

**WYOMING BUSINESS COUNCIL**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**March 14 & 15, 2012**  
**Douglas, WY**  
**TENTATIVE AGENDA**

**Wednesday, March 14 – Holiday Inn Express**

<b>2:00 – 4:00 pm</b>	<b>Board/Staff Retreat</b>
<b>4:30 - 5:30 pm</b>	<b>Community Open Dialogue</b>
<b>6:30- 8:30 pm</b>	<b>Board/Staff Dinner - LaBonte</b>

**Thursday, March 15 - WY State Fairgrounds Administration Bldg. – Upper Ag Hall**

<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Public Board Meeting Call To Order – Dick Bratton, Co-Chair</b> Welcome Board Member Introductions Minutes Approval from Dec. 1 and Jan. 6 Meetings – <b>TAB A</b>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Nominating Committee Report</b> Board Elections
<b>9:15 AM</b>	<b>Rural Deve. &amp; Main Street Update – Mary Randolph, Division Director - <b>TAB B</b></b>
<b>9:45 AM</b>	<b>AgriBusiness Update – Cindy Weibel, Division Director – <b>TAB C</b></b>
<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Community Development – Nathan Bekke, Chair</b> BRC & CFP Applications – <b>TAB D</b> BRC Planning & Rules CDBG - <b>TAB E</b> Rules Update Consolidated Plan Child Care Loan Update
<b>11:15 AM</b>	<b>Business &amp; Industry Updates – Ben Avery, Division Director – <b>TAB F</b></b> WEDA Update Business Resource Network SBIR – Gene Watson Manufacturing Works – Larry Stewart Energy Plan Energy Credit Memos – Revolving Loan - ARRA  <b>Business Development Sub-Committee – Clarene Law, Chair</b> Loan/Portfolio Program - <b>TAB G</b> STEA Write-Off Requests Loan Loss Analysis/Challenge Loan Credit Memo Past Due Report Charge-Off Report Small Business Investment Company Update
<b>12:15 PM</b>	<b>Lunch Break - (Provided for Board &amp; Staff)</b>
<b>1:15 PM</b>	<b>Personnel, Budget &amp; Audit – Lee Lockhart, Chair</b> Personnel Report - <b>TAB H</b> Financials – Diane Joyce, Chief Financial Officer – <b>TAB I</b>
<b>1:45 PM</b>	<b>Regional Director’s Report – Leah Bruscino, Field Operations Director</b>

**2:30 PM**

**CEO Update – Bob Jensen, CEO**

**2:50 PM**

**Old Business, New Business, Other Business**

Tourism Contracts – **TAB J**

Proposed Dates and Meeting Locations for 2012 – **TAB K**

**3:00 PM**

**Adjournment**



Wyoming Business Council  
Business Ready Community and  
Community Facilities  
Grant and Loan Program  
Report and Recommendations to the  
Wyoming Business Council

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## BRC Program Financial Summary

<b>BRC Appropriation Summary</b>	
BFY 2003/2004 Appropriation	\$ 8,400,000
BFY 2005/2006 Appropriation	\$ 25,000,000
Governor's Supplemental Budget	\$ 11,600,000
BFY 2007/2008 Appropriation	\$ 46,000,000
Supplemental Budget, March 2007	\$ 33,250,000
Unobligated Unencumbered Data Center Funds (reverted back to the budget reserve account)	\$ (5,000,000)
BFY 2009/2010 Appropriation*	\$ 79,250,000
FY2010 Budget Cut	\$ (4,000,000)
BFY 2011/2012 Appropriation (beginning July 1, 2010)	\$ 50,000,000
<b>Total Appropriations to Date</b>	<b>\$ 244,500,000</b>
*The 2009-2010 Supplemental Budget allows the WBC to transfer up to \$10M from the BRC budget to the Community Facilities Program (CFP)	

<b>Award Summary</b>					
	<b>Award</b>	<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>Deobligations</b>	<b>Outstanding Balance</b>	<b>Adjusted Award</b>
Subtotal	\$220,753,062	\$164,357,903	\$21,723,064	\$34,672,096	\$ 199,029,998

<b>Available BRC Funds Summary</b>	
<b>BRC Funds</b>	<b>\$ 45,470,002</b>
Funds expended from CFP Program Authorization (2009/10)	\$ (7,118,845)
Wyoming Telecommunications Broadband Initiative (2006)	\$ (250,000)
Loan Repayments	\$ 475,122
<b>Total of Available BRC funds</b>	<b>\$ 38,576,279</b>



## BRC Application and Program Summary

Currently there is \$38,576,279 available in Business Ready Community (BRC) funds. Three applications were received. One was withdrawn. The application request total \$7,531,424.

BRC APPLICANT SUMMARY				
Applicant	Project	Grant/Loan Type	Requested	Staff Recommendations
Cody	Cody Laboratories Expansion	Business Committed	\$2,531,424	\$ 2,531,424
Laramie County	Project Summit	Business Committed	\$5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000
<b>Totals</b>			<b>\$7,531,424</b>	<b>\$7,531,424</b>
<b>Total Available BRC funds</b>				<b>\$38,417,905</b>
<b>BRC Funds Remaining if Recommendations are awarded</b>				<b>\$30,886,481</b>

All Business Committed applications and projects involving a private developer are contingent on a favorable review of the proposals by the Attorney General. Other contingencies for projects are spelled out in the project descriptions.

## BRC Allocation Plan for FY2012

The WBC board adopted the following allocation plan at their June 3, 2010 board meeting. The following financial allocation plan for the BRC program should be used to guide recommendations over the biennium beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2012 ("BFY11/12"). Below displays how the current recommendations will affect the annual BRC allocation plan.

BRC Annual Allocation Plan for FY2012 (updated 12.01.11)						
Priority	Type	Allocated Amounts	Total Funds Available	Frequency of Applications to be reviewed by the WBC	WBC Recommendations	Total Funds Available for FY2012
High	Business Committed	\$8,000,000	\$4,733,490	Sept 2011, Dec 2011, March 2012, June 2012	\$2,531,424	\$2,202,066
High	Data Centers	\$4,400,000	\$4,400,000	Sept 2011, Dec 2011, March 2012, June 2012	\$5,000,000	-\$600,000
High	Readiness Infrastructure	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	Dec 2011, June 2012		\$672,493
Medium	Main Street / Downtown	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	Dec 2011		\$1,500,000
Low	Child Care / Senior Care	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	June 2012		\$1,000,000
Low	Recreation/Enhancements	\$600,000	\$600,000	June 2012		\$600,000
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$20,000,000</b>	<b>\$16,733,490</b>		<b>\$7,531,424</b>	<b>\$5,374,559</b>

## CFP Program Financial Summary

<b>CFP Appropriation Summary</b>	
BFY 2005/2006 Appropriation	\$ 7,500,000
BFY 2007/2008 Appropriation	\$ 7,500,000
Governor's Supplemental Budget 2007/2008	\$ 7,500,000
BFY 2009/2010 Appropriation*	\$ 15,000,000
FY2010 Budget Cut	\$ (3,500,000)
Community Facilities Program Authorization from BRC to date *	\$ 7,118,745
BFY 2011/2012 Appropriation (beginning July 1, 2010)	\$ 8,500,000
<b>Total Appropriations to Date</b>	<b>\$ 49,618,745</b>
*The 2009-2010 BRC Supplemental Budget allowed the Wyoming Business Council to transfer up to \$10,000,000 from the BRC budget to the CFP program	

<b>Award Summary</b>					
	<b>Award</b>	<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>Deobligations</b>	<b>Outstanding Balance</b>	<b>Adjusted Award</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 43,380,100</b>	<b>\$ 38,355,499</b>	<b>\$ 1,179,666</b>	<b>\$ 3,844,935</b>	<b>\$ 42,200,434</b>

<b>Available CFP Funds Summary</b>	
<b>CFP Funds</b>	<b>\$ 7,418,311</b>
Funds transferred to Wyoming Department of Workforce Services 2011	\$ (1,000,000)
Funds transferred to Wyoming Department of Workforce Services 2012	\$ (1,000,000)
<b>Total Available Funds</b>	<b>\$ 5,418,311</b>

## CFP Application and Program Summary

Currently there is \$5,418,311 available in Community Facility Program (CFP) funds. Five applications were received and one was withdrawn. The application requests total \$3,614,949.

<b>CFP APPLICANT SUMMARY</b>				
<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project</b>		<b>Requested</b>	<b>WBC Recommendations</b>
Sublette County	Boulder Schoolhouse	Community Facilities	\$949,739	\$ 949,739
Cowley	Cowley Log Gym	Community Facilities	\$991,960	\$ 991,960
Midwest	Salt Creek Community Recreation Center	Community Facilities	\$673,250	\$ 673,250
Bairoil	Old Town Hall Project	Community Facilities	\$1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
<b>Totals</b>			<b>\$3,614,949</b>	<b>\$3,614,949</b>
<b>Total CFP Funds Available</b>				<b>\$5,418,311</b>
<b>CFP Funds Remaining if Recommendations are awarded</b>				<b>\$1,803,362</b>

Business Ready Community  
Grant & Loan Program



**Cody**

**Cody Laboratories**

**\$2,531,424 Business Committed  
Grant for Building Construction  
for Cody Laboratories  
Expansion**

**Staff Recommendation:  
Fund as Requested**

### **Project Description**

The city of Cody requests a \$2,531,424 Business Committed grant to construct a 23,725 SF warehouse facility to be attached to the existing Cody Laboratories facility on the south side of the west end of the existing structure. The Cody Laboratories' facility is located at 610 Yellowstone Avenue. Forward Cody will own the new warehouse facility and the 1.66 acres that will be transferred to Forward Cody from Cody LCI Realty, LLC. Cody Laboratories will make lease payments to Forward Cody. Forward Cody will be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the structure. The facility will have a distinct separation from the Cody Laboratories existing structure. The two structures will be connected via a twelve foot wide corridor and all utilities will be separate from the existing facility.

### **The Business**

Cody Laboratories was founded by Ric Asherman in 2000. The company started following Mr. Asherman's development of a chest patch used for emergency stabilization of patients with an open chest wound. The company grew, providing base formulations for a number of narcotic pain medications.

In 2006, the company moved to its' current location in the former Wal-Mart store in Cody, WY and began to set up a large scale manufacturing facility. The following year, Cody Laboratories was acquired by

**Cody Labs—Expansion Project**  
Proposed Warehouse—Aerial Perspective  
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Lannett Company, Inc., a pharmaceutical company. This acquisition was a strategic move to insure marketability of product and capital for maintaining regulatory compliance. The Lannett Company, Inc. has invested over \$15 million into the Cody facility since the acquisition. In 2008, Cody Laboratories became one of only seven companies in the United States to be granted an import license for raw opiate material. This allows Cody Laboratories to manufacture active pharmaceutical ingredients directly from plant extracts. Lannett Company Inc. is then able to produce a finished product at a competitive cost.

### **Project Goals and Public Benefit**

This project comes in above the Business Committed grant maximum of \$1.5 million and is considered by staff as a unique economic development opportunity. The pharmaceutical industry is one of the targeted industries identified in the 2005 state of Wyoming's Targeted Business Analysis conducted by Wadley Donovan Group. The project will enable the company to expand the manufacturing capacity within the current facility by relocating all warehousing activities to the proposed structure. The company will add 45 new positions at a median wage of \$18.75 per hour, for a total workforce of 128 employees. The company will also invest an additional \$5 million to increase production capacity. The space is currently utilized as a parking lot. The new facility will provide not only warehousing space, but will increase efficiencies by improving product flow in the existing facility. The project will also diversify and expand the quantity and quality of the Cody area due to the fact that the company has and will continue to attract a skilled international workforce.

Cody Laboratories has a proven track record of success and the company anticipates continued growth beyond this current project. The project demonstrates that pharmaceutical manufacturing and other high tech lab work can be successfully accomplished in Cody and in Wyoming as a whole. The company can serve as a model for attracting other similar companies by proving that remote locations and a small population base does not need to limit a company's ability to produce a viable product, obtain a quality workforce, and be successful.

### **Revenue Recapture**

Revenue recapture for this project will come from the lease of the warehousing space that will be constructed through this project. The annual lease income is projected to be \$108,000 per year less \$5,000 per year for maintenance and repairs. The thirty year revenue recapture will be \$3,438,000.

#### **Proposed Revenue Recapture Allocation:**

- 50% Operations and Maintenance
- 25% Revolving Loan Fund
- 10% Special Studies Pool
- 10% Special Community Projects
- 5% Property Management

### **Timeline**

Construction is projected to start in the late summer of 2012 and be completed in April 2013.

### Project Funding

The total project cost is \$2,911,424 and the Business Committed grant request is \$2,531,424. Cody LCI Realty, LLC will provide the in-kind match of \$380,000 coming from the appraised value of the 1.66 acres. Excluding non-construction costs, the construction is projected to cost \$85 per square foot. The cost per square foot is higher than a standard warehouse because Cody Labs is required to meet federal guidelines for security.

Sources	
BRC amount	\$ 2,531,424
In Kind Match	\$ 380,000
<b>Total eligible project cost</b>	<b>\$ 2,911,424</b>
BRC % of total eligible project costs	87%
Local % of total eligible project costs	13%
Uses	
Land Acquisition	\$380,000
Non Construction Costs	\$176,906
Construction Costs	\$2,354,518
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>\$2,911,424</b>

### Regional Comments by Leah Bruscino

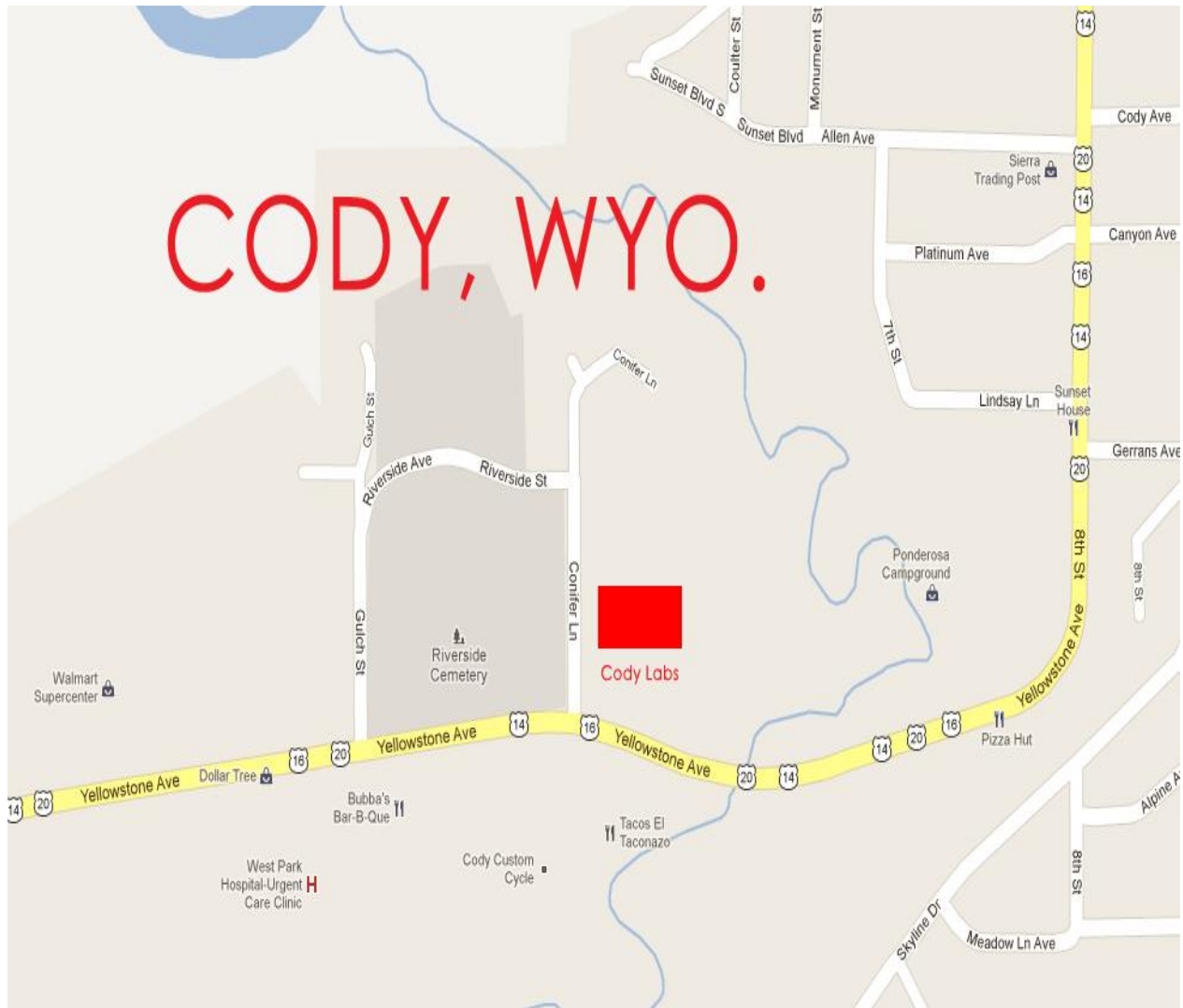
This project will leverage over \$5 million in private investment and create approximately 45 high-wage, professional jobs. This expansion is in an industry that is a targeted industry by the Wyoming Business Council. By using BRC funds for this expansion, Cody Laboratories can invest their \$5 million into adding more production space and hiring people instead of building warehousing space.

