

Medicine Bow Community Hall

Town of Medicine Bow



Project Type and Use: Renovate surplus facility for reuse as a community hall.

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Project Description: The town of Medicine Bow was awarded \$1,115,001 to renovate their former community hall. Renovations will include ADA electrical, mechanical, fire prevention system, asbestos abatement, some site and landscaping, complete interior and a garage expansion. Once renovated, the facility will serve the youth and adults from the towns of Medicine Bow, Elk Mountain and Hanna with events such as community meetings, election polling center, kid's movie night, Scouts meetings, dances and recreation events. A daycare is also being considered for the facility.

Project History: The Medicine Bow Community Hall was built in 1927 by private donations and volunteer labor. The structure is 8,000 square feet and sits on just over a quarter acre. As building codes were updated, the hall was not and community functions moved to nearby schools. As newer schools were built, large community gathering space was no longer available. Subsequently, the community supported the effort to renovate the Community Hall as evident by a 2005 petition which garnered 100 names in support of saving the building. In 2005, the town replaced the roof so further damage on this structure could be avoided until renovation funds were secured.

Relation to Quality of Life and Economic Development: The renovated Community Hall will pick up the activities which the new school will not be able to host, such as large group gatherings for the towns of Medicine Bow, Hanna and Elk Mountain. The building will provide a meeting place for businesses, and be a resource to attract more people to live in Medicine Bow by having a large group gathering facility available. The mission of the Community Hall is to provide a location that will enable large gatherings to occur within the community and enhance the quality of life and sense of community for the residents of the town.

Project's Complement to Other Development Initiatives: This facility will compliment the efforts of the town to upgrade its entire infrastructure and appearance. The town is preparing for projected growth due to a proposed coal gasification plant and recognizes the need to offer a variety of public and social services. The town is also preparing for a 2009 Centennial celebration and would like to utilize the renovated hall during that time.



Assisting communities to preserve former school and government facilities that have existing or future community uses

Amount of Funding:
\$1,115,001

Local Contribution:
\$515,000

Community:
Town of Medicine Bow

Date Grant Award:
October 4, 2007

Estimated Completion Date:
Summer/Fall 2009