

COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Tuesday, September 13, 2016, 4:30 p.m.
Casper City Hall
Council Meeting Room

AGENDA

1. Executive Session – Litigation
2. CBI – Economic Development Presentation / CAEDA (Joe Coyne)
3. Rezoning South Poplar Corridor (Liz Becher, Craig Collins)
4. FY16 Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report (CAPER)
(Joy Clark)
5. Community Promotions Follow-Up (Fleur Tremel, Liz Becher)
6. Budget Review (V.H. McDonald)
7. City Manager Report
8. Future Agenda Review
9. Council Around the Table

TO: His Honor, the Mayor, and Members of City Council

FROM: Joe Coyne, Principal Consultant
Community Builders, Inc. (CBI)

SUBJECT: Economic Development 101
Council Workshop Presentation
September 13, 2016

MEMO DATE: August 26, 2016

Recommendation:

No recommendation.

Summary:

Presentation/information only.

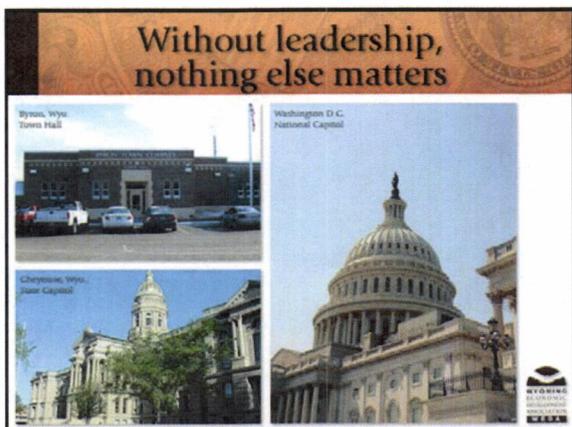
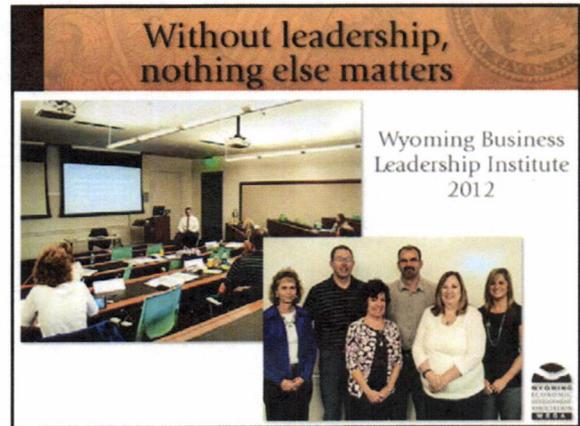
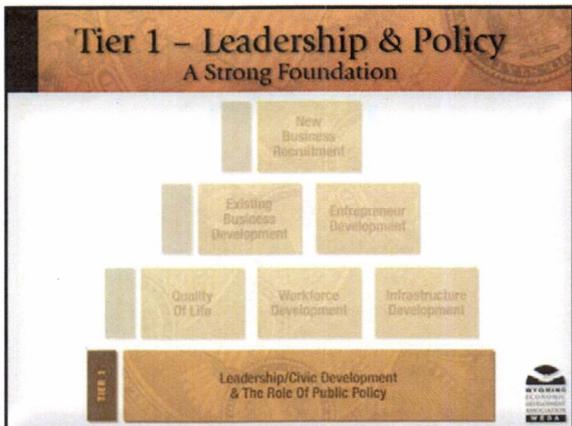
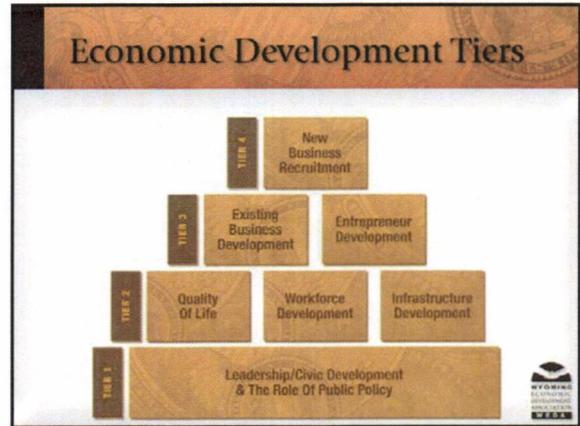
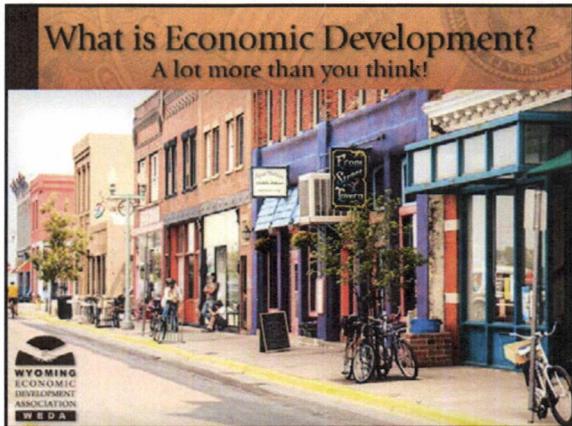
At the request of the City Manager, Joe Coyne will present the “Economic Development 101” workshop that was previously provided by CBI at the 2016 WAM Convention in Cheyenne. CBI is a contract trainer for the Wyoming Association of Municipalities (WAM).

The presentation was developed by the Wyoming Economic Development Association, and covers the building blocks of economic development (which are considered to be the industry standard for best practices of local economic development in Wyoming). Questions may be asked during or after the presentation.

Handouts are available.

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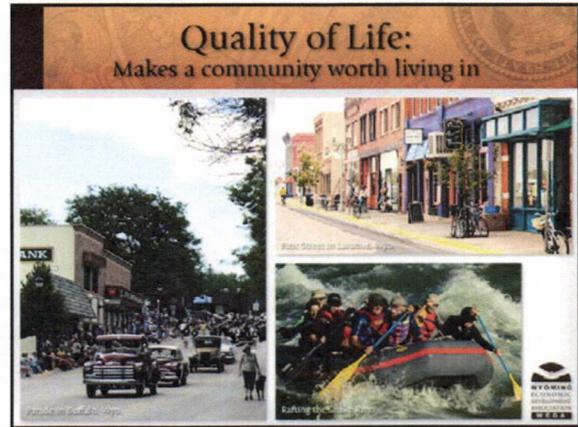
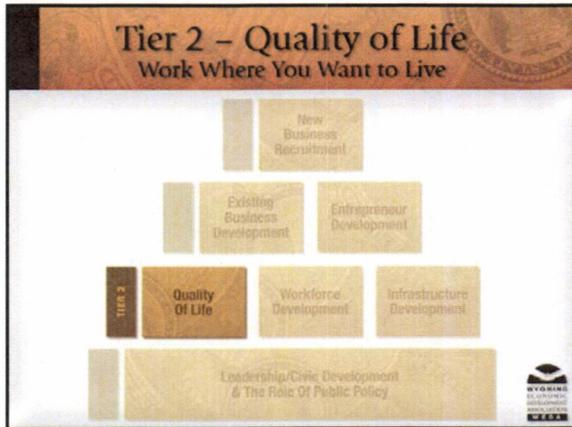
Leadership & Policy Development

Wyoming Economic Development Association (WEDA) provides leadership and support to foster economic development in Wyoming.