As revenue is recaptured the funds will be invested in future business development projects and a portion will also be used for operating funds for Forward Cody, ensuring Forward Cody's economic viability which is critical for proactively developing jobs and the Cody economy.

### Staff Recommendation

Staff believes this project presents a unique economic development opportunity for the town of Cody as well as the state of Wyoming. This business represents a targeted industry for both the community and the state with a considerable potential for growth. Further, there is significant private investment from the company and projected creation of high paying jobs. Staff recommends funding as requested contingent upon the receipt of the following:

- An executed Warranty Deed between Cody LCI Realty, LLC and Forward Cody
- An executed Project Development and Administration Agreement between the city of Cody, Forward Cody, and Cody Laboratories
- An executed Lease Agreement between Forward Cody and Cody Labs





## Detailed Analysis of Project

Cody						
Evaluation Criteria			Criteria Met		Notes	
Primary Job Creation (Jobs bringing new wealth to the community)	Direct Creation ( 3yrs)		Yes	New	45	
	Future Creation		Yes	Retained		
	Wages	Park County (all industry), 2010		Y1	Y2	Y3
			Low	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$12.50
			High	\$40.90	\$40.90	\$40.90
		Mean	Mean	\$24.29	\$24.29	\$24.29
		Median	Median	\$18.75	\$18.75	\$18.75
Community Workforce Development	Develops Community Momentum in Unique Market Niches		Yes	The pharmaceutical industry is a statewide targeted industry.		
	Helps Meet Demand for Social Services		N/A			
	Helps Diversification Efforts		Yes	Project will diversify Park's County's industrial sector.		
	Fulfill Community and Economic Development Goals		Yes	Project is consistent with local goals to create new industrial jobs. Industry is a state targeted industry.		
	Improved Ability to Retain, Attract, Expand Businesses		Yes	Ancillary businesses may relocate to the area and builds upon the pharmaceutical targeted market.		
	Improved Workforce or Entrepreneurial Training		No			
	Strong Economic Development Recapture Plan		Yes	Business will repay the grant amount plus 6% over 30 years by leasing the facility. The recapture will assist Forward Cody in meeting their goals.		
	Satisfactory Performance on Past Projects		Yes			
Business Development Investment	Business Startup			Business Type		
	Business Relocation/Recruitment			Business Type		
	Business Expansion		Yes	Business Type Pharmaceutical		
	Primary Business		Yes			
	Private Investment		Yes	Business will invest \$5,156,000 in their existing facility as part of their expansion project.		
	Increase in Business Revenue		Yes	Expansion will result in increased production capabilities.		
	Viability and Thoroughness of a Business Plan		Yes	B&I has reviewed the business plan.		
	Increase in Market Share		Yes	Increased production capacity will enable the company to increase market share		
Additional Evaluation Criteria	Leverage Additional Private Investment		Yes	Business will invest \$5,156,000 in their existing facility as part of their expansion project.		
	BRC Loan		No			
	Project Readiness		Yes			



## **Cowley**

### **\$991,960 Community Facilities Grant Request to renovate the Cowley Log Gym Community Center**

#### **Staff Recommendation: Fund as Requested**

#### **Project Description**

The town of Cowley requests a Community Facilities grant in the amount of \$991,960 to renovate and restore the Cowley Log Gym Community Center facility. The log gym is located at 35 E 1<sup>st</sup> Street in Cowley, Wyoming. The renovation will include, replacement of the gym floor, replacement of the roof, and restoration and re-chinking of the lodge pole log siding. The log gym facility is 7,788 square feet. Renovations will comport with the requirement of the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office. The town of Cowley owns the log gym facility and will be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the facility.

#### **Project Goals and Public Benefit**

The town has limited alternatives for public gathering space. While the facility is currently used for a variety of community activities, and the renovations will allow the community to expand that usage. Current public gathering space is limited within the community. Currently, the facility is inhabited by a population of bats during the warm months of the year and the facility is very inefficient to operate in the winter. The renovation of the log gym will solve the identified structural issues and benefit the whole community, but in particularly provide a space where the youth can gather safely for recreational activities, receive academic assistance, enjoy positive influence of adult mentors, and participate in community events. The log gym is designated as an emergency crisis center by the countywide emergency management plan as well.





### Project History

The log gym was constructed in 1936 under the Works Progress Administration Program using native lodge pole pine logs. The structure is on the National Historic Register.

### Timeline

The project is projected to be completed by December, 2012.

### Project Funding

The total project cost is \$991,960 of which the Community Facilities Program grant request is \$991,960. The in-kind match represents the value of the structure (\$330,544). On-going operations and maintenance for the community center will be the responsibility of the town of Cowley and they have committed \$15,000 annually to cover expenses. The cost will be offset through an agreement with the Big Horn County School District #1 and the town of Cowley that includes an usage payment of \$5,800. The town of Cowley received over \$161,500 of State Energy Office ARRA funds for window & door replacement, insulation, and heating system replacement. All of the ARRA grant work has been completed, except the heating system installation which will be completed this spring. Excluding non-construction costs, the construction is projected to cost \$130 per square foot.

Sources	
BRC amount	\$ 991,960
In Kind Match	\$ 330,544
<b>Total eligible project cost</b>	<b>\$ 991,960</b>
BRC % of total eligible project costs	100%
Local % of total eligible project costs	33%
Uses	
Non Construction Costs	\$167,805
Construction Costs	\$824,155
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST</b>	<b>\$ 991,960</b>

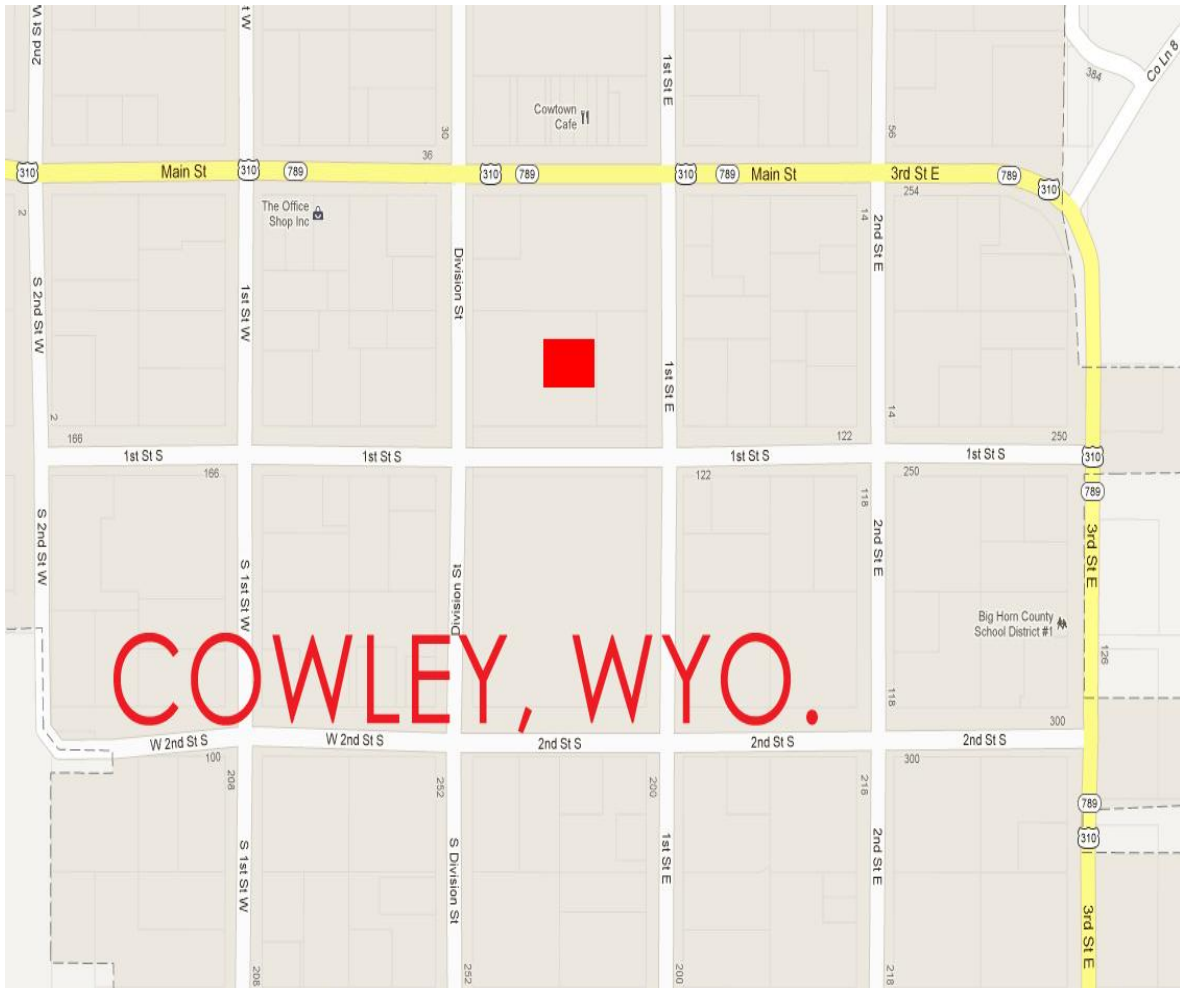
### Regional Comments by Leah Bruscino

The Cowley Log Gym project is a necessary project. The facility is the main meeting place for the community and is used for weddings, funerals, reunions, youth programs, recreation, voting, and other meetings. Because of the current state of disrepair the facility is only useable in the warmer months. The Community Facilities Program grant will allow the town of Cowley to repair the building to that it can be used year-round and into the future.

The town of Cowley has budgeted money from their general fund to operate the facility, but with the amount of use projected for the log gym I believe there is an opportunity to generate additional income to offset the cost of operating the facility.

### Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends funding as requested.





## **Sublette County**

### **\$949,740 Community Facilities Grant Request to renovate the Boulder Community Center**

**Staff Recommendation:  
Fund as Requested**

#### **Project Description**

Sublette County requests a Community Facility grant in the amount of \$949,740 for the renovation of the former Boulder School currently known as the Boulder Community Center. The facility is 6,600 square feet and sits on 4.17 acres. Funds will be used for building renovations and energy efficiency improvements, including window and door replacement, new low maintenance siding, new sheathing and insulation, attic insulation, additional roof bracing installation, interior and exterior lighting/electrical upgrades to meet code, plumbing replacement, complete interior renovations, solar panels, and making the facility ADA accessible. Sublette County will take ownership of the facility for the term of this project and will be ultimately responsible for the operation and maintenance expenses. The Boulder Community Citizens Center organization will lease and manage the facility.

#### **Project Goals and Public Benefit**

The completion of the proposed project will enable the community to have a facility that can be used year round at a reduced cost due to the energy efficiencies that will be gained. The current facility does not meet the community's identified needs and is not conducive to year round usage. The community does not have alternatives available to them for the type of space that the Boulder



Community Center can provide, and this project will meet their identified needs by increasing the usage of the facility. The renovated facility is also expected to increase resident's sense of community pride.

The renovated facility will provide a community gathering place for reunions, business meetings, holiday parties, youth activities, weddings, and related activities. The solar component will reduce the ongoing operating costs and provide a green component to the project. When the

facility is not in use, the excess electricity will be sold back to the power company through a net metering agreement, providing another income source for the facility.

### **Project History**

The Boulder School building was first constructed in 1939 with an addition built on in 1950 and then was closed in 1966. In 1978 the school was sold to the Boulder Community Citizen Center organization, a 501c3 non-profit, and became the Boulder Community Center.

In 1978, the school house became the Boulder Community Center and the former dedicated teacher's home was renovated and rented as a residence giving operating capital to the community center. The center was remodeled which included painting, carpeting, and a lunchroom bar and kitchen. In 1999, the Boulder community held fundraisers to put a new metal roof and siding on the building. Additionally, the Boulder Community Citizen Center board and the volunteers have maintained the building for over 30 years.

### **Project Funding**

The total project is \$1,293,550 of which the Community Facilities Program grant request is \$949,740. The \$30,310 cash match is committed from Sublette County and the in-kind match represents the value of the building and property (\$313,500). On-going operation and maintenance expenses will be paid by the income derived from the rental fees charged for the use of the facility, the income from the excess electricity generated

through the purchase (\$170,000) of the solar system, and the income from the rental of the house associated with the property. Any remaining expenses will be covered by Sublette County. Excluding non-construction costs, the construction is projected to cost \$141 per square foot.

<b>Sources</b>	
CFP amount	\$ 949,740
Cash Match	\$ 30,310
In Kind Match	\$ 313,500
<b>Total eligible project cost</b>	<b>\$ 1,293,550</b>
BRC % of total eligible project costs	73%
Local % of total eligible project costs	27%
<b>Uses</b>	
Land Acquisition	\$313,500
Non Construction Costs	\$52,310
Construction Costs	\$927,740
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>\$1,293,550</b>

### **Regional Comments by Elaina Zempel**

The Boulder Community Center is maintained successfully by the Boulder Community Citizen Board and has its own set of bylaws and officers. The community has taken very good care of the historic building and it is an important part of their community. However, the building has suffered from some deferred maintenance issues that are beyond the community's ability to fund through rent on the teacherage, and fundraisers. The historic building is in desperate need of energy efficiency improvements to make it usable year round. The heating cost for the building in the winter has become so high that it makes the winter use of the building cost prohibitive. Additionally, the building is in need of electrical and plumbing updates.

