

PRE-MEETING AGENDA

Casper City Council
The Lyric, 230 W Yellowstone Hwy
Tuesday, January 16, 2024, 5:30 p.m.



	Presentation	Beginning Time	Allotted
1.	Wyoming Outdoor Recreation Grant Applications	5:30	15 min
2.	Agenda Review	5:40	5 min
	Approximate Ending Time		5:50 p.m.


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MEMO TO: J. Carter Napier, City Manager 

FROM: Tom Brauer, Chief Operating Officer
Zulima Lopez, Parks, Recreation, & Public Facilities Director
Jolene Martinez, Public Engagement Manager

SUBJECT: Approval to Submit Applications to the Wyoming Outdoor Recreation Grant Program

Meeting Type & Date

Pre-Meeting
January 16, 2024

Action Type

Approval

Recommendation

That Council approve staff to submit up to three (3) grant applications to the Wyoming Outdoor Recreation Grant Program to maintain and expand recreation offerings in qualified census tracts within the City of Casper.

Summary

On November 1st, 2023, the Wyoming Office of Outdoor Recreation launched a second round for the Wyoming Outdoor Recreation Grant Program to award funding to public outdoor recreation projects throughout the state. Funds have been made available through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, and the Wyoming Office of Tourism. Applications for the second round are due January 26, 2024.

Projects that focus on the response to COVID-19 impacts, outdoor recreation infrastructure, and economic impact, and that fall within Qualified Census Tracts will qualify for this funding. Local, county, state, and tribal governments as well as non-profit organizations across the state may apply for projects that are within the eligible areas and open to the public. There is no match requirement, but preference will be given to projects that can provide a match. Awarded funding is required to be spent within two years of an award contract.

Outdoor recreation in Casper exploded during the pandemic and has only continued to grow since 2020. Relative to this growth, staff has identified three (3) projects within the Qualified Census Tract in Casper to maintain/improve existing infrastructure that has experienced heavy use as well expand access to safe outdoor recreation for those in the qualifying area. Staff believes the identified projects will address significant community needs and in doing so will score well in this highly competitive grant environment. As required by City policy, staff requests City Council

approval to submit applications for the identified projects. Successful applications are expected to be awarded in the spring of 2024.

Financial Considerations

There is no match requirement, but preference will be given to projects that have a match included in the application. Cash or in-kind services qualify as match. In-kind match will be provided by City of Casper crews and volunteers. Cash match will come from other non-federal grants, donations, and One Cent funds allocated to parks and recreation.

Oversight/Project Responsibility

Zulima Lopez, Parks, Recreation, & Public Facilities Director
Jolene Martinez, Public Engagement Manager

Attachments

None