

# WYOMING BUSINESS COUNCIL FUNDING ASSISTANCE

The Wyoming Business Council provides a variety of assistance programs and financing opportunities for new and expanding businesses in the state. Additional initiatives also are being developed for a variety of industries. The Wyoming Wind Energy Toolbox is in development to share resources and opportunities with developers and general contractors, service companies, and communities. For more information on this project, contact Sarah Fitz-Gerald at (307) 777-6319. WBC staff also are working on initiatives to address broadband, outdoor recreation, tourism, workforce services, and other economic development opportunities.

Program	Eligible Users	Funding Amount	Purpose	Partners
<b>Business Ready Communities Grant &amp; Loan Program</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cities, towns &amp; counties</li> <li>Joint Powers Boards</li> <li>Eastern Shoshone &amp; Northern Arapahoe Tribes</li> </ul>	Business Committed: \$3M Business Readiness: \$3M Enhancement: \$500,000 Planning: \$25,000-\$50,000 BRC Loans: \$3M Max	Finance publicly owned infrastructure that serves the needs of businesses & promotes economic development	State & local community development organizations
<b>International Trade Show Incentive Grants</b>	Eligible expenditures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Translation services for marketing materials, shipping sample products, transportation expenses for one person/eligible small business &amp; lodging</li> </ul>	\$2,000 max/trade show; Maximum 2 trade shows/grant cycle	Increase the value of exports for small businesses that are currently export-ready	Wyoming Business Council & US Small Business Administration
<b>Small Business Energy Audit/Retrofit Program</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Small businesses</li> <li>Agricultural producers</li> <li>Nonprofits</li> <li>Local governments</li> </ul>	\$5,000 maximum	Fund 75% of costs of energy audits & some energy efficiency improvements; can also pay a fraction of actual improvements identified in the audit, including lighting upgrades & insulation	Wyoming Business Council & State Energy Office
<b>Rural Rehabilitation Grant</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wyoming nonprofit organizations seeking assistance with educational/leadership programs and events</li> </ul>	\$2,000 to \$10,000/year <i>Applications with matching funds will be more competitive</i>	Educate & train Wyoming's future leaders & further the achievement of excellence in addressing rural America's needs	Grants made possible through the Rural Rehabilitation Fund, administered by the WBC, with oversight by the USDA-Farm Service Agency

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