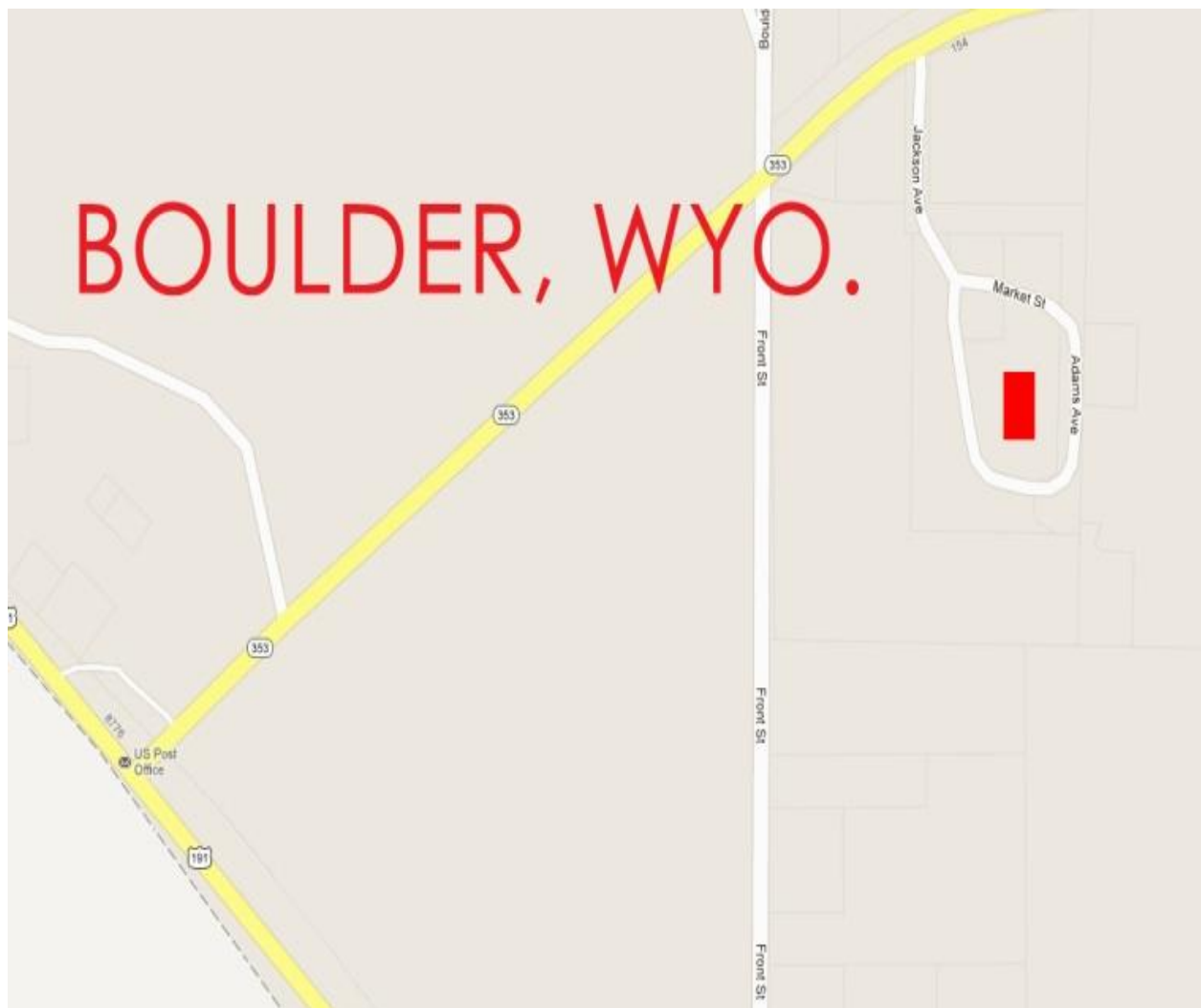
The community is highly involved in the future of the building demonstrated by the attendance at the Boulder Community Assessment, the Boulder Community Club Board and the volunteers needed to maintain the building. As the application sponsor, Sublette County has experience in the successful management of the similar Daniel Community Center project.

In addition, the Boulder Community is looking to incorporate a hybrid solar system that will further reduce their on-going operational expenses. There is sufficient acreage with the building to allow for this system on site and the system will add to the efficiency of the facility.

### **Staff Recommendation**

Staff recommends funding as requested contingent upon:

- Submission of an executed development and transfer of ownership agreement between Sublette County and the Boulder Community Citizen Center
- Submission of the executed net metering agreement







## **Bairoil**

### **\$1,000,000 Community Facilities Grant Request to renovate the Old Town Hall**

#### **Staff Recommendation: Fund as Requested**

functionality of an important building in the community. The community came together to plan a facility that will expand, not duplicate, services to the community. Currently residents must drive at least thirty-nine miles to obtain the services that will be offered in the remodeled facility. The ability to obtain medical services at the facility through telemedicine provided by the Sweetwater County Community Health Center will improve the quality of life for residents. Wi-Fi and computers will be available for the community to access. The existing facility is stated as a community eye sore. The proposed changes to the facility will transform the structure into a community asset that everyone will be able to use and benefit from in the future. In addition, the meeting rooms and the lodging component of the project will provide area industry with much needed space to meet their identified needs. Project partnerships include the Carbon

#### **Project Description**

The town of Bairoil requests a Community Facility grant in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the renovation of the Old Town Hall facility to create a new community center. The former town hall, once renovated, will include classroom space for community education, a self-serve café, a craft room, temporary business office space, temporary lodging rooms, medical clinic space for children immunizations and workforce physicals, and community gathering space. The Old Town Hall has a total of 6,714 square feet. The facility will be owned, operated, and maintained by the town of Bairoil.

#### **Project Goals and Public Benefit**

The purpose of this project is to create a facility that will provide a range of services not currently offered in the community as well as bring back the



County School District One, Merit Energy Company, Ur-Energy, Western Community College, and the Sweetwater County Community Health Center.

### **Project History**

The Old Town Hall facility was originally built in the 1920s as an oil company's administration building when Bairoil was a company town. The Old Town Hall was the centerpiece of the community. The town acquired the structure from Amoco and used it as a town hall until 1989 when they finalized construction on their current town hall facility leaving the Old Town Hall empty.

### **Project Funding**

The total project is \$2,147,375 of which the Community Facilities Program grant request is \$1,000,000. The cash match is committed from the town of Bairoil for \$998,404 and an additional \$92,000 is pending from the Sweetwater County Consensus grant for a total cash match of \$1,090,405. The in-kind match of \$56,970 is from the town of Bairoil. On-going operations and maintenance for the community center will be the responsibility of

the town of Bairoil and they have committed \$1,000,000 to cover expenses. Nearly twenty percent of the project costs will go for asbestos and lead paint removal. Excluding non-construction costs and including both lead paint and asbestos remediation, the construction cost is projected to be \$278 per square foot.

Sources	
CFP amount	\$ 1,000,000
Cash Match	\$ 1,090,405
In Kind Match	\$ 56,970
<b>Total eligible project cost</b>	<b>\$ 2,147,375</b>
CFP% of total eligible project costs	47%
Local % of total eligible project costs	53%
Uses	
Land Acquisition	\$42,250
Non Construction Costs	\$200,720
Construction Costs	\$1,904,405
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>\$2,147,375</b>

### **Regional Comments by Pat Robbins**

The town of Bairoil is seeking grant funding for the renovation of the Old Town Hall, which has been vacant for several years. The facility would serve as a community gathering space for all of the residents. The building would have space for meetings, limited medical services, civic and private functions, funerals, showers, family parties, etc. This project has strong community support as evidenced by the local financial commitment in both grant match and subsidy of the maintenance and operational expenses.

This facility would creatively address a variety of other community needs that are created due to the small population of Bairoil and their distance from other communities. The building would have some office space for rent, limited snacks and food service, a possible location for the post office, and some limited lodging facilities. These services have been determined to be needs of the citizens through a series of public meetings, are anticipated by industrial interests in the area, and will help generate revenue for the project.

This project is the result of two years of planning by the residents of the town of Bairoil and will help them enhance the quality of life in the community while building capacity for future projects. It is a highly creative solution to the community's needs.

### **Staff Recommendation**

Staff recommends funding as requested contingent upon:

- Verification of the receipt of the \$92,000 from the Sweetwater County Consensus funds or receipt of the funds from another source.







## Midwest

### **\$673,250 Community Facilities Grant Request to renovate the Salt Creek Community Recreation Center**

**Staff Recommendation:  
Fund as Requested**

#### **Project Description**

The town of Midwest requests a Community Facility grant in the amount of \$673,250 for the renovation of the community's youth recreation center. The facility is located at 8 Wilson Street in Midwest, Wyoming. The proposed project will involve constructing a 5,000 square foot steel structure extension to the existing 1,200 square foot facility and the renovation of the existing structure. The town of Midwest will own the facility and be responsible for funding the operation and maintenance.

#### **Project Goals and Public Benefit**

The purpose of this project is to create a facility with an inviting atmosphere that will provide a safe place to bring together the members of the community. The facility was formerly a bar and does not meet the community's needs in its current condition. The addition and renovation will provide needed space for the community's youth and additional

community functions that could not currently be accommodated by the existing facility. The project will serve 133 youth from Edgerton and Midwest. The project will also provide the youth with a sense of belonging, a place to gather under guided supervision and safe structure, to experience shared leadership and responsibilities that will enrich our youth's character, education, and provide all community members and families a spacious structure for meetings and/or gatherings.



### Project History

The existing structure was built in the 1970s as a bar on a one hundred fifty foot bluff overlooking the high school football field. The facility also overlooks the main Anadarko office, and several miles of the Salt Creek oil field to the south, west, and east. The facility became the town of Midwest's youth recreation center nineteen years ago. The existing facility is outdated, small, and incapable of meeting current and future demand for the community.

### Project Funding

The total project is \$792,250 of which the CFP grant request is \$673,250. The cash match is committed from Anadarko for \$99,000 and an additional \$20,000 is pending from the Natrona County Recreation Board for a total cash match of \$119,000. Ongoing operations and maintenance for the community center will be the responsibility of the town of Midwest. Excluding non-construction costs, the construction cost is projected to be \$128 per square foot.

Sources	
BRC amount	\$ 673,250
Cash Match	\$ 119,000
<b>Total eligible project cost</b>	<b>\$ 792,250</b>
BRC % of total eligible project costs	85%
Local % of total eligible project costs	15%
Uses	
Non Construction Costs	\$75,000
Construction Costs	\$717,250
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>\$792,250</b>

### Regional Comments by Kim Rightmer

The town of Midwest has given great consideration to its recreation facility options. During meetings with the recreation committee, it appeared that they have been very careful to design a facility that can be maintained within the town of Midwest's budget and still provide community space to all age groups (with the primary focus still being on youth). Financial and program partnerships have been maintained for many years with groups such as United Way, Anadarko, and Natrona County Recreation Joint Powers Board. This ongoing support is expected to remain secure.

### Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends funding as requested contingent upon:

- Verification of a \$20,000 commitment from the Natrona County Recreation Board or another source



## BRC – Project Rankings and Evaluation

**Evaluation Criteria and Ranking** The WBC evaluates a proposal independent of other proposals and utilizes one or more of the criteria and measures found in the following chart. There may be other aspects of a proposal that prevent it from being recommended for funding. In addition to the evaluation criteria set in rule, applicants are asked to compare jobs to be created with the Wyoming Self Sufficiency Standard wage rate for the county. The Self Sufficiency Standard measures how much income is needed for a family of a certain composition in a given place to adequately meet their basic needs including: housing, child care, food, transportation, health care, and taxes. For the purposes of BRC, Self Sufficient Wages were averaged for about thirty common family types, all headed by a single wage earner.

		Request	Job Creation			Community/Workforce Development								Business Development								Add'l Eval Criteria				WBC Recommendation																				
			Direct Creation over Three Years			Future Creation (Additional Business Ready Space)			Wages Exceed Self Sufficiency, Mean or Median			New Wealth in Community		If not new wealth, then Social Services		Builds upon Unique Assets and Market Niches		Diversification Efforts		Community/Economic Dev. Goals Related to Specific Plan		Improved Ability to Retain, Attract, Expand Businesses		Improved Workforce or Entrepreneurial Training		Economic Development Recapture Plan		Business Startup		Business Recruitment		Business Expansion		Private Investment		Increase in Business Revenue		Business Plan		Increase in Market Share		Leverage Additional Private Investment		BRC Loan		Main Street or Certified Tourism Community Project
Cody	Cody Laboratories	\$ 2,531,424	+	+	+	+	N/A	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	N/A	N/A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	N/A	+	\$	2,531,424																
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## CFP PRIORTIZATION OF APPLICATIONS

According to the program rules, the board shall prioritize proposed CFP grants and loans. The score is not intended to be the only basis for a final recommendation. As a method to assist the board, staff uses the following scoring system:

CFP PRIORITIZATION					
	Maximum Points	Cowley Log Gym	Sublette County	Bairoil	Midwest
Clear understanding of equipment costs, operational costs and maintenance costs	10	9	9	8	7
Clear identification of sources of ongoing funding for equipment, operations and maintenance	10	9	8	8	8
<b>TOTAL PRIORITIZATION POINTS</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>

Addendum  
**Correspondence**

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November 29, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with much pleasure that I write a letter of support for the Town of Cowley and its efforts to repair and restore the historic Log Gym. The Big Horn County Health Coalition (BHCHC) in cooperation with the Town of Cowley is able to serve hundreds of youth each year in after-school and summer programming in the historic Log Gym. This facility provides a space for these youth to experience opportunities that they may never have without these programs and a safe place in which to hold them. Additionally, the youth are able to learn about a piece of history of the area through being at the Log Gym each day.

With any older building, the Log Gym is not without the issues associated with many aging buildings. Proper repair and restoration will allow the youth of the area to be able to enjoy these life enriching opportunities in a safe facility. The Town of Cowley has always done quality work with its planning and implementation of building projects, and the Log Gym repair and restoration project would undoubtedly be of high quality if the funds are available to complete it. The BHCHC wholeheartedly supports the Town of Cowley in these efforts and will assist in any manner asked of it.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at (307)250-3684 or [bhchealthcoalition@gmail.com](mailto:bhchealthcoalition@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

Lindsay M. Lindsay

Executive Director

Big Horn County Health Coalition

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# Big Horn County School District No. One

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Monday, November 28, 2011

To Whom It May Concern;

Big Horn School District #1 is in full support of partnering with the Town of Cowley through the Recreation District as the town seeks funding for remodeling of the log building. As fiscal manager of the recreation district funds awarded to the town of Cowley, we are excited about the opportunities that could come from the newly renovated building. We anticipate partnering with the community to utilize this facility.

Sincerely,



Shon Hocker  
Superintendent of Schools  
Big horn SD #1



The State of Wyoming provides Hathaway Merit and Need Scholarships to Wyoming students attending the University of Wyoming and Wyoming community colleges. Every Wyoming student who meets the merit requirements can earn a Hathaway Merit Scholarship. Contact your school counselor for more information.



November 17, 2011

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter as an advocate for refurbishing and preserving the Cowley Community Center (log gym).

As the mayor of the town of Cowley (2000 – 2010) I am very aware of the use and need of this facility in the community. Some of its uses are;

- Open gym in the evenings for school age children as well as the adults.
- During the school year it is used for the Home Work Club daily after school.
- In the summer months it houses the Fun Club, Monday through Wednesday.
- Many community events are held there including our annual town Christmas Party to be held December 1, 2011.
- The Community Center serves as a voting place during all elections for not only the residents of Cowley but for the surrounding area.
- It is also used for weddings, family reunions and many other activities that require a large building that holds lots of folks.