We do that in two ways:

- Develop skilled economic development practitioners in Wyoming
- Educate leadership regarding the impact of economic development to maintain the programs and services which help us do our job.

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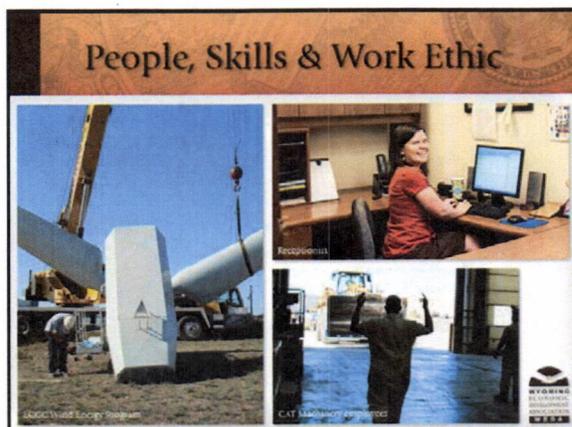
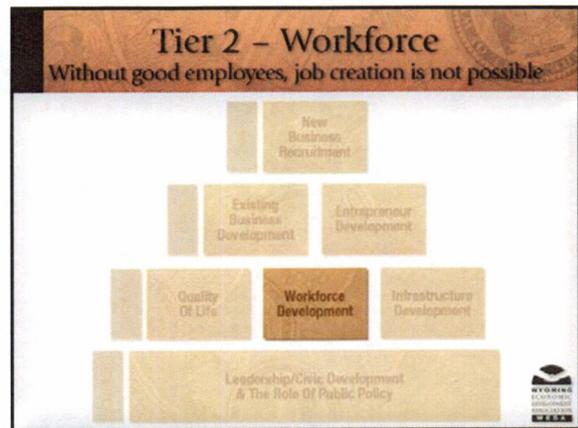
Quality of Life

Our Key WY Business Council Programs:

- Community Facilities Program (CFP)
- Community Enhancement Program
- Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)

These programs help *your* communities create community gathering spaces, and recreational and educational amenities, which promote a positive business climate in your home towns.

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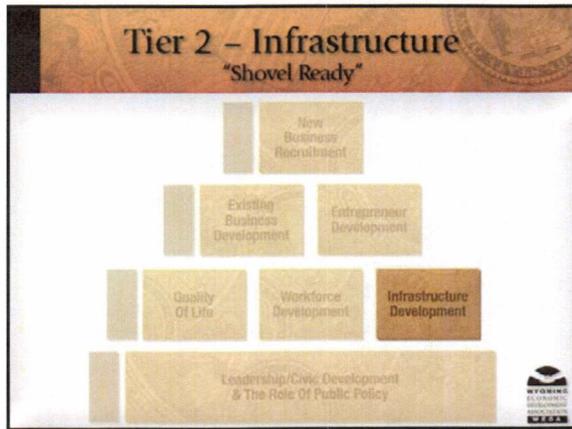


Tier 2 – Workforce

Without good employees, job creation is not possible

Wyoming's workforce relies upon the Department of Workforce Service's Workforce Training Fund

- This program is used repeatedly by Wyoming citizens and businesses to improve their skill sets to become more attractive to relocating businesses requiring a trained workforce.



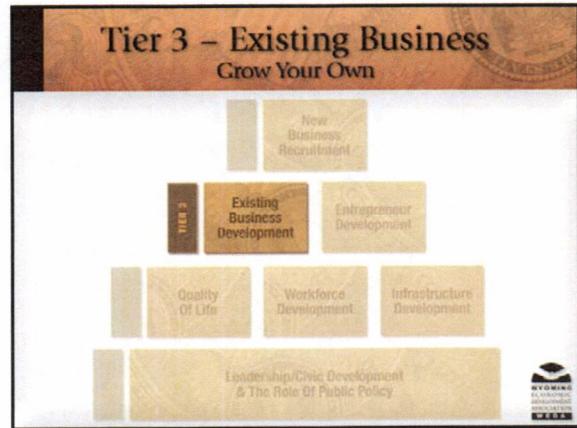
"Shovel Ready"

A key tool in our tool kit:

**WY Business Council –
Business Ready Communities Program (BRC)**

- This program builds the infrastructure needed to attract and grow both existing and new business.

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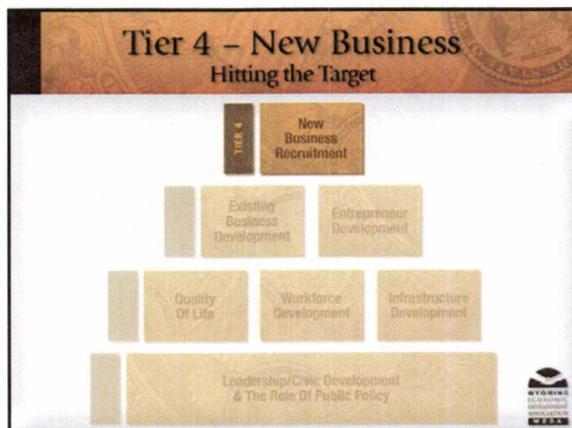
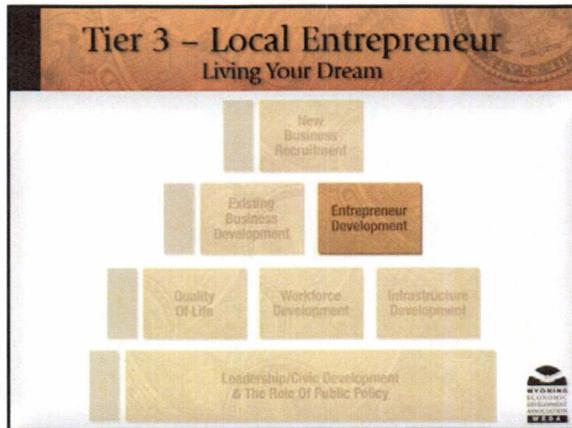


