except the $10,000 Storer described to the News&Guide. All of it is sourced at wydarkmoney.org.