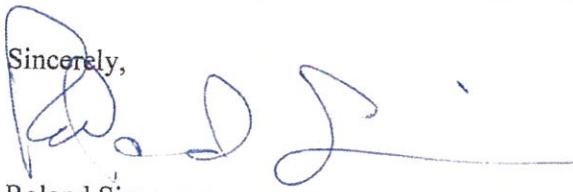
During recent years the town has completely remodeled the kitchen and added new appliances, rewired the building and installed new lights in the gymnasium.

As President of the Cowley Pioneer Museum/History Center I want to emphasize the historical significance of this building. The people of this community built the Community Center in the mid 1930's. The logs were cut and hauled to Cowley from the Pryor Mountains to the north of town as well as up the north fork, east of Yellowstone National Park. As one enters this building and looks up at the exposed handmade log trusses supporting the ceiling, it is an aesthetic, architectural, delightful sight.

The Community Center is situated on Cowley's downtown Historical Block, which includes the Town Hall/Pioneer Museum, built in 1910 using Cowley native stone and restored in the mid 1990's. The Big Horn Academy, a two story, 10,000 sq. ft. building constructed from 1914 through 1918 using Cowley stone. It was the first high school built in the Big Horn Basin. The Academy was completely remodeled this past year and now houses Big Horn County School District #1's Administration Offices. The Cowley Town Hall/Museum and the Big Horn Academy buildings are both on the National Register of Historical Places

A brief history of the construction of the Community Center is attached.

Sincerely,

  
Roland Simmons

TO: Whom It May Concern

16 November 2011

I am the coordinator for the Rocky Mountain Elementary Afterschool Program. I have been in this position since 2002. We run the program Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of every week, throughout the entire year. During the school year we run from 3:15 PM to 5:00 PM. During the summer the program runs from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. We have been blessed to have the log gym as the location for our program.

The log gym is a perfect location for our program. The number of children participating in the program requires a facility that is large enough to accommodate all of them. We have from 35 to 60 kids each day. The facility allows us enough room to divide into groups in order to provide a reasonable span of control. In addition, the kitchen allows us to provide cooking lessons as part of our curriculum. The close proximity to the school makes it possible for the kids to arrive safely. It also allows us to use the school playground for recess during the program. It is the ability to use the log gym that makes our program possible.

While the log gym is a wonderful facility, it does have some drawbacks. The bathrooms are antiquated and the bat problem has to be dealt with constantly during the summer. The floor is uneven and could stand replacing. Any grant money to help improve the facility would make it an even better asset and allow us to continue providing our program to the community.



Shelley McCracken  
Homework Club Coordinator  
PO Box 717  
Cowley, Wyoming  
82420  
(307) 548-7647

November 16, 2011

Mayor Peterson,

In response to your request for support for the log gym, I am writing as the Town of Cowley Emergency Management Coordinator.

I would like to see the Town continue to maintain the log gym so that in an emergency or a disaster the gym could possibly be used as an emergency meeting place, a staging area or housing for misplaced people. The fact that it has a kitchen area, restrooms and showers and a large floor area that could house numerous people is a great asset to the Town of Cowley and the surrounding communities.

I would hope the governing body of the Town recognizes the great asset this building is to our community in the many uses it has.

Thank you for your consideration in this manner.

Sincerely,



Dennis Woodward



To Whom It May Concern:

I was asked to write this letter to explain the importance of the Cowley Log Gym to our community.

The log gym was built, I believe in the late 1930's. An interesting story is that when they were putting on the roof the vo-tech students from Cowley High School did much of the work! From that time on it has been an integral part of our community. It was used as the gym for our school for many years. In fact alumni returning to visit the gym claim you can still here the pep club d the crowd cheering on our team.

The gym was always where proms were held ,as well as the Snow Ball at Christmas and many other dances featuring local dance bands.

Banquets were held there for school, church and community functions. Carnivals helped support many youth organizations. It was simply the local gathering place.

When the school closed the building went into decline and deteriorated quickly., much to the concern of the local citizens. So—a group was formed to save this building. Logs were brought in to replace where they were rotted out, a new roof was put on, the logs were re-chinked again. I remember well seeing people balanced on loader buckets to reach the high logs to install chinking. The windows were repaired as well as we could afford.

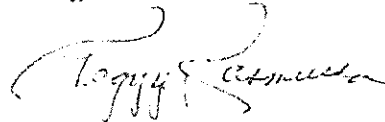
Several years later as the needs and use of the facility increased a beautiful new kitchen was added. Since then the building use has increased even more. It is used as and after school program facility, for weddings, conventions, reunions, family gatherings, sporting events, our Tree City program, our huge Town of Cowley Christmas party , and even a few funerals.

Now it is in need of some more care, but I hope you can understand how important this building is to our community. It is used in some fashion nearly every day.

I appreciate your consideration of new grant to update this historic, unique, vital asset to our town.

Thank You,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Logg & Peterson".

***SUBLETTE COUNTY, WYOMING***  
***OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK***

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November 28, 2011

Wyoming Business Council  
214 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street  
Cheyenne, WY 82002

RE: Boulder Community Center, Boulder Schoolhouse, Community Facilities Grant  
Application.

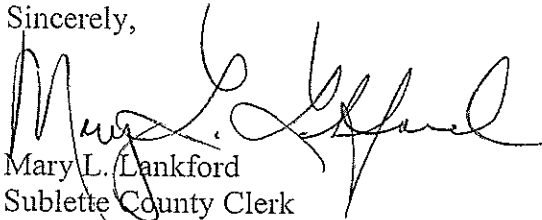
Dear Council:

It is my pleasure to send this letter of support for the above grant application and project. The Boulder Community Center has been used as an election polling place for 30+ years. It is accessible and convenient for the area voters.

We currently conduct election in one of the smaller rooms, due to the high cost of heating a larger room. With energy efficiency improvements made to the building, I hope to be able to provide a more spacious, warm polling place for the Boulder voters of Sublette County!

Thank you for your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

  
Mary L. Lankford  
Sublette County Clerk

To: The Wyoming Business Council  
Re: Boulder Community Center

Though a relative new-comer to the Boulder Community, I've witnessed the tremendous importance the Center plays and has played since the School Board graciously turned its care over to the community in the early seventies. Everything that requires large space and capacity takes place there. Weddings, anniversaries, holiday parties, public meetings, funerals; the list is endless. And the community participation that has been core to its maintenance and improvement over those years, may just be its most valuable asset. It represents all that is best about Boulder.

As an almost eighty year old wood structure, the old school house has real drawbacks to its continued use in the era of four dollar fuel, and sky high insurance rates for public facilities. Notwithstanding the steady improvements accomplished with volunteered help over the years, a concerted effort to insulate the building, including its windows and siding, rewire the electrical service to modern standards, revamp the ancient plumbing and extend it to the lounge/meeting room, and bring the present handicapped accesses into full standard compliance, would render the building an asset of immense value not only locally, but throughout the upper Green River Basin.

Additionally, during such major renovations, an opportunity would present to refurbish the attached, but dirt floored bus barn, as well as the furnace room, with interior access; providing storage for tables, chairs, etc. that is presently accomplished at the cost of an interior room. The same is true of the electric revamp: wiring could be installed to make possible current technology sound and presentations, a real asset to a public use facility, at genuine cost effectiveness.

Thank you for considering my thoughts.

Randy Bolgiano

To whom it may concern:

I recently hosted a baby shower for my fourth grandchild in the bar room and children's room at the Boulder Community Center. This event coupled with the pursuance of a grant to preserve our former school building has made us revisit just how important this building is to our family and the community.

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We deeply appreciate your consideration of our Boulder School (alias community center) for your grant monies. This upgrade will be invaluable to our community, our family, and Sublette County.

Sincerely,

Donald and Carol Rogers

## Kathy Sandmeier

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**From:** Carol Sue Rogers [crogers1@centurytel.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 31, 2011 7:38 PM  
**To:** Kathy Sandmeier  
**Subject:** BCC letter

P.O. Box 113  
Boulder, Wy. 82923  
October 31, 2011

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Boulder, Wyoming resident

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Boulder, Wyoming resident

October 26, 2011

Wyoming Business Council

Re: Boulder Community Council

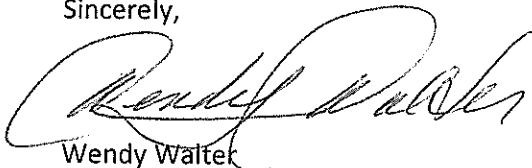
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Sincerely,

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Wendy Walter  
The Barn Door Design and Interiors  
Pinedale WY

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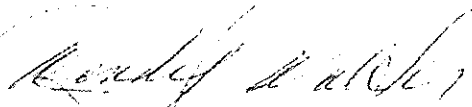
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Wendy Walter  
The Barn Door Design and Interiors  
Pinedale WY

10/25/2011

To Whom It May Concern  
Re the Boulder Community Center

From: Sallie E. OTTEMAN  
(Box 54, Boulder, WY 82923)

We've been community center members since 1984 or 1985 and have spent many an enjoyable time at the center.

The center sponsors many, many activities for young children - playground, Easter egg hunts, Christmas parties with talent shows and Santa Claus, etc. We all even used to do family roller skating at the center before the floors were fixed and skating could no longer be permitted.

Almost all activities ~~is~~ not specifically geared to children are still family activities -

Improvement that first comes to mind is insulation so that once the building is heated, the heat stays in.

Is the furnace now good? It used to give hairy boiler fits.

Bathroom and pipe insulation - the bathrooms are always cold. Hot water in the bathrooms?

Probably much more! Have not been in building in the last year. If the floor is just heaved - that should definitely be fixed.

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These include pot lucks, dances, weddings, wedding receptions, birthday parties even funerals.

It is also nice that members can schedule large or small private events. Personally I have scheduled two different office parties and my daughter's wedding reception.

It has been an excellent facility to have available to rent for a variety of special events and it caters beautifully to all of the children in the community.

The center is a community asset to be kept and improved upon.

Sallie

(SALLIE C OTTEMAN)

10-25-2011

To the board of the Boulder Community Center,  
I would like to see the Center continue  
to function. I have a young family and would enjoy  
having the center available for future events.  
As far as improving the building, I feel that  
heat and water are the 1<sup>st</sup> priorities. This may  
include doors, windows, insulation, new plumbing ect... to  
just name a few. I hope this input helps.

Sincerely ~~Cathy~~ J. Baranum and  
family

P.S. My wife actually wishes the center could  
become an elementary school for Boulder kids  
to save the drive back into town. A nice idea  
but probably not realistic.

October 25, 2011

Hello: I am Susan G. Bousman and I came to this Boulder community as a bride, forty-two years ago. I and my husband own a cattle ranching business. We raised four children and our two sons and their families continue to live here near us, a few miles east of Boulder. The following are my comments on the Boulder Community Center.

**Never has there been a time when this building has not been used.** Here are some of the past and present uses of the building, beyond its historical use as the community school:

- Voting
- Grazing association meetings
- Water association meetings
- Home owners association meetings
- Banquets
- Family affairs: weddings, family reunions, funerals
- Events: Easter, Summer picnics, Halloween, Christmas, New Years
- Auctions, craft fairs, carnivals

**Advantageous location** because of the nearby store, restaurant, motel, and post office.

**Because of the size of the building and the land surrounding the building, "there is no other place like the Boulder Community Center" in this area.**

- The Center is great for family events with room for kids to safely run and play.
- Space for barbecue.
- Plenty of parking room.
- Building holds a sizable crowd.
- Gym is perfect for dancing.
- Stage is great for performances or band.
- Kitchen room.
- Bar is in its own room.
- A special room for kids.
- Storage room.

**Atmosphere—it is functional but not too fancy.**

- It is not part of the bigger towns; Boulder is a separate, ranching community of the County which is reflected in the Center.

- The building is functional and adequate with what were the four class rooms.
- Not only do people feel reasonably safe here, but also they feel comfortable and at ease in using the facilities; meaning it is functional but not too fancy.
- It has been an affordable facility, plus a warm and inviting facility for family events.
- Space enough for safety and conveniences but also not so big what you can contain the event.

**Historical aspect of the Community Center;** it was the community school.

**Because of its size, the Community Center would be the logical base for an Emergency Center in case of a Natural Disaster situation in the Boulder Area.** The fire department sits next door.

**There is now a need for major structural improvements to the building (insulation, windows, floor, heating system, plumbing), plus the need to update the electrical system.**

**Future needs of the community may include an addition for a child care facility.**

We definitely need this major maintenance project to keep us functioning as a community.

Sincerely written,

*Susan L. Bousman*  
*P.O. Box 74*  
*Boulder, WY 80923*

**Subject:** Boulder Community Center Improvements  
**From:** kirk017@centurytel.net (kirk017@centurytel.net)  
**To:** roxannaj@yahoo.com;  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 25, 2011 1:13 PM

am very excited to hear that improving the Boulder Community Center is being pursued.

This is a center of the Boulder community and a gathering place to bring people together. It is definitely a place to hold an event.

know the insulation and windows need updated. The bathrooms need updated also. In the bar, add running water, and in the kitchen, update the appliances and the dinner service line, making it so, large gatherings, two lines be set up.

With these improvements, it will make the Center more appealing for events in the winter time.

Racy Hoover

## **Kathy Sandmeier**

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**From:** Cassy Johnston [tomcas@centurytel.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 23, 2011 10:23 PM  
**To:** kathysand@centurytel.net  
**Subject:** BCC

Sorry I almost forgot.

I miss the Community Center. It's a place to gather a few times a year to see old and new friends. My whole family looked forward every year to dances and pot luck get togethers every year in Boulder. This is were my kids learned to dance and socialize. They danced with their parents, aunts, uncles, cousins, old folks, friends and siblings. It was a place for funerals, weddings, Easter egg hunts and Halloween carnivals. Unfortunately the building has become too expensive to heat so it has goes almost unused much of the year. I served on the community center board for many years. I understand The expense and time needed to heat the building and turn on the water then drain the water. I feel it is an important assets to our community. We need to upgrade the building so it can be used during the fall and winter which most of the year in Boulder. The Community Center is what makes Boulder a true community. Cassy Johnston



**Subject:** letter

**From:** JONITA SOMMERS (jsommers@wildblue.net)

**To:** roxannaj@yahoo.com;

**Date:** Sunday, October 23, 2011 11:43 AM

To Whom It May Concern:

The old school house that is now the Boulder Community Center supports the Boulder community as well as all of Sublette County in many ways. In the old ranching communities, the schoolhouse was the center of the community. It literally and figurative was from the time of the one room log schoolhouses. They measured the distance from all the ranches house and put the school in the middle. The old Boulder school was one of these schools in the beginning. It is a place where weddings, funerals, dances, craft fairs, and organizations have meetings. It is large enough that larger events can be held in it.

The improvements will help the community because the building will be made so it is winterized again. The indoor plumbing freezes and so there are not restrooms and running water at times which makes it hard to hold community events when it is like that. If there is insulation, double pane windows, and new siding will definitely help with the freezing water and heat bill. It will be a modern, usable place for people to hold community and family events again.

This Center has played a role in my families live in many ways. There use to be dances held that were great fun from the time I was only 5 or 6 years old until I was in my twenties. We had my grandmother and mother's funeral there. My brother had his wedding there. It has been the place for many wedding and funerals of family and friends. It is a very nice gathering place with the big gym floor and the kitchen on the side.