Existing Business

Wyoming's banner economic development projects historically rely on these key programs:

- Planning information from WY Business Council
- Statistics from Workforce Development /Labor
- Infrastructure Grants from WY Business Council
- Workforce Training Grants from Dept. of Workforce Services

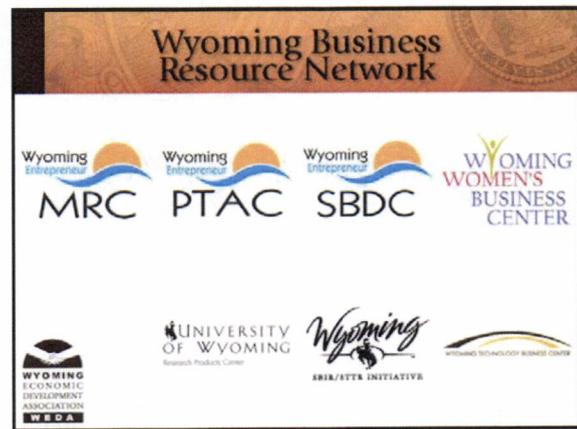
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Business Recruitment

Recent Announcements & Programs Used:

- Microsoft – Supported by WBC’s **Business Committed Program (BRC)**
- Hi-Viz – Supported by WBC’s **Business Ready and Business Committed Programs (BRC)**
- Gestamp Worthington Wind Steel – supported by **State Bonding**
- Haystack Coal Company – Supported by WBC’s **Business Committed Program (BRC)**
- Insultech – Supported by WBC’s **Business Ready and Community Facilities Programs (BRC & CFP)**



Economic Development
is a process, not an event



For More Information:

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August 31, 2016

MEMO TO: V.H. McDonald, City Manager

FROM: Liz Becher, Community Development Director
Craig Collins, AICP, City Planner

SUBJECT: A Zone Change Proposal for South Poplar Street Area between West Collins Drive and CY Avenue

Recommendation:

Staff is seeking direction from Council regarding a potential Council-initiated zone change of a portion of the Old Yellowstone District and South Poplar Street Corridor.

Summary:

In accordance with Section 17.12.160 of the Casper Municipal Code, City Council can initiate zone changes. The City Council created the Old Yellowstone District and South Poplar Street Corridor (OYDSPC) form-based code as a new zoning classification in June of 2008, based on the West Central and South Poplar Street Corridor Plan which was adopted by Council in September of 2007. Simultaneously, in 2008, the Council rezoned approximately 130-acres to the OYDSPC form-based code, including approximately 30-acres consisting of the area generally east and west of South Poplar Street, south from West Collins Drive to CY Avenue.

The form-based code was the first of its kind adopted in Wyoming, and differs from traditional zoning in that the emphasis is not primarily on regulating the land uses themselves, but instead, the code focuses on the design, form, and architecture of development. The purpose of these efforts was to manage the redevelopment and reinvigoration of the 130-acre area, and to create an extension of the downtown which would be similar in character, appearance and design.

At the time that the plan was developed and the OYDSPC form-based code was adopted there were plans by the Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) for the reconstruction of South Poplar Street as a tree-lined boulevard street with landscaped islands in the median. The reconstruction of South Poplar Street would have required the acquisition of additional right-of-way in the area, resulting in the razing of a significant number of structures. WYDOT's plans have never materialized.

It has been approximately eight (8) years since the rezoning of the area to OYDSPC. The City Council recently approved a zone change of a large portion of the South Poplar Street Corridor along South Cedar Street, from West Collins to CY Avenue, after a

review of the redevelopment area, and a determination that the form-based code is not well suited to the redevelopment efforts of that area. The form-based-code was designed to create a downtown character, and in many ways, is poorly tailored to the type of revitalization that is likely in the South Poplar Street Corridor.

During the recent zone change process, a business owner on South Poplar Street spoke in favor of the zone change, and requested that the properties fronting on South Poplar Street also be considered for a zone change. The future land uses along South Poplar Street would most likely be commercial, as opposed to residential, as was the case along South Cedar Street. The case can be made that the form-based-code is also not suited to the type of development that makes sense along South Poplar Street. South Poplar Street is a high-volume, high-speed street, designed primarily to move traffic. The form-based code focuses on pushing structures to the front of the lots, and bringing the architecture of the buildings to a pedestrian/walkable scale. The purpose and design of South Poplar Street seems to be at odds with the purpose and goal of the form-based code. The OYD Advisory Committee discussed the zone change proposal at their July meeting, and was unanimous in their understanding and support of the change.

Should Council decide to proceed with a zone change of the area, staff would recommend that the remainder of the South Poplar Street corridor be rezoned to C-2 (General Business) zoning. The C-2 (General Business) zoning district allows a very broad range of commercial, office, and residential uses. As development projects are brought forward, the City would review site plans for compliance with typical development standards, including, but not limited to, access, parking, landscaping, and lighting.

August 29, 2016

MEMO TO: V.H. McDonald, City Manager

FROM: Liz Becher, Community Development Director *lb*
Joy Clark, Community Development Technician *jc*

SUBJECT: Consideration and Review of Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

Recommendation:

That Council, consider and review the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the period covering July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

Summary:

As a requirement of an entitlement community for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the City of Casper must submit a Consolidated Annual Plan and Evaluation Report (CAPER) detailing to HUD how the City used its CDBG funds. Meeting HUD requirements, and utilizing the required formatting in HUD's Integrated Disbursement Information System (IDIS), the Housing and Community Development Division has prepared a draft of the CAPER for the period covering July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

Law requires a public hearing on the CAPER be held in the presence of the Mayor and City Council members. The public hearing is a concurrent action with the fifteen (15) day public comment period that ended September 9, 2015. All comments received from the public comment period and the public hearing will be incorporated into the final CAPER that will be submitted to HUD no later than September 30, 2016. The final CAPER will be posted on the City's website, Housing and Community Development page and a copy will be available for public review during business hours in the Housing and Community Development Office.

September 8, 2016

MEMO TO: V.H. McDonald, City Manager

FROM: Liz Becher, Assistant City Manager/Community Development Director *lb*
Fleur Tremel, Deputy Assistant City Manager
Renée Jordan-Smith, Executive Assistant to the City Manager *RJS*

SUBJECT: Community Promotions Funding Follow-up

Recommendation:

Staff is seeking Council's direction on the Community Promotions funding request from the Casper Mountain Biathlon Club.

Summary:

At the August 23rd Council work session, staff was directed to research the request from the Casper Mountain Biathlon Club for a cash contribution of \$11,500 for the purchase of a timing system for race events at the biathlon course.

