

SLIB approves \$9 million in Business Ready Community grants

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CHEYENNE — The State Loan and Investment Board (SLIB) approved more than \$9 million in grant recommendations from the Wyoming Business Council Board of Directors at its meeting yesterday in Cheyenne.

The Business Council board recommended that SLIB approve funding for seven Business Ready Community (BRC) grant applications and to not fund two BRC applications.

The SLIB approved funding for six of the recommended projects, did not fund two projects, and tabled discussion on one other.

The SLIB approved the following six applications:

- **Bar Nunn**, \$3 million BRC grant, with an in-kind match of \$1,039,298, to fund road and utility improvements at the Bar Nunn Industrial Center.
- **Campbell County**, \$2,615,000 BRC grant, with a cash match of \$290,600, to install water and sewer infrastructure to serve the expansion of Bucyrus and assist other businesses within the Robertson Industrial Park.
- **Gillette**, \$644,987 BRC grant, with a cash match of \$71,665, for road and utility improvements to assist in the expansion of Equipment Maintenance Services, Inc.
- **Rock Springs**, \$518,435 BRC grant, with a cash match of \$57,604, for road and utility improvements that will assist Wyoming Machinery with new building construction.
- **Sundance**, \$533,400 BRC grant, with a cash match of \$10,000 and an in-kind match of \$65,100, to construct a child care facility for the expansion of the Sundance Kid's Day Care Center, Inc. If Community Development Block Grant dollars through the federal stimulus funding can be used to partially fund this project, the board recommends the balance be paid for out of BRC funds.
- **Lincoln County**, \$1,182,162 BRC grant, with a cash match of \$1,349,011 and an in-kind match of \$81,600, to complete water infrastructure improvements within the Bedford Water and Sewer District.

The SLIB did not approve funding for two applications:

- **Lyman**, \$3 million BRC grant and a \$1 million BRC loan, with an in-kind match of \$1,222,495, to construct a building for the Lyman Crossroads Market.
- **Ranchester**, \$2,862,178, with a cash match of \$150,000 and an in-kind match of \$210,022, to develop a commercial park.

The SLIB tabled one proposal, pending additional information from the applicant:

- **Laramie County**, \$3 million BRC grant, with a cash match of \$88,000 and an in-kind match of \$626,438, to construct the Laramie County Early Childhood Education Center.

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