I think the grant to refurbish old Boulder Community Center would be a wise and good use of the money.

Sincerely,

Jonita Sommers  
P.O. Box 266  
Pinedale, WY 82941

Oct. 23, 2011

TO: Boulder Community Center Board

As a fifth generation of this community, I am excited about the potential to upgrade the Boulder Community Center, and to keep it running in the future. There are many reasons the Center is important to our community, ranging from its history, current use, & future potential. One thing that crosses all of these time frames is the Center's ability to create a unique atmosphere that no other facilities in Sublette County can provide. Here are some examples:

- Outside barbecues in conjunction with indoor events.
- Formal & informal events, depending totally on what the user desires
  - Funerals
  - Weddings
  - Kids holiday parties
  - Dances
  - Voting
- A separate room for adult beverages
- A kids room for babysitting
- A stage
- Dance Floor

For these reasons I feel it important to upgrade the Boulder Community Center & keep it running.

Sincerely,  
James E. Brown...

- brew fest & bands ←
- carnival atmosphere

- \* park, trees

- public forum for elections
- corporate retreats / meetings
- p school activities 1x / mo?
- auctioneers / sales

- Social Hall
- watch rodeos, football, etc
- xmas parties
- get people & kids & old timers
- chili cook off
- dutch oven cook offs
- BBQ cook offs

From: Nathan R Parra <nparra@wyoming.com>  
To: Roxanna Jensen <roxanna@ yahoo.com>  
Sent: Saturday, October 22, 2011 12:06 PM  
Subject: Boulder Community Center

Dear, Wyoming Business Council

RE: Boulder Community Center

Growing up in Boulder, the Community Center has always been used for dances, reunions, auctions, funerals, family parties and weddings and still is. I used to even help oil the floors from time to time growing up. It is one of the buildings that I always notice as I drive home that says "yes" I 'm still in Boulder and it is still the same small town community. The Boulder Community Center is one of the only buildings that I know that can handle up to 200 plus people at a time. This I know after having a anniversary party for my folks last year and I had my wedding reception there 13 years ago. The Benefit of the Center and where it is located is that it is away from the Highway, with a lot of area around it, so you don't have to worry about children playing during get togethers. Another nice benefit that the Center has is the play ground for kids to play on.

Improvements that could be made to the center are: a sign at the Highway to direct people to it, insulation, new wiring, new windows, stabilization of the gym floor due to frost heaves during the winter, few up grades to kitchen and the bathrooms and the bar area. I think that the stage in the gym should stay because it works great for plays and for bands at dances. The play room for the kids is great during bad weather events. The kitchen is great for feeding people. I think if the BCC was up graded that it would cost less for heating and if there was some kind of advertising of it that it would get used more by all. Events like Black Ties and Blues would have more area for people and with the kitchen easier to serve and feed them.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Parra  
6 East Flintlock Lane  
Pinedale, WY. 82941  
370-367-4673

**Charles A Chidsey, M.D.**  
Post Office Box 1688  
Lander, WY 82520

October 20, 2011

Peg Carney  
Vice President  
The Boulder Community Center  
P.O. Box 124  
Boulder, WY 82923

Dear Peg,

Muriel and I both feel that the Boulder Community Center (BCC) has been an enormous influence in the Boulder area in creating a sense of community. Although we have been absent from Sublette County since 1998 when we left the area after we sold our ranch, we have followed the activities held at BCC throughout the years since that time. BCC has served the community of Boulder and, in fact all the county, since its inception more than 40 years ago.

We both remember well the beginning in 1978 when the school building was given to the community by the School District and the Center was created. Families in Boulder joined together to begin to rebuild the school house and adjoining teacherage. The winter of '78 - '79 was a bitterly cold and the first event hosted by the Center was a New Year's Eve dance. This was preceded by heroic work on the old coal fired furnace by Larry Lozier, Dale Woirhaye and a few others which resulted in tolerable temperature in the schoolhouse when the event began. By midnight temperatures inside the building were a balmy 40 - 50 and the party was an enormous success.

Since 1978 BCC has served the community importantly for weddings, receptions, anniversaries and funerals. During this time the community has come together to maintain the building. However, now major renovation is required to preserve this historic building. It deserves support now as it enters its 5<sup>th</sup> decade of service. Plumbing, heating, windows, and floors need to be rehabilitated. It would be a shame to neglect this building which has truly historic significance. Muriel and I wholeheartedly endorse efforts to provide funds for this purpose.

Sincerely,



**Telephone: 307 7391327**  
**Fax: 307 7392460**  
**Email: c.chidsey@bresnan.net**

## Wendy Rohrer

**From:** Wendy Rohrer [wrohrer@live.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 17, 2011 5:06 PM  
**To:** wrohrer@northerntitle.net  
**Subject:** FW: community center

Love and Prayers,  
Wendy

To: wrohrer@live.com  
Subject: community center  
From: corrrcdorm@aol.com  
Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2011 17:21:28 -0400

hi!

here's my thought on upgrading the community center. every two years or so there's an election and the polling place for boulder has been the community center. i can tell you that i have frozen my buns off because of the heat. i think there is no heat and the bathrooms were a little old too. but that is what i'd like fixed first and then whatever else follows.

thanks!  
corri dorman



To: The Wyoming Business Council  
Re: Boulder Community Center

Though a relative new-comer to the Boulder Community, I've witnessed the tremendous importance the Center plays and has played since the School Board graciously turned its care over to the community in the early seventies. Everything that requires large space and capacity takes place there. Weddings, anniversaries, holiday parties, public meetings, funerals; the list is endless. And the community participation that has been core to its maintenance and improvement over those years, may just be its most valuable asset. It represents all that is best about Boulder.

As an almost eighty year old wood structure, the old school house has real drawbacks to its continued use in the era of four dollar fuel, and sky high insurance rates for public facilities. Notwithstanding the steady improvements accomplished with volunteered help over the years, a concerted effort to insulate the building, including its windows and siding, rewire the electrical service to modern standards, revamp the ancient plumbing and extend it to the lounge/meeting room, and bring the present handicapped accesses into full standard compliance, would render the building an asset of immense value not only locally, but throughout the upper Green River Basin.

Additionally, during such major renovations, an opportunity would present to refurbish the attached, but dirt floored bus barn, as well as the furnace room, with interior access; providing storage for tables, chairs, etc. that is presently accomplished at the cost of an interior room. The same is true of the electric revamp: wiring could be installed to make possible current technology sound and presentations, a real asset to a public use facility, at genuine cost effectiveness.

Thank you for considering my thoughts.

Randy Bolgiano



2500 College Drive, P.O. Box 428 / Rock Springs, WY 82902-0428

November 22, 2011

Town of Bairoil  
Bairoil, WY 82322

To Whom It May Concern;

The Learning Center at Western Wyoming Community College supports the town the town of Bairoil in its endeavor to provide adult basic education, GED, and concurrent and dual enrollments for its citizens.

This could be done through community and school district partnerships as well as distance education.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at 307-382-1825.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Jami Anderson'.

Jami Anderson  
Director Developmental Studies  
Western Wyoming Community College



eliminating racism  
empowering women  
**ywca**  
Sweetwater County

November 21, 2011

Re: Letter of Support for the Old Town Hall Project in Bairoil, Wyoming

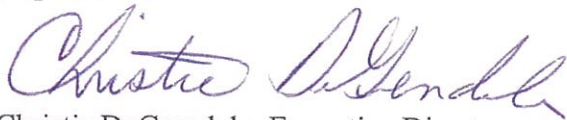
To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Sweetwater County Family Justice Center, we are writing to support the old town hall project in Bairoil, Wyoming. We believe that a community center in Bairoil would allow residents greater connectivity to social services in the county. We anticipate that the community center would include a room equipped with telephone and video conferencing capabilities where individuals may go at designated times to receive initial services from our Center.

The Sweetwater County Family Justice Center is the first of its kind in the state of Wyoming, providing a model for wrap-around services for victims of all forms of family violence. Essentially, the Center will co-locate many services needed for individuals and families seeking assistance in cases of domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault, child sexual assault, child abuse/neglect, and elder abuse. The FJC model is a proven best practice, allowing an effective multi-disciplinary approach to assist and protect those in need because of family violence.

We hope to further develop the means by which we may serve individuals in Bairoil and hope that a community center may facilitate our presence there.

Regards,



Christie DeGrendele, Executive Director  
YWCA of Sweetwater County

CD/vb

Mailing Address: YWCA of Sweetwater County, P.O. Box 1667, Rock Springs, WY 82902

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Green River Childcare  
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Town of Bairoil  
Mayor MD Reaser  
PO Box 58  
Bairoil, WY 82322

RE: Old Town Hall – Community Use Center

I am writing to express my support for the Old Town Hall - Community Use Center on behalf of myself and board. A community, town or city needs a place to gather to discuss issues, have educational & cultural events and or celebrate an occasion. The Town of Bairoil has an opportunity to make this happen and at the same time fill voids in the community.

The Old Town Hall will become a multi-use facility lending a need for space for the youth, medical care, educational training and access to computers. Your town's people have a distance to travel for some of the basic needs and service the Old Town Hall will make available.

Another reason that our program is so supportive of this idea is its great possibility for a positive economic impact for Town of Bairoil. The need for temporary and transitional housing will be addressed with the four studio apartments and laundry facility, thus giving your community a chance to bring in new industries.

Lastly, historic rehabilitation is green. The rehabilitation of historic and older buildings reduces waste and saves energy while it preserves our cultural heritage. A historic rehabilitation recycles existing materials and utilizes existing road, utility and transit infrastructure. Reusing a 5,000 square foot building saves the carbon consumed by 85 homes in one year. Rawlins DDA/Main Street is in the process of finishing a historic rehabilitation project which has brought the community and downtown together. Remembering our rich past and taking it into the future has reminded Rawlins why we live in Wyoming. This project will be a chance for the Town of Bairoil to restore an important part of the area's history and provide a sense of civic pride. Good luck and again, you have Rawlins DDA/Main Street's support.

*A gathering place is where a community comes to life.*

Have a great day,

Pam Thayer  
Executive Director  
Rawlins Downtown Development Authority/Main Street





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November 16, 2011

Re: Old Town Hall & Business Center Project.

To Whom It May Concern:

We recently heard about the plans for turning the old Bairoil Town Hall into a multipurpose facility. We are completely supportive of you. The residents and businesses located in Bairoil are very fortunate to have public servants such as yourselves who are truly interested in enriching the lives of your community.

The plan to provide professional areas for trainings and meetings coupled with areas for the community to gather, whether it is for craft projects for the youth, movies or special presentations is a wonderful idea. Also having a short term apartment available for those who might be stranded during poor weather conditions not only shows your dedication to those who call Bairoil home but to anyone who comes to your area.

We are proud to have been able to service the town of Bairoil and their plumbing needs.

Sincerely,



Joe Banta  
Eagle Plumbing & Construction

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(307) 324-2265  
November 10, 2011

Mayor MD Reaser  
Town of Bairoil  
PO Box 58  
Bairoil, WY 82322

RE: Old Town Hall –Community Use Center

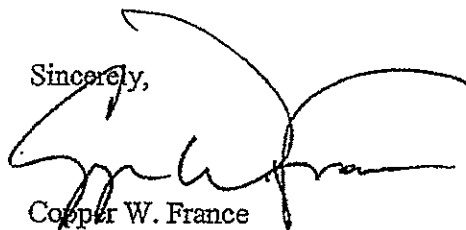
Mayor Reaser, my name is Copper France, President of Bank of Commerce in Rawlins. Was raised in Carbon County and have been active in our community for many years.

Recently I was made aware of the "old town hall" project that will ultimately salvage the locally historic hall into a community space for the community to enjoy. These types of projects are extremely valuable to our small communities in Wyoming. I support this project knowing the multiple uses for industry partners, the access the space will provide to residents of all ages and interest, and the idea of giving the community a place to gather for local functions.

Rawlins is a community partner and neighbor to Bairoil, we look at Bairoil as an extension of our community. Clearly the residents of Bairoil rely on Rawlins for the basic services like gas, groceries and restaurants that are not readily available in Bairoil.

I wish you, Mayor Reaser and the Town Council as well as the residents of the town the best of luck in this community project, and I hope to be included in the celebration when the project is complete.

Sincerely,



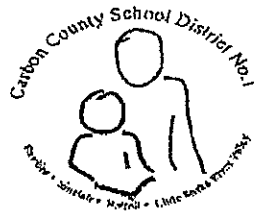
Copper W. France  
President



# Carbon County School District One

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Letter to: Mayor MD Reaser  
Town of Bairoil  
PO Box 58  
Bairoil, WY 82322

RE: Old Town Hall –Community Use Center

Carbon County School District One is the parent district to the school and community in Bairoil. After school programs and the historic culture of our individual towns are of great importance to us. It is our belief that the project being proposed will enrich the lives and curriculum of our students. We offer our strongest support.

The school district is aware of the "old town hall" project that will ultimately salvage the locally historic town hall for functional community space. I also understand this facility will also provide a wonderful location for the youth of Bairoil to enjoy.

I support this project knowing that general access to technology and basic services are difficult in rural and remote locations, and the young people need a space that will foster growth and development. I encourage the town to continue the goal of offering the location as a site for tutoring, dance and piano lessons, partnering with a health center for preventive care and immunizations.

We offer our compliments to the elected officials and resident who have fostered the community and industry partners. I send my best wishes and warmest regards to you, Mayor Reaser and Town Council, and I will join the celebration when the project is complete.

Sincerely,

M. Neil Terhune Ed. D.  
Superintendent  
CCSD #1

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November 10, 2011

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Our youth needs a place to gather as well as classes, group meetings and training for our industry partners. The youth of our town is our future and we need to help them succeed in anyway we can, with the renovation of this building we are not only supporting our current needs but our future.

I am hopeful that the Wyoming Business Council will support this project and vote in our favor.

Sincerely,

TRENT LAW OFFICE, LLC.

By:   
Peggy A. Trent, Town Attorney

November 10, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

Please support our project for renovating the old Town Hall. We are a small community and very proud of our town. This project would make it possible for us to have a place for our youth and for medical access for both seniors and children.

I am hopeful that you will support this project for our town and our residents.

Sincerely,

*Joe Ann Rigano*

November 10, 2011

I have lived in Bairoil, Wyoming for years, and am proud to call it home.

I know that we need a community center to help our town grow and thrive. I am fully supporting this project of renovating town hall, and will participate in anything I can do help see this project finished.

We are a small community with many needs, and this renovation will help facilitate some of those needs.

*Dana L. Clawson*

I THANK YOU for your support of this project.

November 10, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

Please find this letter as my support for the Town Hall Project. Bairoil is in need of a gathering place for the residents of this town, among other uses.

I would like to see Bairoil continue to grow and thrive and without this project I don't think that is possible. I am proud to live in Bairoil and want to see good things for our community and its residents.

Please support our project!

Thank You!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karla Clapper". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the "Thank You!" text.

November 10, 2011

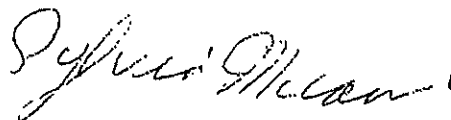
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I know that you will support us as a community. Bairoil, Wyoming appreciates you and your vote!

Thank You -

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jeffrey McLean".

November 10, 2011

I am a resident of Bairoll, Wyoming and have lived here for years.