The research provided the following information:

- Council awarded \$35,125 to the Casper Sports Alliance, the non-profit division of the Casper Area Visitors Bureau (CAVB), with Optional One Cent #15 sales tax funds for the purchase of two timing systems which would be shared between local organizations. One would be stored for use at the CAVB (Exhibit A) and a second timing system would be stored for use at the biathlon course (Exhibit B). The award amount has been fully expended by the Casper Sports Alliance. However, according to an email from Cathy Rosser, Managing Director of the Casper Mountain Biathlon Club, on September 2, 2016, "The system would work for small local and regional events, but does not work for events which require a 30 foot start/finish line. Usually any U.S. Ski Association sanctioned race, larger U.S. Biathlon races such as USBA Nationals, NorAms or Junior World Team Trials will have this requirement. Wyoming High School Nordic racing also has this 30 foot requirement. The CAVB system's maximum start/finish line distance is 20 feet." Therefore, the Biathlon Club is asking for an additional \$11,500 to purchase a separate system.
- The County earmarked the sum of \$500,000 from its Optional One Cent #15 sales tax allocation to the Biathlon Club for its use in developing its facility for its tax exempt functions. The City of Casper earmarked \$637,474.00 from its Optional One Cent #15 sales tax allocation to the Biathlon Club in June 2015, to be paid out over the following four fiscal years, for its use in tax exempt programs. In the Biathlon Club's One Cent funding application in January 2015 (Exhibit C, page 13), Phase 1 of the project indicates

that “a race timing system will be purchased by the CAVB, and stored at the biathlon facility where it will be available for all events held at the venue.”

Council’s decision about the funding request from the Biathlon Club is the last application under review. Following Council’s direction, staff will finalize the recommendations for the Community Promotions funding and bring the allocations forward to the September 20, 2016, regular Council meeting for formal approval.



Exhibit A

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City of Casper
1% Committee
Attention: Mr. John Patterson
City Hall
200 North David St.
Casper, WY 82601

Dear Committee Members:

Thank you for considering the application of the Casper Sports Alliance in conjunction with Windy City Striders, Fatfish Racing, 307 Core Challenge, Wyoming State Games, Biathlon Club and a host of others. Each organization is in need of the requested funds to support the purchase of a Timing System, Start Finish Line and Event Clock for their events.

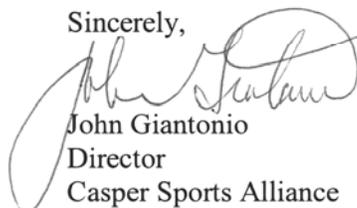
Casper currently hosts many events that require these components and in the near future will be hosting events where having them will be critical to the success of the event as well as future bids for similar events.

The Optional 1% #15 Tax has provided support to organizations and agencies for years but what clearly stands out in our request is the type of events this application will support. That is, the events of these groups will unquestionably be providing future income to the Optional 1% #15 Tax. In fact, in 2014 14 sports events tracked for the impact on the community held in Casper generated \$197,564.91 for the tax.

There can be an expectation that the request of no more than \$46,500 will be "repaid" as a result of our events within the first year. Being the Casper Sports Alliance is in its first year of operation; our ability to provide outside funding is limited. However, we are partnering with others to acquire some funds to invest in the project.

Again, we thank you for your consideration of our application.

Sincerely,


John Giantonio
Director
Casper Sports Alliance

139 West 2nd Street, 1B, Casper, Wyoming 82601
307-234-5362



February 5th, 2015

City of Casper
Optional 1% #15
Attention: Mr. John Patterson
City Hall
200 North David Street
Casper, WY 82601

Dear Mr. Patterson:

Casper Mountain Biathlon Club is in the process of building a World Class Biathlon & Multi-Sport Complex on Casper Mountain. Phase 1 of the facility is expected to be completed and operational by November of 2015. Just in the first year of operation we expect to host a variety of local and regional races. This site will be host to high school Nordic races, regional biathlon races, citizen Nordic races, snow shoe races, fat bike races in the winter as well as a variety of summer events including summer biathlon, running, and mountain bike events. Many of these events will take place in coordination with other user groups, recreation organizations and the Casper Sports Alliance. This facility will eventually serve as host site for National and International level events in Nordic and Biathlon.

A timing system has not been purchased for the facility yet. We ask you give the Casper Sports Alliance's request for 2 timing systems your full consideration. One of the timing systems would be housed at the Biathlon and Multi-Sport Complex and would be available for the numerous events being held on Casper Mountain. By making it possible for the Casper Sports Alliance to purchase and manage the timing system, it will save our project the cost of purchasing a system while at the same time making it possible for our facility and the many user groups in the area to have affordable access to a high quality timing system. We feel this set up will make it possible for groups to host more events, larger events, and higher quality events. This increase in quality and quantity of events will be a significant step in establishing Casper as a destination for sports and recreation.

We fully support the Casper Sports Alliance's efforts to acquire these 2 timing systems. This procurement will directly benefit Casper Mountain Biathlon Club/Natrona County's efforts to build a World Class facility on Casper Mountain as well as the many other user groups in the area. We hope that the decision committee will also see the value and benefit in the Casper Sports Alliance's proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cathy Rosser", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Cathy Rosser
Managing Director
Casper Mountain Biathlon Club



**OPTIONAL 1% #15 SALES TAX
FUNDING REQUEST APPLICATION**

Due Date: 5:00 p.m., February 9, 2015

PLEASE PROVIDE ONE ORIGINAL

Date 1-29-15

Total Amount of Optional 1% Sales Tax Funds Requested \$ 911,045

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project Name: Casper Mountain Biathlon & Multi-Sport Complex

Name and Address of Sponsoring Organization/Agency: Casper Mountain Biathlon Club

1046 Lemmers Rd. Casper, WY 82601

Name, Mailing Address, Email and Telephone Numbers of Authorized Representative/Contact Person:

Cathy Rosser

1046 Lemmers Rd. Casper WY 82601

casperbiathlon@gmail.com 307-215-4054

Project Narrative (Please provide a detailed description of the project. Include information on proposed location and status of project development such as formal plans, contracts, funding. Attach additional pages, if needed.)