I am beyond excited to hear about a community center. I fully support this project. Our town needs something new that will bring opportunity to its citizens and town. There are so many uses for a space like this and we as a town will fully take advantage of the space.

This will serve as our continuation of our town history.

Please vote in favor of this project for our town.

Thank You -

Jennifer A. Evans

November 10, 2011

I fully support the Town Hall project. I am excited to see the opportunities it will bring to our town.

Baird needs a new place for meeting, gathering and the biggest thing of all PRIDE for our town. There is a great need for new post office, a place where we can receive some medical services and a place to meet.

I know that after seeing this project - you will vote in our favor, and for that I Thank You.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Shane A. Mason".

Shane A. Mason  
810 Blue Bell Dr



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*W H Smith*  
*Box 121*  
*Baird WY 82322*

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Thank You!

Respectfully,  


November 10, 2011

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I have wanted this project to happen for years now, and am thrilled that it's so close to becoming a reality. *I hope you*

*M. D. Ream*

Please vote in favor for this project.

Thank You ~

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Rob & Sandra Niblett

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Janet Redman PM  
Thank You - Bairoil PO



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Thank You -

Kenneth E. Pehlmaier  
Janet L. Pehlmaier

November 10, 2011

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Bob Wurtley  
Adene Wurtley

November 10, 2011

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Our youth needs a place to gather as well as classes, group meetings and training for our industry partners. The youth of our town is our future and we need to help them succeed in anyway we can, with the renovation of this building we are not only supporting our current needs but our future.

I am hopeful that the Wyoming Business Council will support this project and vote in our favor.

Thank You!

*Patty Miles*

*Dean Miles*



November 10, 2011

Please take this letter as full support of the community center. I know this project will bring much needed space for services in our community.

We are thrilled that a piece of our history will be brought back to life and that the building will be used instead of sitting and rotting away.

We need a place for our kids and young adults to gather for meetings, classes and everything else it will bring. Our winters are long. This community will find good use for this space - all year long!

I know that you will support us as a community. Bairoil, Wyoming appreciates you and your vote!

Thank You -

Edward P. Nowak  
Town Engineer

November 10, 2011

I am a resident of Bairoil, Wyoming and have lived here for years.

I am beyond excited to hear about a community center. I fully support this project. Our town needs something new that will bring opportunity to its citizens and town. There are so many uses for a space like this and we as a town will fully take advantage of the space.

This will serve as our continuation of our town history.

Please vote in favor of this project for our town.

*Nancy Munde & Irene Munde*

Thank You -

November 10, 2011

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Thank You!

Peggy A. Trust, Town Attorney

November 10, 2011

I fully support the Town Hall project. I am excited to see the opportunities it will bring to our town.

Baird needs a new place for meeting, gathering and the biggest thing of all PRIDE for our town. There is a great need for new post office, a place where we can receive some medical services and a place to meet.

I know that after seeing this project - you will vote in our favor, and for that I Thank You.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Zebra Morris". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

November 10, 2011

As a proud citizen of Bairoil, Wyoming I am supporting the renovation project of the old Town Hall. I am excited to see what this will bring to our humble little town.

We have to travel 40 miles out of town for services. I feel the renovation of this building will bring in some valuable services we need in our community. We do not have access to basic necessities like gas, grocery stores, restaurants or medical services. This building could be the start to growth by providing a place for training and a place for the town to gather.

I have wanted this project to happen for years now, and am thrilled that it's so close to becoming a reality.

Please vote in favor for this project.

Thank You --

Debra & Dennis Morgan

Myers ■ Anderson

- Architecture
- Interior Design
- Landscape Architecture

November 8, 2011

Wyoming Business Council  
Dave Simonsen  
214 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street  
Cheyenne, WY 82002

RE: Town of Bairoil  
Old Town Hall Project

Dear Mr. Simonsen:

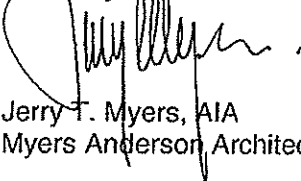
I am excited to hear that the Town of Bairoil is looking to salvage an older existing building and convert the space to be used for community gatherings. I believe the Old Town Hall building is an important asset worth saving. It is an important part of the town's heritage. The space can be used locally for a variety of occasions, large and small, for public or private gatherings as well as for youth activities.

I believe this new facility could offer an appropriate location for many of the community's needs, as well as regional and state rendezvous meetings. I also recognize that Bairoil is a great distance from easy and accessible services. This facility could offer gathering space such as other working examples across the state like Lyman, Alpine and other communities.

Through the SHPO and Wyoming Main Street I have had the opportunity to assess numerous buildings and complete projects (community centers) in numerous small communities. They serve as an invaluable resource as a gathering place for social and economic vitality.

Please know that I support this project and the access it will offer to the local town. Knowing it will provide a location for youth, access to preventative medical care, family gatherings and celebrations only reminds us of how important a community gathering place can be in a rural and remote area of Wyoming, such as Bairoil.

Sincerely,



Jerry T. Myers, AIA  
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To Whom It May Concern:

I strongly support the Town Hall project in Bairoil. Bairoil has very few services. We have to drive about 40 miles to get to the nearest town.

I see value in combining the post office and offering a community space.

This town could use a gathering space to encourage more valued business partners to expand products and services to the town.

I like knowing our youth could have more access to technology and adults who have medical needs could have access to local care if a health center partners with the project.

Please support this project. Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Robert M. McLean*



## Merit Energy Company

P.O. Box 189  
Bairoil, WY 82322  
307-328-2341 (Karen)

November 8, 2011

Wyoming Business Council  
Dave Simonsen  
214 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street  
Cheyenne, WY 82002

Dear Mr. Simonsen:

Merit Energy is pleased to hear about the Town of Bairoils project to salvage an old building and convert the space to be used for the community and industry partners, as part of their effort to make Bairoil a better place to live. I believe the old town hall building is an important asset with local significance worth saving not only for its usefulness but as a historic building, as it is right now it just sits vacant and deteriorating of non use, this is the time to restore this historical building.

The possibility offered to us as Industry partners for the use of this facility is exciting to Merit and our service vendors who come into Bairoil from all over the state. We feel the options of a meeting place with computer/technology rooms, Wi-Fi, a self-serve snack café and basic area to eat, warm meals in the use of this building would be a great benefit. Many times overnight housing is required, our employees or our guests and service vendors spend the night at a hotel in Rawlins and commute into Bairoil or they just have to commute many miles. In our industry it's not unusual to put in late night hours or the winter weather can also strand us here in Bairoil so the option of having a room right here in Bairoil is great. I know we could use the facility if it were available.

The town of Bairoils plan for many uses of this facility, community & youth to gather for activities,, provide access to basic medical needs and local workforce human resource requirements is commendable, this facility could ease the burden of the many challenges we face in a remote (but hospitable) location.

Please know I proudly support this project and the access it will offer to the local town.

Thank you,

Merit Energy Company LLC





November 3, 2011

Mayor MD Reaser  
Town of Bairoil  
PO Box 58  
Bairoil, WY

Dear Honorable Mayor Reaser:

We are proud to offer our letter of support for your "Old Town Hall Project" knowing the efforts you and your town council are making to restore a historic building that will ultimately provide community space and cater to both industry partners and most importantly the youth of your town.

This project will be a wonderful example across the state of what small rural towns can do to promote community development and find resourceful solutions that are specific to the town's needs and desires.

An important feature this building will provide is...**ACCESS**. Access to growth, partnerships, medical care, education, technology, social and economic solutions. Keep up the good work.

Mayor Lenore Perry  
Granger

Mayor Richelle Johnson  
Superior

Mayor Colleen Eifealtdt  
Wamsutter

Founders of Frontier Community Development Alliance

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November 1, 2011

Mayor MD Reaser  
Town of Baroil  
Town Hall, 1101 Antelope Drive  
PO Box 58  
Baroil, WY 82322

Dear Mayor and Town Council,

I am pleased to offer a letter in support of the Town of Baroil's Wyoming Business Council Community Facility Grant. We are in the final stages of the permitting process of our Lost Creek ISR project and expect to start construction of the mine/mill in the summer of 2012 after we receive our final approval from the BLM. Construction is expected to be complete early in 2013 after which production is expected to start.

We understand the importance of partnering with our local communities and being good corporate citizens. As you recall, your Chief of Police took me on a tour of Baroil and showed me the various options available for us to use as temporary office space, meeting space, short term lodging, etc. and I was particularly interested in the community building. In addition to it being a great facility for the community, I see it as being a convenient and useful facility for our employees due to its proximity to our project and the proposed services that will be provided.

Again, Ur-Energy is pleased to support the Town of Baroil's Wyoming Business Community Facility Grant and looks forward to seeing the building put to productive use.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Rich Boberg'.

Rich Boberg  
Director of Public Relations and Human Resources

cc. Community Investment Group – Rock Springs

Lisa Mueller  
Community Investment Group  
1993 Dewar Drive, 1-190  
Rock Springs, WY 82901

**RE: Town of Bairoil WBC Grant**

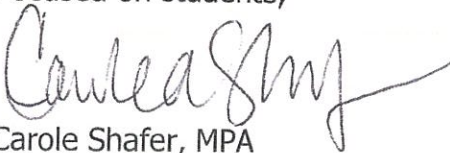
To Whom It May Concern:

Western Wyoming Community College is dedicated to our Guiding Principle of "Community Is Our Partner". Within our five county service district, WWCC uses compressed video, distance education technology, and face-to-face instruction to provide both credit and non-credit courses, including Community Education, Continuing Education, Professional Development, and Workforce Training to meet the community need. It is my honor and privilege to write this letter of support for this project and its lasting impacts on the Town of Bairoil. Western Wyoming Community College has a proven track record in providing these types of courses and services throughout our service district and we are looking forward to the opportunity to partner to offer these options for the residents and industry partners in the Town of Bairoil.

In the last six years, WWCC has grown our industry partnerships 388%. In working with industry, we have heard repeatedly about the need for training and education. This remodeled facility with the new classroom facility, distance education technology, and access to computers, will be critical to the expansion of WWCC offerings and the many educational and partnership benefits WWCC can bring to the local industry.

I wholeheartedly support this project and hope that you will do the same. This is a need in the community which affects the vitality of all who live in and are growing business in Bairoil. We look forward to seeing this project funded and the educational partnership opportunities between WWCC and the Town of Bairoil expanded.

Focused on students,

  
Carole Shafer, MPA

**Carole Shafer, Director**  
Workforce and Community Development

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October 25, 2011

Mayor MD Reaser  
Town of Bairoil  
PO Box 58  
Bairoil, WY 82322

RE: Old Town Hall – Post Office and Community Use Center

Dear Mayor Reaser,

It is without reservation that the Sweetwater County Joint Travel and Tourism Board fully supports the request for the grant to refurbish the Old Town Hall in Bairoil, Wyoming. The location of this center will encourage industry visitors as well as provide a place for brochures and other printed material that will help promote travel and tourism throughout Wyoming.

As the second largest industry in the state, in 2009, travel and tourism generated \$144.2 million in total direct spending in Sweetwater County supporting almost 1,700 jobs. By refurbishing the Bairoil site, travel and tourism could increase in the area, opening job opportunities and increasing local spending. Refurbishing will preserve the only 3 story building in the town which will aid in attracting tourists by permitting the building to host some of the town's historical artifacts.

Bairoil has limited resources and requires visitors to travel long distances for basic needs and services. Refurbishing the building could provide an opportunity and need for expanded services such as gas stations, restaurants, etc. providing an increase in job opportunities. Stranded travelers and hunters who have been known to discover the location on accident will now be enticed to stay as the location will offer a snack café, computer room, training and meeting space, office space, 4 sleeping rooms, and a laundry facility.

The new building will also provide much needed space for youth to gather and have access to medical care. Training and access to computers will be offered on site. This presents a chance for long distance learning and online courses with Western Wyoming Community College, further enhancing the communities youth for the future.

Should you have any questions on the position of the Sweetwater County Joint Travel and Tourism Board concerning this matter or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact our office at (307) 382.2538.

Sincerely,

Jenissa J. Bartlett  
Executive Director  
Sweetwater County Joint Travel and Tourism Board

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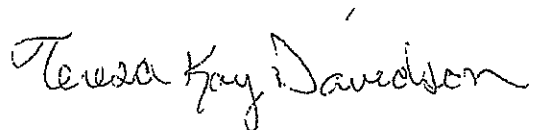
October 17, 2011

I am a resident of Bairoil and have lived here for years.

I am thrilled to hear about a community center, and I strongly support this project. Our community has very few accessible services. I can assure you there is a need and knowing this refurbished space could be home to some basic needs is encouraging and inspiring.

I also know the town youth and adults will take full advantage of the opportunity. I support this project and I am hopeful that the Wyoming Business Council will vote in favor of this project.

Thank you!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Teresa Kay Davidson".

January 26, 2012

To Whom It May,

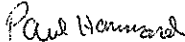
Hi, my name is Paul Hammond and I live in Midwest. I am a 9<sup>th</sup> grade student at Midwest School. I would like to tell you how important the Rec Center is to me and why we need a new one.

I have been going to the Rec Center every Thursday, Friday and Saturday night since I was little. It is a place where we all go to hang out with our friends. It is only one room with a pool table and a Wii, but we have fun there and it is safe and warm. They also serve pizza rolls, hot wings and other food items that I really like. I enjoy helping Marcia Jones too, who is one of the supervisors at the Rec Center.

Holiday parties are always fun at the Rec Center. They always have good food and fun games for us to play. The New Year's Eve party is my favorite. I am the champion at the M & M game. What can I say I am just a beast at that game!

Please help Salt Creek Community Recreation build us a new Rec Center. It would mean so much to us if we could have an area for the big kids and an area for the little kids. Also, if we had more room they could put more things in there for us to do. It's the only place for us to go. I play football and basketball at Midwest School. After practice and games I go to the Rec Center. It's my second home and I'm glad I have somewhere like that to go.

Thank you,

  
Paul Hammond  
Midwest Student



Anadarko Petroleum Corporation  
PO Box 10  
Midwest, WY 82643

January 26, 2012

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to take this opportunity to formally write a letter of support for Salt Creek Community Recreation and their endeavor to secure funds for a new recreational/community center.

For years SCCR has been trying to secure enough funding to build a facility for the youth of the Midwest/Edgerton and surrounding area. Five years ago Anadarko joined their efforts and pledged \$100,000 to the project. These funds remain allocated to the Salt Creek Community Recreation project and are awaiting the access to further grant monies to provide completion of the new recreational center.

Along with financial support, Anadarko has partnered with United Way in their, "Day of Caring" and has supplied physical labor and materials for the current Rec Center with projects such as replacing the old dilapidated roof and updating the interior of the facility with new paint coverings.

We support our community and feel our youth need a facility where they can interact with kids their own age in a safe and secure environment, along with building relationships surrounded by outstanding role models. Other communities offer such simple activities as baseball, soccer, bowling, and many others... but in reality our small isolated community cannot offer these activities at this time. However we can offer the youth an option to participate in other activities that will be associated with the new Rec Center, helping to bring families and the community closer together with out the adverse effects/cost associated with traveling 90 miles round trip. This can take place right here at home in our community.

Please partner with us and other organizations to help SCCR obtain their dream of providing a recreational facility that the youth and community members can utilize and be proud of.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Danny Morse, Production Superintendent  
307-262-8614 cell  
307-437-9500 office



United Way  
of Natrona County

January 25, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

Salt Creek Recreation Center provides educational and recreational activities to enrich the quality of life in the Midwest/Edgerton areas. Salt Creek Recreation Center has been a valued partner agency and has been receiving United Way of Natrona County funding since 2002. There is no anticipated change in Salt Creek's eligibility for funding.