Project Overview. Natrona County and the Casper Mountain Biathlon Club propose in partnership to build a Biathlon and Multi-Sport Complex to be constructed on Casper Mountain adjacent to the current Nordic Ski Trails. In this grant application, Casper Mountain Biathlon Club is seeking funding for Phase 1 and 2 of the project. The first phase of development will prepare the site and result in an operational Thirty 50 meter shooting lanes and six 10 meter “paralympic” shooting lane facility. The proposed complex, that includes a .22cal range and ski loops, will be a multi-use, year round facility. The complex will serve as a competition and training site for summer and winter biathlon, adaptive recreation programs for people with disabilities, cross country skiing, running, and mountain biking events. The addition of 10k of homologated trails that meet FIS, IBU and IPC standards will make it possible to host every level of competition from regional to international competitions. This will include U.S. Nationals, North American Championships and IPC World Cup races. The homologation standards for Sprint courses are very specific to fit within 1.6k distance. Having an FIS sprint course is unique and will add the value and attractiveness of our venue. We will have the only IPC standard range in North America making us eligible to host U.S. Paralympic Nationals in January 2017 as well as an IPC World Cup as soon as December 2017. A paved roller loop gives athletes the opportunity to train safely off of dangerous roads with traffic. The fact that is lighted gives athletes, especially high school athletes the ability to train after school when it’s dark solving the dilemma of practices that can’t start until 4:30 after school gets out. This complex, when completed, will establish Casper as a premier national training and competition site for biathlon as well as enhance the local economy, increase public land on Casper Mountain and increase local recreation opportunities.

The Proposed Complex. The proposed complex is to be built adjacent to the existing Nordic ski trails on Casper Mountain. In fact, there are currently ski trails that have been built in this area and it is groomed and open to the public for skiing (see user agreement Tab O). The complex site is currently owned by the McMurry Family but will be deeded to Natrona County upon initiation of phase 1 construction (See Letter of Intent Tab O). The property will be leased to the Casper Mountain Biathlon Club who will manage the day to day operation (see lease agreement Tab O). Upon initiation of construction in the spring of 2015 the leasehold interest held by the McMurry Family (T Cross T Ranch) will be gifted to Natrona County. The total value of the gift, based on a current appraisal is \$318,000 (See Appraisal Tab O). The facility (see blueprint, site plan and model, Tab H) will ultimately consist of a 30 lane .22 cal range, 10 lane “paralympic” range, penalty ski loop, spectator stadium lodge and parking facilities. The completed world class facility could easily serve as a race site for U.S. Junior Nationals, U.S. Biathlon Nationals or All Guard Games that would bring hundreds of athletes (and their friends and families) to Casper to compete. Once built to completion, the complex will meet IBU (International Biathlon Union) and IPC (International Paralympic Committee) standards. To host a National level race, CMBC must submit a request letter to US Biathlon before April 1st of each year. In the letter the club must describe the facility, the experience of the key event organizers, and the number of race support volunteers. The complex needs to have a minimum of 20 lanes in addition to ski loops 1.5k, 2.0k, 2.5k, 3.0k and 3.3k in distance. There must be a 150 meter penalty loop and a start/finish area that is 50 x 100 meters located in the stadium area. The organizer must also be able to provide housing and ground transportation for US Biathlon Technical Delegates. The proposed biathlon complex will easily meet these national level requirements after the completion of phase 1. CMBC’s facility plans have been reviewed by Max Cobb, US Biathlon CEO and IBU Technical Delegate

and have been deemed to be designed in accordance with IBU World Cup and IPC World Cup standards. The phase 1 project will prepare the entire site for future phases of development and will result in 30 complete operational .22 Cal shooting lanes, 24 “paralympic” shooting lanes, parking lot and storage buildings. All this coupled with the 10k of homologated trails will make this the most diverse venue meeting international standards for both Nordic and Biathlon in North America. The addition of a light weight snowmobile and grooming equipment will give us the capabilities to provide groomed trails in limited snow conditions in both early and late season. This characteristic alone will make the venue a known reliable source for those seeking early and late training camp locations. After the completion of phase 1, Casper will be able to host local, regional and national level competitions and will also serve as the home training site for both the Casper Biathlon Team and also most likely be the new home for the Wyoming National Guard Biathlon Team, whom both must currently travel outside the state to train (see letter of support Tab I). In addition to the World Class Facility, CMBC aspires to develop world class programs to match the venue. Once phase 1 is complete and operational CMBC will begin the process of developing an official Community Olympic Development Program and will also begin the process of applying for official Olympic Training Site Designation.

Casper Mountain is an ideal location for a world class biathlon complex. For a number of reasons, Casper Mountain is an ideal location for biathlon: 1) The CMBC has an already existing and successful biathlon program. 2) Casper Mountain (7800 ft) is an ideal elevation for high altitude training 3) Also, because of this elevation, Casper Mountain usually receives snow as early as mid October and as late as May. CMBC would plan to extend grooming when weather permissible to allow athletes to train on snow as long as possible. The previously mentioned new snowmobile groomer and the expanded County budget will make this increased grooming schedule possible. This feature will also make Casper appealing as place to athletes to travel to for fall and spring training camps. 4) Biathlon is the perfect sport that Wyoming didn’t know it was missing! Wyoming is filled with shooting enthusiasts and skiers making it a perfect fit for the Wyoming culture. Casper has embraced the sport and we anticipate mass appeal to the wider Wyoming audience. 5) The range’s relatively close proximity to Casper’s amenities, airport and I-25 make it an easy place for travelers to visit 6) Casper College makes Casper a more attractive place for young athletes to live and train 7) Casper College also has a Club Nordic Ski team in its second year; there is the possibility of adding a Club Biathlon Team at the college as well 8) The Wyoming National Guard has been seeking a home training site for over ten years. This complex would serve existing programs and likely become the home training site for the Wyoming National Guard (See Letter in Tab I).

About CMBC. Casper Mountain Biathlon Club is a 501 c 3 nonprofit organization, the only Paralympic Sport Club in Wyoming and a member of U.S. Biathlon. The club’s mission is to provide opportunity and training for youth and adults of all abilities to achieve excellence through the sport of Biathlon. CMBC was formed in 2008. In that time, the club has grown from individual training for 2 high school athletes and no formal programs in 2010 to the current 8 member youth team that trains year round in addition to a successful paralympic program, a 3 month summer Nordic and Biathlon training program, Seasonal Camps for athletes with disability, Specific camps for Veterans with disability, 10 week introductory series, seasonal clinics, 4 travel camps each year, PSIA ski clinics and clinics from guest coaches such as Olympian, Sarah Konrad; and hosting 2 to 3 races per year and a small Masters program (see Tab M for more information about CMBC and its activities).

CMBC Board and Staff. The club is led by President, Rob Rosser, a 1998 Olympian in Biathlon, Army National Guard World Class Athlete, 3 time North American Champ and 5 time National Champ. Rob is

currently employed as a coach for the U.S. Paralympic Nordic and Biathlon team and also directs their athlete recruitment. Captain Rosser spent 21 years in the Army National Guard and is an Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran (see Tab M, "Key Personnel" for Rob's personal statement.)

Second in command and the original dreamer for this project is Vice President, ret. Col. Harry Brubaker. Harry is retired from the Wyoming National Guard as a Lieutenant Colonel and later from the Army Reserves as a Colonel. He skied on the Wyoming National Guard Biathlon Team from 1978 through 1996, competing at the National Guard Bureau Championships each year, which involve National Guard teams from twenty two states. Harry has served as a Natrona County School District cross country ski coach for sixteen years. Harry has also served as a biathlon coach at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Harry currently serves as the President to the Casper Nordic Club Board of Directors as well as serving on the CMBC board. Harry has been instrumental through leadership advocacy and personal effort to the development of the Casper Nordic Trail System and Nordic Trails Center Lodge.

Cathy Nyrkkanen Rosser currently serves as the Managing Director for the organization. Cathy brings over 10 years of experience as a Director in the Non-Profit sector, as well as managing ski and adaptive recreation programs.

CMBC has a dedicated board of directors and core group of volunteers who have been working tirelessly since 2008 to realize the dream of building a world class biathlon facility on Casper Mountain.

CMBC competitive success at the junior level. CMBC has sent 10 different individual biathletes to races across the country since 2010. This includes regional to National Championship and Junior World Trials competitions. In the few years that the club has been training athletes, they have captured 9 podium results at Nationals. CMBC has sent 4 athletes to World Junior Team Trials, top performances include a 4th and 6th place finish by CMBC athletes. This past March 2014, CMBC sent 5 athletes to compete in the youth category at U.S. Biathlon Nationals in Jericho, Vermont, more than any other club in the country. The team brought home 4 gold, 3 silver and 3 bronze medals from the games (See Media Tab J). These are the most competitive competitions offered in the U.S. for biathlon. These results have been attained with no local winter biathlon range for training. Once the winter range is in place, Casper biathlon will see rapid growth and improvement in our athletes' numbers and performance. Because biathlon in the U.S. is still a niche sport and few areas have the facilities to properly support it, our local athletes will have the opportunity to quickly advance to the top of national rankings.

CMBC adaptive biathlon program has already produced competitive paralympic athletes. In addition to the strong youth program, CMBC has an equally strong Paralympic program. CMBC is the only Paralympic Sport Club in Wyoming and is one of only a handful of programs offering adaptive recreation and competition for people with disabilities in Wyoming. CMBC is one of only a few programs in the country fully integrating athletes with physical disability and those without disability in biathlon programs. US Paralympics has recognized the strength of the programs as a quality training site and a feeder program for the Paralympic pipeline and because of this CMBC has received consistent grant funding from the USOC Paralympic division. 10 of the 17 athletes that traveled to Sochi Russia in for the 2014 Paralympic Games have trained in Casper on numerous occasions. Majority of the disabled athletes trained in CMBC programs are also veterans who received injury while serving in our armed forces. CMBC has hosted several summer biathlon races in which athletes

with disability compete side by side with local athletes without disability. Most recently in November of 2014, CMBC received a \$67,000 grant from the Dept. of Veteran Affairs in support of its adaptive programs that specifically serve Veterans with disability. In a relatively short period of time, CMBC has proven itself as a feeder program for the U.S. Biathlon development and U.S. Olympic Paralympic pipeline.

Natrona County and Casper Mountain Biathlon Club believe that Casper will become a regional center of excellence for Nordic skiing and biathlon, bringing athletes to the area, boosting Casper (and Wyoming's) economy. The construction of the biathlon complex will complete the necessary elements to build a successful program that include: 1) appropriate complex for skiing and shooting 2) Quality coaching and 3) athletes of all ages and abilities. These factors make Casper uniquely suited to grow a strong, nationally competitive biathlon program. The enclosed table (Tab K) shows a summary of the current biathlon clubs and venues in the region. Notably, CMBC is the only club with a significant youth component, the only club to offer adaptive biathlon expertise, and the only club to offer consistent coaching and training opportunities. In fact, even without a biathlon range on Casper Mountain, biathletes travel to Casper for the coaching and training opportunities here. In 2013 over 25 athletes traveled to Casper and stayed in Casper for 3 days or longer to participate in youth or Paralympic camps. (A detailed breakdown of athlete participation can be found attached in Tab M.) CMBC is also one of the larger youth clubs nationally. The benefit of consistent training and coaching can be seen in the success shown by these athletes who are already nationally competitive, despite that they must currently travel to train at a biathlon range. Casper Mountain Biathlon club is also a leader in adaptive biathlon training and has also been home to Paralympic training camps since 2010. Rob Rosser has coached 10 members of the current 2014 Sochi Paralympic Nordic/biathlon team here in Casper in recent years. Clearly Casper would be the only regional facility to offer coaching and training for athletes of all ages and abilities and would attract even more athletes to come and train here. Constructing this complex and building world class programs will bring prestige to Wyoming.

When the phase 1 construction is complete, CMBC expects to host both summer and winter biathlon races that will attract out of town athletes. In addition, when the complex is complete, CMBC aspires to host National level races that would bring hundreds of athletes and their family members to Casper. The Casper Mountain Biathlon Complex would be one of the only three Rocky Mountain regional venues that could be considered to host a National or Junior National Race (see attached description of regional biathlon facilities under Tab K). Casper would clearly be competitive with these other venues. West Yellowstone is often difficult to get to in the winter and has limited facilities for spectators. Soldier Hollow has issues with snow quality, requiring snowmaking, and also lacks an active biathlon club to advocate and bring races to its venue. Casper has the opportunity to fill the regional void for biathlon, boosting local prestige and diversifying the economy in the process.

The phase 1 construction would immediately benefit Casper's economy and improve local recreational activities. The 30-lane facility would allow local athletes to stay in town for training (spending money locally instead of out of state) and would attract out of town athletes to race and attend training camps. As Chloe Sale, one of the CMBC Youth Development Team members stated at the Feb 4th 2014 Natrona County commission meeting, "Right now I can only do half my sport." The Complex would also attract year round activity. At the same meeting Leif Johansson, one of the founders of the Fat Fish Mountain Biking Club expressed excitement for the expanded opportunities for mountain bike riding and racing in the expanded trails and infrastructure that will be developed in this project. Adam Leiferman, President of Fat Fish Racing has also expressed support for the project

(see letter of support, Tab I). Local outdoor business owners are enthusiastic about the project and the additional revenue that would benefit their businesses (see letters from Roy Buck, Ragged Edge Sports, and Bruce Lamberson, Mountain Sports).