We support their efforts to precur funding for a new facility. The new facility would provide a safe, pleasant and enjoyable atmosphere for the youth of Midwest/Edgerton to have a place to go.

We believe that this innovative opportunity would benefit the town of Midwest/Edgerton to see such a valued and structured agency to be able to establish a new foundation for the great services they provide the community.

We wish them success in in their efforts.

Sincerely,

Mike Burnett  
Executive Director



# Midwest School



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256 Lewis  
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Fax: 307-253-3520

Chris Tobin, Principal  
Ralph Obray, Dean of Students/Assistant Principal

January 24, 2012

## To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to take this opportunity to offer a formal recommendation. I believe the town of Midwest qualifies for this grant and is deserving of a Recreation Center. It is in an isolated area, the community needs a place where activities can take place, and it would create a positive change within the community.

Midwest is a remote town that is almost centrally located in Wyoming. The closest cities to Midwest include Casper, which is 44 miles southwest, Buffalo, which is 90 miles northwest, and Gillette, which is 99 miles northeast. The surrounding areas encompass small communities, small towns, and ranches. It is isolated and the community must travel to participate in everything. The winter months make these travels unlikely to occur and the summer month's expenses for traveling are usually saved for the weekend family trips. The recreation center would be a beneficial for these two reasons alone.

The children, teenagers, young adults and older community members have no place to go or things to do, except for what the school can provide. As stated before they must travel to even go to the grocery store, movies, bowling, skiing, roller skating, and shopping, just to name a few. This grant would provide Midwest and the surrounding areas with that positive place and be valuable asset to the community. It would also provide a safe and secure environment for everyone to go. It would encourage community involvement. More positive behaviors would occur, and more structured activities could be provided to our youth and young adults. The center could provide Midwest School with the opportunity of hosting a state sports regional event.

The overall advantages to just the children and young adults will be seen in the success of team building, friend making, belonging, engagement, responsibility, leadership and improved health. These are all qualities that we would like all citizens to possess, however, not everyone is given an opportunity because of the location of where they live, family income, and availability of activities.

Please consider Midwest for this grant. It would offer the community members a location to have events and activities year round without the additional travel cost and time lost. This center would provide the children and young adults with a safe environment to grow and would allow them the many privileges and opportunities that the larger cities can offer their own communities.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Susan Y. Rodabaugh".

Susan Y. Rodabaugh, Administrative Manager/Athletic-Activities Administrator  
Midwest Schools

Wyoming Business Council

RE: Salt Creek Rec Center

Dear Wyoming Business Council,

My name is Adam VanNorman and I am a 17 year old that lives in Midwest. Living in a small town has its benefits but also short comings. One of these being that there usually is no places for all of the kids to hang out. Luckily for Midwest, we have that in the rec.

The rec was a very important part in my childhood and helped me to stay busy and not get into trouble when I was younger. I would go there Thursday through Saturday, because that is where all of my friends went and it is the only place to hang out in Midwest. As I have gotten older, I do not go there as long as I used to but I still show up at least once a weekend, usually more. The rec is the central point in town even though it is on the outside of town. It is where my friends and I meet up before we go out or do anything.

I am glad I had the rec center there for me while growing up, and I hope the younger generations have the opportunity to have a rec center also.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adam VanNorman". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Adam VanNorman

To: Wyoming Business Council

RE: Building a new community building

Hello, My name is Josh Lindsay and I am a sophomore at Midwest School in Midwest, WY. I have lived here all of my life and plan on graduating from here because both my parents work in the Salt Creek area.

I have been going to the Salt Creek Community Rec. Center since I was allowed to do so. It only has one pool table, one TV to play Wii, a nice stereo and just purchased a large screen television a couple of years ago to watch movies and videos. Doesn't seem like a lot but when it is the only place to go, hang out with friends and get some hot wings on a Friday night after a basketball game, we make do.

Building a new, larger center would be amazing, as I get older, I have found that hanging out with the younger kids isn't as cool as I thought it once was to be hanging out with the older kids. The building we have right now is a one room building that use to be a bar in the community. When the younger kids are in there, having fun and doing their kid things, not much room is available for me and my friends to pursue our more mature fun. The new building would allow us all to have a safe place to go, get some food and socialize.

Thank you for considering to help us build a new rec center, although I will only have a few years to enjoy the facility, I have two cousins that are both in elementary as well as my niece that will have a better place to call home away from home.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Josh Lindsay". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Josh Lindsay

To Whom It May Concern,

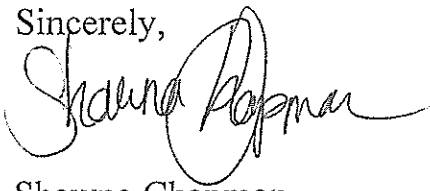
My name is Shawna Chapman and I am a senior at Midwest High School. I hear you are helping us with a grant for a new Rec Center and I would like to share with you my point of view on how it would benefit us.

The Rec Center is the only place for us to hang out with our friends other than at our houses. We like to get together and hang out there on weekends to play pool and card games. I have spent many Halloween nights and New Year's Eves at the Rec Center. They host parties and have pumpkin carving and pie eating contests. It is a lot of fun and we always have a safe and fun place to spend these holidays.

When we were in the sixth grade, we didn't really have to worry about little kids coming to the Rec Center because parents didn't allow them to go. Now, however, the Rec Center is the place to go for all ages. I'm glad they have a place to go, but it would be nice to have a separate place so we could hang out with our own age groups. Many of us who go to the Rec Center have siblings, and although we love them, it would be nice to get a break from them.

I am a senior this year so this Rec Center will not benefit me but it will affect my eleven-year-old brother and sister. I want them to have a place to go and hang out with their friends and keep them safe and out of trouble. This Rec Center is really the only thing we have out here so it would be nice to have a bigger place where all of the kids can go and have a good time. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shawna Chapman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Shawna Chapman

My name is Brianna Sonsoucic and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the grant that you have provided for the Salt Creek Community Recreation Center. This not only benefits the kids who use the Recreation Center, but it also benefits the town of Midwest. The Recreation Center is a big component for the town of Midwest and the people. It gives the kids of the town a safe place to be with friends, play games, and stay out of trouble.

I have been attending Midwest School since I was in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Since I live in Casper every weekend that we had a sporting event, I would stay with my good friend Shawna. The Recreation Center was a big part of our lives because it was the only place for entertainment. Now that the Recreation Center is expanding, it will bring the same joy to the kids, like it did for my friends and I. The Rec has not just been a place for kids of all ages too hang out; it has hosted many holiday parties and get togethers over the years. I have been to countless Halloween parties, New Years Eve bashes, and Birthday parties.

A good number of my memories come from the Rec Center and I would like to continue seeing it as a safe place for all ages. Expanding the Rec would only bring positive results for the kids and town of Midwest. Any help towards our Rec Center would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your time and consideration.

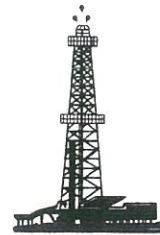
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# Midwest School



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Chris Tobin  
Ralph O Bray

Principal  
Assistant Principal

January 20, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my support and the support of Midwest School for the City of Midwest funding requests to address our Community Recreation Center and infrastructure needs to our local residents.

Midwest School has been part of the Midwest community for 100 years. The school employs over 50 employees' who love the small town atmosphere and overall tight knit support throughout the community. Those in leadership roles in the community share a vision for an improved future not only for our youth but our community as a whole.

In order to continue uplifting and guiding our youth in a positive and safe environment, we need to upgrade the city's infrastructure with a community Recreation Center. A building block for many future aspirations yet to take place in our small town. A new Community Recreation Center along with the scheduled construction of a new Midwest School (2013) would be a giant step in restoring needed community infrastructure building for the future.

The City has built successful partnerships with the local community, the state, and federal government. With your help, the City of Midwest will be able to obtain funding that can be invested in the community to continue to make Midwest one of the best small towns in Wyoming.

Thank you for your consideration and support of the City's important funding request.

Sincerely,

Chris Tobin                      Principal

Ralph K. O Bray              Assistant Principal / Dean of Students

Midwest Schools



The Natrona County Recreation Joint Power's Board would like to take this opportunity to formally show support for the Recreation Center project at Midwest, Wyoming. This project would serve the needs of that community and create a safe recreational environment for its youth.

Midwest's isolation from larger communities truly creates a need for a facility that the community can gather in for a multitude of purposes.

This board has shown financial support for this project in the past and would entertain another proposal to assist with the project.

If you need additional information, please feel free to contact me at...

Sincerely,

Kelly Eastes

Natrona County Recreation Joint Powers Board

January 18, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to ask for your support in helping expand the Midwest Recreational Building into a larger facility which could be used to serve the communities of Midwest and Edgerton and the surrounding areas. The people living in this area need and would appreciate any support that would help provide them better recreational facilities and activities.

I served as the swimming pool manager at the Midwest High School Pool for Salt Creek Community Recreation for over 20 years. I also helped run open gym activities at the school for two years. In addition, I served on the Midwest City Council for 13 years and worked to establish the Midwest Town Park. This park provides activity for families in the Salt Creek area.

Recreational activity for the community, as a whole, is very limited and totally lacking in some areas. I feel that a new building which could be used for senior citizens in the daytime and for youth in evening activities would work to improve the recreational activities in the Midwest area. The Senior Citizen Center operated for many years, but closed several years ago, thus leaving senior citizens with few opportunities for interaction. The places that provide interaction for young adults are mainly the bars in the area, otherwise they must travel to Casper for recreational activities. An expansion to the existing building would help to provide recreational activities for the entire Salt Creek area.

I request your support to help obtain funding for the expansion of the Salt Creek Community Recreational Building. I feel that it is a needed improvement for the area and would be beneficial to the community for many years.

Sincerely,

Michael Good

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Salt Creek Community Recreation  
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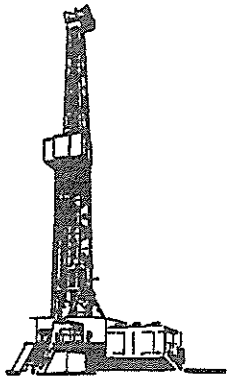
To Whom It May Concern,

The Midwest Police Department would like to sincerely show its support of your continued endeavor of obtaining a new facility for the youth of the Midwest/Edgerton area. Your organization is key to providing the younger folks of the community with activities and a safe and secure place for socialization, recreation and enjoyment along with the other community activities and events that the SCCR sponsors.

In a small community such as ours, it is important that all local agencies and organizations work closely with each other to ensure the best environment for our youth, as they are the future of society. Your hard work in this project is appreciated and the Midwest Police Department's full support is behind you!

Thank you for what you do,

Jaime Jones  
Police Chief  
Midwest Police Department



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Wyoming Business Council  
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ATTN: Dave Simonsen

Dear Mr. Simonsen,

The Town of Midwest has been a partner with the Salt Creek Community Recreation Organization for many years. Not only is there a specific budgeted amount in the annual fiscal year budget for utilities, there is also a roll-over amount that is carried from year to year for additional emergencies. Several years ago, the Council was approached by members of the Salt Creek Community Recreation and asked for help to purchase a major appliance for the Recreation Center. This was added to the budget so they could replace the appliance. Leftover funds from this purchase were used to buy bar stools for the facility.

The Town Council has always supported the Salt Creek Community Recreation Organization in any way they can. This facility is the major source of entertainment for the youth of our community. With a population of 400 residents here and 170 in Edgerton, there is very limited activities for the kids to do. Driving to Casper, which is 45 miles away, is simply not an option for most of them. With the possibility of a larger building, this opens up many options for activities and events for both the youth and the residents of the community.

In closing, the Midwest Council will continue to be a partner of the Salt Creek Community Recreation Organization for whatever is needed. We appreciate your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Guy Chapman, Mayor

Town of Midwest

January 11, 2012

Victoria Smithey  
Midwest Schools  
PO Box 368  
Midwest, WY 82634

To Whom It May Concern:

We are students at Midwest School. And we would like to have a new recreation center for the following reasons: First of all we love to have a place to hang out where there is no drugs and alcohol and we can feel safe. We love to be able to get away from our siblings for a little while, and the rec center always has the best parties for Halloween, New Years, and other holidays. If we didn't have the rec center we would have no where to go. Once Midwest used to have a theater and a bowling alley. Now the only place for teens to hang out is the rec center. We can honestly say without our rec center we would probably get into so much more trouble. The building that we are in is so old that we really need something new. If you let us have this money we will be able to build a bigger place where more of our friends could come. We would be able to keep the place that we love the most, and we would be able to still have a warm place where we can be with all of our friends. Thank you so much for reading our letter.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Smithey's Class

Kira Hudson

Myriah Fauber

Kyleigh Cain

AL deir

Addie Mix

Diane Harrison

Mary O'Brien

Heidi

Natalie Riebelmann

Skylar B

Karin Ross

Hannah C.

Shauna Berman

Alexis James

January 11, 2012

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter in regards to the community rec center in Midwest Wyoming.

This is a great place for my three children to go and have a safe place to be with their friends. Being a small community Midwest does not offer a lot of different things for kids to do with their time so the few things that are offered are utilized not only by my children but many children in the community. The Rec Center has been a wonderful opportunity for my kids to have a safe place to watch movies, play video games, have a snack, or play pool with their friends. The Rec Center is also a host to many holiday parties such as a Halloween and New Year. My children always attend these parties and look forward to them every year.

Thank you,

JoAnn Cain



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January 6, 2012

Wyoming Business Council  
Mr. Dave Simonsen  
214 W. 15<sup>th</sup> Street  
Cheyenne, WY 82002

RE: Salt Creek Recreation Hall

Dear Mr. Simonsen:

My name is Buck King, and I am the Mayor of the Town of Edgerton. I am writing to let you know that the Town of Edgerton fully supports the building of a new recreation building in Midwest.

The youth of our towns have been put on the "back burner" for far too long, and it is time for a recreation hall that they will be able to use for their enjoyment. It is our feeling that a new recreation hall would really show the youth of both towns that we are showing concern for them to have a place to come together. The present building is a small one, but with an addition to it, there would be plenty of room for youth activities. In addition, a larger building would offer the community a place for other functions such as weddings, meetings, receptions, parties, etc.


The Town of Edgerton does budget funds each year for parties that are held for the kids during the year, such as Halloween, Christmas, Easter, etc.; and the two towns both support the Recreation Board with budgeted funds to keep it operating throughout the year.

The Town of Edgerton sincerely hopes that the Wyoming Business Council understands just how important this new addition to the present building would be to both communities in the support of our youth.

Sincerely,



H.H. King, Jr.  
Mayor, Town of Edgerton



A quiet town in the heart of the fabulous Salt Creek Oil Field, Edgerton is the sole survivor of the roaring oil camps that made the field the world's largest producer of high grade crude. Teapot Rock, world-famous symbol of the Teapot Dome Scandals of the 1920's is located just 15 miles south. Edgerton was born in 1924 after fires destroyed much of the towns of Salt Creek and Lavoye. Their surviving businesses accepted the invitation of Michael Kieffer, homesteader, to come build a new town. Though small today, the town once housed over 90 thriving businesses. Today we enjoy a comfortable way of life, not bothered by much, and welcome you to come see us.