Local need for biathlon complex

Locally, the Casper Mountain Biathlon Club has seen numbers of athletes of all ages grow each year. Program offerings have increased each year since the club was founded in 2008 (See Tab M for details). From January 2013- December 2013, the CMBC provided biathlon experiences to over 400 individuals. This total included introductory biathlon experiences for over 200 elementary age children at an "Olympic Day" at the Casper Recreation Center and Mangus Nordic Ski League, 4 Paralympic camps with 21 individual participants (many of whom attended more than one camp), 2 Masters clinics for adults, and 3 camps for advanced high school aged athletes. All this growth has occurred without a proper biathlon range to use for training. Without a range, growth and interest in the sport will stagnate and Casper will lose the opportunity for expanded recreation and tourism related to biathlon.

In addition to increased interest in biathlon in the Casper area, the Casper Mountain Trail Center and Nordic Trail system are experiencing high user visits by Nordic skiers. Mangus Ski League on Sunday afternoons and Nordic High School races bring between 100 and 400 visitors to the mountain at each event, filling the available parking (capacity at the Nordic Trail Center parking lot is approximately 100 cars). The additional parking area that will be provided by the Biathlon Complex phase 1 development will alleviate much of this congestion as well as opening access to some of the nicest trails on the mountain. Natrona County sells approximately 1500 trail passes each season. This number is estimated to be low compared to actual users due to limited pass enforcement. Increased pass enforcement in conjunction with increased Nordic and Biathlon program offerings and improved facilities is expected to result in a significant increase in trail users/pass holders. The trails in the area known as the "biathlon area" are currently only accessible to those willing and able to ski from the bottom of Skunk Hollow up Tower Hill, a considerable distance that prevents beginning skiers from accessing this area. Presently, this area is underutilized due to this limited access.

Statewide need for a biathlon complex

Statewide, the Wyoming National Guard Biathlon Team is in search of a home training site, as Ken Miech recently testified in the February 4, Natrona County Commission hearing (letter of support, Tab I). The Wyoming team currently must train in Colorado because there is not a venue suitable in Wyoming. Lander is the home of the only other biathlon range in Wyoming. Lander's range consists of 5 lanes with very limited training and competition activity. Casper's range would serve as the hub for biathlon in the state as well as serving a biathlon destination with national appeal.

Regional need for a biathlon complex

Regionally, the Casper Mountain Biathlon Complex would be one of only three Rocky Mountain regional venues that could host a large regional or national race such as the National Guard "All Guard Games" (the largest biathlon competition in the country, (See Letter in Tab I), the U.S. Nationals, U.S. Junior Nationals, or a Paralympic World Cup or National competition. In addition to a quality venue, Casper has the amenities that the selection committees for these races look for: Convenient travel access via I-25 and Natrona County International Airport, available hotel space, and other recreation and entertainment opportunities

Casper Mountain Biathlon Complex will strengthen the area's recreation and tourism opportunities

According to the “Casper-Natrona County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy” (See Tab N), there is a strong need for opportunities that diversify the state’s economy that continue to strengthen the already growing recreation and tourism market. The report also indicates that Casper struggles to keep young and educated workforce in the area. The Casper Mountain Biathlon Complex addresses both of these issues. The Complex will attract athletes and their families to Casper to race and train year-round, strengthening the tourism economy in the Casper area. The Complex will also improve the outdoor recreation offerings in Natrona County, making it easier to attract and maintain a younger demographic, solving a demonstrated need in the community.

This project meets an unmet recreational need by providing Natrona County with a world class Biathlon and Multi-Sport Complex on Casper Mountain. This facility and programs will give athletes the opportunity to engage in the sport of Biathlon from beginner to elite level. In the summer, when not in use for biathlon, the facility will be available to a variety of user groups for activities such as mountain biking, hiking, trail running, orienteering and adventure racing. This program is the most unique in the region. This new complex will be one of a kind in the U.S.

Casper appears to be enjoying general prosperity, but significant sectors of the population are apparently not achieving optimal economic status according to the 2005-2010 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for Casper-Natrona County, Wyoming report. The report states that 38% of elementary public school children are under poverty level and a 26% high school drop out rate. CMBC makes Biathlon available to all by offering scholarships to those in need. In 2014 CMBC awarded approximately \$10,000 in youth scholarships and was also able to offer all of its adaptive programs at no charge to athletes with disability. Numerous studies have shown that participation in sports and recreation programs correlate with higher graduation rates, improved grades, and increased likelihood to attend college in high school aged students. Studies have also shown that people with disabilities who participate in sports and recreation experience higher levels of education, higher levels of employment and greater wage earning ability. We see our programs helping to break this poverty cycle and drop out rate by building a stronger youth base filled with greater health, motivation and outlook for their futures.

This facility is crucial in securing a permanent program site that is sufficient for full scale biathlon competition, education and training. The biathlon range and ski loops will give students a site that is able to adequately prepare them for competition as well as provide a complete educational and recreational experience in the beneficial sport of biathlon.

Ownership of Project (Wyoming State Statutes prohibit the City from allocating public funds to construct or acquire an asset that is not owned by a public entity. If the proposed project involves the purchase of equipment or construction of a building or facility, which public agency has agreed to own and maintain this building or equipment? If a formal agreement exists between the applicant and a public entity, please provide copies of that agreement to support the application.)

The proposed site will be owned by Natrona County. (See letter of intent) The McMurry Family has pledged to make a gift of a 50 year lease to the Casper Mountain Biathlon Club and a transfer of the remainder interest to the Natrona county Parks Department with regard to the 40 acre Tract described in Exhibit A (see Tab P for Letter of Intent and Exhibit A). . The project has been approved for funding from the Wyoming Business Council and all contingencies in regard to the letter of intent have been

satisfied. The Land Lease between CMBC and T Cross T Ranch and Deed transfer to Natrona County is expected to be completed by the end of March 2015.

Population to be Served by Project (Please identify who will be served by this project. The description should identify the target population to be served, and include an estimate of the numbers, based on a verifiable source to support the estimate.)

5 year projection – venue use

Year	Biathlon Specific	Cross Country Ski	Other Uses	Totals
2015	600	700	300	1600
2016	900	800	400	2100
2017	1200	850	450	2500
2018	1500	900	500	2900
2019	2000	1000	550	3550

Other Uses: Includes snowshoe, and non-biathlon summer use such as mountain bike races and running races.