## **Laramie County Project Summit**

**\$5,000,000 Governor's Data  
Center Recruitment Funds  
and  
\$5,000,000 Managed Data  
Center Cost Reduction Grant for  
Utility Reimbursement**

**Staff Recommendation:  
Fund as Requested**

### **Project Description**

Project Summit is looking at locating its next data center site in Cheyenne, Wyoming. At this time, the company's identity must remain confidential. It is a Fortune 100 company that provides data center and web portal services to its internal and external clients through its global data centers. Project Summit operates multiple data centers and has a national and international presence. An expansion site in Cheyenne would serve the Mountain West region. The business is still completing its site evaluations and is considering at least two other sites in other states where costs may be lower and incentives may be higher. If Project Summit locates in Cheyenne, it will be located on 50 acres in the North Range Business Park adjacent to NCAR in Cheyenne. Cheyenne LEADS, a community development organization, will provide the site for Project Summit.

Laramie County requests a \$5,000,000 Governor's Data Center Recruitment grant and a \$5,000,000 Business Ready Community (BRC) Managed Data Center Cost Reduction Program grant to facilitate the successful recruitment of Project Summit. The

Governor's Data Center Recruitment grant funds will be applied to infrastructure to make the site "shovel ready" for Project Summit inclusive of soil testing, site preparation and grading, access road, water and sewer work, and fiber installation. (The decision on the use of the Governor's Data Center Recruitment funds is at the sole discretion of the Governor.) The BRC Managed Data Center Cost Reduction funds will assist Project Summit with the utility and connectivity costs of its expansion. (The BRC funding will be for final recommendation by the WBC Board and decision by the State Loan and Investment Board.) All of these funds will be applied to phase one construction of Project Summit.

### **Project Goals and Public Benefit**

Project Summit plans to invest more than \$112,000,000 in its proposed facility over the next 10 years as well as create approximately 40 new jobs. The project will be broken out in phases. In phase one, more than \$78,000,000 will be invested in new construction and over \$2,000,000 annually will be invested in operations. Further, phase one will result in the creation of 17 new jobs with a median wage of \$39.32/hour. For both phases, this project is projected to have a 6% to 19% return on the state's investment.

This project is consistent with the state and local recruitment strategy to attract more data centers to Wyoming. Wyoming is well positioned for data center attraction because of its cooler temperatures, access to transportation arteries, relatively lower power costs, and good connectivity. Data centers traditionally do not generate a large number of jobs, but the jobs they

do create provide for much higher than average wages. In addition, they create large tax benefits for state and local economies. It is for these reasons that the Wyoming Business Council has been working diligently with communities to attract projects like this.

The indirect benefits of this project are difficult to measure. Some projections state a project as large as this has an economic impact more than \$140,000,000 because of the new jobs, both direct and ancillary, as well as the increase in household spending. In addition to Project Summit's job creation and capital investment, the company's name will make Wyoming more attractive to other data center companies looking to relocate and/or expand. Project Summit will put Wyoming on the map in the data center site location business and has the potential to attract similar large data centers to the state. There is also a high potential for future follow-on investment and job creation by tech-related entrepreneurs.

Economic development, as supported by the WBC, is not always about a dollar for dollar return on investment. It is about the indirect benefits mentioned previously as well as the ability to diversify the state's economy. Data center attraction and recruitment will help to diversify Wyoming's economy. The University of Wyoming and the state's community colleges support the education of the tech-related workforce. Technology related projects will help to not only create higher wages, but also retain Wyoming graduates.

### **Status of the Project**

As stated before, Project Summit has not yet selected a site for this expansion to serve the Mountain West region. It is currently weighing its options of location, cost of business, and incentives. Wyoming is competing with at least two other states for this project. WBC staff is aware that there is a gap between the incentives that can be offered by Wyoming (\$5,000,000 from the Governor's Data Center Recruitment fund and \$5,000,000 from the BRC Managed Data Center Cost Reduction grant) and what can be offered by other states. Other states have the ability to abate property tax and sales tax on electricity. Without the \$10,000,000 in grant funding from the state, the recruitment of Project Summit to Wyoming will be endangered.

### **Timeline**

Project Summit intends to be operational in spring of 2013. Its funding is secured and in place to move forward as planned.

### **Project Funding**

Laramie County requests a \$5,000,000 Governor's Data Center Recruitment grant and a \$5,000,000 Business Ready Community (BRC) Managed Data Center Cost Reduction Program grant.

<b>Governor's Data Center Recruitment Grant</b>	<b>\$5,000,000</b>
<b>BRC Grant Amount</b>	<b>\$5,000,000</b>
Required BRC (125%)	\$6,250,000
Proposed Payroll Match in 5 years	\$3,995,659
Proposed Capital Investment Match in 5 years	\$78,000,000
Total Project Summit Match for BRC Grant	\$81,995,659
<b>Total State Funds</b>	<b>\$ 10,000,000</b>

This project comes in above the BRC Managed Data Center Cost Reduction grant maximum of \$2,250,000 and is considered by staff as a unique economic development opportunity. The grant request for \$5,000,000 is matched by \$81,995,659 from Project Summit. The match is made up

of \$78,000,000 in capital investment and \$3,995,659 in payroll. Grant funds will be disbursed quarterly as the performance measures of payroll and capital expenditures are met by the business over a five year period. Project Summit anticipates incurring more than \$5,000,000 in connectivity and utility costs.

Currently, in rule, these funds must be disbursed over a three year period. Staff recommends a waiver of these rules to allow funds to be drawn down as soon as one year and as long as five years. This waiver of rules is permissible in Chapter 1, Section 11, (G) of the BRC rules: *“Under extraordinary circumstances the Council may recommend a waiver of rule requirement if the Council determines the waiver is consistent with the purpose of the Business Ready Community Program.”*

### **Business Recruitment Comments by Sean Stevens**

Business attraction and recruitment is a very competitive environment. States must come up with the right mix of attributes and incentives to be attractive to prospective businesses. Data centers are an industry we have positioned ourselves to attract to Wyoming. With the mix of low-cost power, access to long-haul fiber, cool climate and the recent incentives passed by the State Legislature, Wyoming has a good package and story to attract the data center industry. The data center industry has attributes that are attractive for Wyoming as well. With a large capital expenditure, low employment and high wages, data centers can play a major role in diversifying the Wyoming economy.

Business attraction comes with a price. This entails finding the right balance between offering the prospective company resources to locate in the state while trying to retain benefits that will allow Wyoming to grow. One must look at the long-term and ancillary returns from a Fortune 100 company operating in Wyoming. For the past six years Wyoming has had a number of large and small success stories in the data center industry with the likes of NCAR, EchoStar, and Green House Data. Project Summit could be the hallmark data center project in Wyoming and vault the state’s perception in the industry similar to the historically recognized hot-spots of Washington, Oregon, and North Carolina. One cannot look at the dollars per job or the return-on-investment alone. This project will give the state the catalyst to place Wyoming in the forefront of data center recruitment, in hopes of recruiting future facilities looking to replicate such a high profile project. With the current economic times, and many other states struggling with budgets, many previous data center incentives have been cut or allowed to expire, and this opens the door for Wyoming to step up and put together a significant incentive package to attract these projects.

### **Regional Comments by Tom Johnson**

The benefits of this project are substantial. The WBC has estimated these benefits through economic impact modeling and has determined that not only will this project provide for the direct and indirect employment of Wyoming residents in the field of technology, it will leverage millions of dollars in private capital as well. This, in turn, will lead to further tax benefits and to the direct diversification of Wyoming economy. Finally, the infrastructure investment that the state and the business are making will lead to future projects due to the ability for the Cheyenne community to leverage existing infrastructure and a trained workforce. In short, the growth of this company will lead to the growth of other companies in Cheyenne and other communities



around the state as the workers and infrastructure are increasingly viewed through the lenses of technology.

### **Attorney General Determination**

Pending.

### **Staff Recommendation to the Governor**

With regards, to the \$5,000,000 request for the Governor's Data Center Recruitment grant funds, staff recommends funding as requested. WBC staff will present to the Governor for his final approval. Funding will be contingent upon the receipt of the following:

- Executed purchase agreement
- Executed development agreement between Laramie County, Cheyenne LEADS, and Project Summit
- Executed document demonstrating a bond (or something similar and accepted by WBC staff) has been posted securing repayment of all funds expended if the data center has not commenced construction in three years after the last expenditure of grant funds.

### **Staff Recommendations to the WBC Board**

With regards to the \$5,000,000 request for BRC Managed Data Center Cost Reduction grant funds, staff recommends funding as requested. Staff also recommends a waiver of BRC rules to allow funds to be drawn down as soon as one year and as long as five years. WBC staff will present to the WBC Board for final recommendation and then to the State Loan and Investment Board (SLIB) for final approval. Funding will be contingent upon the receipt of the following:

- Executed development agreement between Laramie County and Project Summit



## Detailed Analysis of Project

	Laramie County						
	Evaluation Criteria			Criteria Met	Notes		
Primary Job Creation (Jobs bringing new wealth to the community)	Direct Creation ( 3yrs)			Yes	New	17	
	Future Creation			Yes	Retained		
	Wages	Laramie County (all industry), 2010			Y1	Y2	Y3
				Low	\$17.00	\$17.43	\$17.87
				High	\$50.00	\$51.25	\$52.53
		Mean	\$19.04	Mean/Avg.	\$25.73	\$30.81	\$32.05
		Median	\$15.58	Median	\$38.00	\$38.95	\$39.92
Community Workforce Development	Develops Community Momentum in Unique Market			Yes			
	Helps Meet Demand for Social Services			N/A			
	Helps Diversification Efforts			Yes	This project will expand the data center market in Wyoming.		
	Fulfill Community and Economic Development Goals			Yes	This project is consistent with the community's goals to attract higher paying jobs as well as state and regional goals to recruit data centers.		
	Improved Ability to Retain, Attract, Expand Businesses			Yes	This project has the potential to attract similar businesses to the region.		
	Improved Workforce or Entrepreneurial Training			No			
	Strong Economic Development Recapture Plan			N/A	Data center projects typically do not have traditional revenue recapture		
	Satisfactory Performance on Past Projects			Yes			
Business Development Investment	Business Startup			N/A	Business Type		
	Business Relocation/Recruitment			Yes	Business Type Data Center		
	Business Expansion			N/A	Business Type		
	Primary Business			Yes			
	Private Investment			Yes	Project Summit is contributing a match of at least 125% of the grant amount in payroll and capital investment.		
	Increase in Business Revenue			Yes			
	Viability and Thoroughness of a Business Plan			Yes			
	Increase in Market Share			Yes			
Additional Evaluation Criteria	Leverage Additional Private Investment			Yes	The project is over-matched by almost \$75,745,649 in capital investment.		
	BRC Loan			No			
	Main Street or Certified Tourism Community Project			N/A			
	Project Readiness			Yes			



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**To:** Wyoming Business Council Board of Directors  
**From:** Julie Kozlowski, CDBG Planning and Program Development Manager  
**Subject:** Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Rule Revision  
**Date:** March 14, 2012

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**Background:** The rules governing the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program were initially created in 1982. There have been very few changes since that time. Most recently, the rules were amended in 2009 to allow for a tiered system of planning grants, increased grant maximum awards, and the creation of a Child Care Facility Loan Program. As funding resources have become more scarce and projects larger and more complex, it has become clear to staff that the ranking and rating system (in the CDBG rules) for evaluating grant applications is dated and necessitates revision to make the system relevant and more consistent with other programs and funding sources.

Additionally, the CDBG program is about to undertake a new five year consolidated planning process. Initiating new rules that will take effect with the next five year umbrella plan is good timing.

At the September WBC Board meeting, staff received the board's approval to proceed with the rule revision process. Subsequently, the draft rules were submitted to the Governor Office and were approved to move on to the next step which included a copy of the rules being provided to the Legislative Service Office, the Secretary of State's Office and the Attorney General's Office. A notice of intent to revise the rules was published on October 12<sup>th</sup> and distributed to constituent organizations. The notice also served to announce that the rule revisions constituted a significant amendment to the 2012 Annual Action Plan. Although the WBC is exempt from being required to hold a public hearing that option was offered upon request of twenty (20) persons. No requests were received. The comment period closed on November 11, 2011. Two comments were received both of which were small editing comments.

At the December 2011 Board meeting, the board adopted the rules as revised which allowed staff to proceed with the final requirements for rule promulgation. Staff subsequently did not complete the final step of the process within the prescribed ten (10) days for doing so due outstanding circumstances. At a public meeting of the Board (January 2012), the board re-adopted the rules. The rules were subsequently submitted to the Attorney General's Office, the Legislative Service Office and the Secretary of State's Office per the rule promulgation process. Staff was advised that although the rules were existing rules (not new), they were now subject to new formatting. The rules were subsequently withdrawn.

In the interim, it came to the attention of the staff that there may be benefit to including Section 108 loans as a tool for community development projects. Presently the Section 108 loan is only available as an economic development project tool. The Section 108 loan information has been added to the Community Development Chapter (Chapter 3). The rules have been re-formatted according to the new rules on rule promulgation.

**Staff recommendation:** Staff is requesting the WBC Board once again adopt the CDBG rules as proposed. A copy of the rules was emailed out to all board members. Once adopted by the WBC Board, the rules will be delivered to the Management Council of the Legislature and to the Governor's Office for final approval.



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**To:** Wyoming Business Council Board of Directors  
**From:** Julie Kozlowski, CDBG Planning and Program Development Manager  
**Subject:** Citizen Participation Plan Revision  
**Date:** March 14, 2012

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**Background:** The Consolidated Plan is a requirement of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for states that receive funds from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and Housing for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) programs and any new funding that become available. The Consolidated Plan includes planning and application information. It describes the current conditions of housing, living environments, economic opportunity in the state for low and moderate income people, what development needs are and how grant funds received will address those needs. The Consolidated Plan discusses the amount of assistance the state expects to receive from each program, the range of activities that may be done, the benefit to those who are low to moderate income, the plan for any displacements and assistance to those displaced as a result of any activity funded by these programs.

Public participation is essential and as such HUD requires the state to develop a Citizen Participation Plan. The Citizen Participation Plan outlines the State of Wyoming's policies and procedures for public involvement opportunities. There will be opportunities for citizen participation in the development of the plan, any amendments that may be required and the annual performance report process.

The most recent version of Wyoming's Citizen Participation Plan was adopted by the Board in December 2010. That plan included a provision to re-visit the public involvement processes on an annual basis and make changes if necessary. After the 2011 program year, the level of participation was reviewed and discussed among the agencies represented in the Consolidated Planning process (Wyoming Business

Council, Rural Development Council, Wyoming Community Development Authority, and Wyoming Department of Health). It was mutually agreed that the processes prescribed in the 2010 plan were not as successful as anticipated. Thus, for the coming program year, public hearings will only be required to be held in Cheyenne. Other locations may be added but are not required. Rather than utilizing so many video conference sites (which were largely underutilized), that staff from all agencies will coordinate efforts to share planning information and updates with organizations who are familiar with and who utilize the programs covered by the Consolidated Plan (such as the Wyoming Association of Municipalities, the Wyoming Association of County Officials, the Wyoming Association of Economic Developers, and so on). The Wyoming Business Council staff will act as facilitator and coordinator in terms of understanding what meetings are being attended and who will be sharing planning updates. WBC staff will also act as the provider of current information to be disseminated at the meetings where there will be outreach. This plan of action will be re-evaluated in one year's time.

**Staff recommendation:** Staff is requesting the WBC Board adopt the amended Citizen Participation Plan.