Specific Biathlon & Nordic Uses:

- Youth Programs
- Junior Camps
- Team Camps
- Adaptive/Paralympic Biathlon
- Masters Training
- National Guard Competitions
- Paralympic Competition
- CMBC Race Series
- US Biathlon Nationals
- Wyoming State Games
- North American Championships
- Junior World Trials
- North American Rollerski Championships
- FIS Continental Cup Races
- Super Tour Races
- IPC World Cups
- FIS Homologated Sprint Races

CMBC's current participants cover the entire demographic spectrum in age, income, race and ability. The age of participants range from 7 to 70. We serve able-bodied and adaptive athletes. We serve those who face significant economic barriers and those that have no financial restraints. Our equipment is unique and expensive on both the adaptive and able-bodied side of the sport. Electronic, air and .22cal biathlon rifles range from \$3000 for a used Anschutz Biathlon rifle to \$5500 for an audio rifle used for the visually impaired and blind athletes in Paralympics. Sit-skis for adaptive athletes with spinal cord injuries or leg amputations can cost \$3000 for a custom bucket and frame. CMBC is able to make programs affordable by providing equipment, coaching and programs at no or reduced cost for those with need. CMBC also offers scholarships for athletes with financial need to help subsidize the cost of equipment, travel and competition.

Distinguishing characteristics: CMBC is one of 3 biathlon programs with fully integrated adaptive and able-bodied sport programs. Our adaptive athletes, of whom most of which are injured Veterans, know the importance of teamwork and discipline. We like to pull on this experience and have them act as mentors to the youth in our programs.

Most participants enter our programs through an introductory camp on clinic. For those who choose to go beyond the introductory level, CMBC has programs and coaching in place to take them through every level of the sport. The crucial piece that is still missing in serving our broad range of participants is a high quality facility.

Funding Sources (What other sources of funds will be used to support this project. If Optional 1% Sales Tax funding is not available, or not available in the amount requested, will the project still go forward?)

This project will move forward if 1% funds are not available, although it will need to be scaled back. Please see the included charts for a list of committed funds and in kind support.

Secured Project Funds			
Source	Status	Date of Approval	Amount
Natrona County Joint Powers Recreation Board	Approved - Biathlon Range Equipment	3/10/2011	\$ 67,000.00
Natrona County Joint Powers Recreation Board	Approved - Range Design	9/15/2012	\$ 27,710.00
Natrona County Joint Powers Recreation Board	Approved	7/20/2014	\$ 150,000.00
Wyoming Business Council	Approved	6/19/2014	\$500,000.00
Natrona County 1% Funds	Approved	12/1/2014	\$500,000.00
Daniels Fund	Approved	8/31/2014	\$150,000.00
Tyler Family Challenge Grant	Approved	6/1/2014	\$ 100,000.00
Wyoming Trails Program	Approved	1/26/2015	\$ 50,000.00

Wyoming Community Fund	Approved	6/1/2014	\$ 5,000.00
Verdad Foundation	Approved	6/1/2014	\$ 15,000.00
HillTop NB	Approved	12/30/2015	\$ 30,000.00
Casper Area Economic Development Alliance	Approved	4/9/2014	\$ 25,000.00
Casper Area Visitor Bureau	Approved	4/10/2014	\$ 5,000.00
Casper Nordic Club	Approved	2/27/2014	\$ 1,000.00
Goodstein Foundation	Approved	6/1/2014	\$ 10,000.00
Individual Donors	Deposited (Rosser, Aune, Saleveson, Farra)		\$ 1,700.00
Total Secured Funds			\$ 1,652,210.00
Pledged In-Kind Support			
40 Acre Site (Land Donation)	McMurry Family		\$318,080.00
Project management/Site Structures/Fencing	Brubaker Construction		\$82,680.00
Eco Block Retaining Wall	Brubaker Construction		\$20,384.00
Steel Fabrication - Targretry building, drafting, engineering & equipment	Compression Leasing, Inc *		\$40,000.00
Site Survey	CEPI		\$6,000.00
Parking Lot	Natrona County		\$11,250.00
Tree Removal	Loudout, Inc.		\$20,000.00
Race Timing System	Casper Area Visitor Bureau		\$27,500.00
Power Drop	Natrona County		\$13,500.00
Total Pledged In-Kind Support			\$539,394.00

Proposed Completion (Is it anticipated that this project will be completed in phases? Will it require funding from a future Optional Sales Tax or funding from some other public source? If yes, please describe how this will be accomplished and identify the source and amount.)

The project is planned to be completed in phases. CMBC is requesting funding to complete phases 1 and 2 in this application. In this application we are requesting funding for capital investment as well as planning services for phase 3 and 4. Phase 3 and 4 will be focused on building the facility to completion targeting the areas of spectator and athlete accommodations for large scale events, additional parking, summer use expansion including a focus on large scale mountain bike events. The proposed planning services will determine the full scale of construction and detailed budget for the final stages. Currently the final stages of construction are estimated 4 to 5 million.

A diverse funding strategy will be implemented to fund phases 3 and 4 of the project similar to phase 1 and 2. CMBC and Natrona County will seek public dollars from the State of Wyoming, future 1% funds as well as funding from individual donors interested in naming opportunities, private foundations, and federal grants. Kay Linn consultants will include in their study grant writing, grant research and sustainable funding planning services. We feel based on our current fundraising success and the anticipated success of the project that securing the funding for phases 3 and 4 is a realistic endeavor. Natrona County has already committed \$150,000 toward phase 3 and 4. We anticipate leveraging these funds to bring in additional funders. CMBC is also in the process of applying for phase 3 to become an engineering project under the Wyoming National Guard. The National Guard has a tradition of building and supporting biathlon ranges across the country.

The Complex, Phase 1. Phase 1 construction includes timber clearing and site excavation for the full 30 lanes and ski loops. A parking lot, power and 2 small buildings are also proposed in phase 1. The Complex will have an operational 30 lane range after the completion of phase 1, and the facility will be ready for use as a training center and as a regional race site.

Summary of Project Phases

PHASE 1

Phase 1 construction will result in a useable biathlon facility.

Budget \$2,302,952. 83% of funds secured.

Phase 1 is expected to begin in July of 2014 and be completed in Fall of 2015. (see Tab D for Phase 1 scope of work)

- Secure location (completed)
- Site survey and real estate appraisal (completed)
- Certified Engineer Range Design and Environmental Stewardship Plan (completed)
- Purchase 30 50 meter targets and six 10 meter paralympic targets (9 targets have been purchased, 21 still need to be purchased)
- Site timber clearing
- ADA accessible road leading from parking lot to stadium/range area
- All dirt work for the full 30 lanes and ski loops
- 10 km of additional FIS standard trail construction in addition to the existing trails
- Completion of the lower (crushed rock material) parking lot
- Electrical power drop to site with full project capacity
- Install security lighting at parking lot and range
- storage container for storage on site (container already purchased)
- Install 30 lanes of 50 meter targets with concrete pad and target building for security
- 3 range poles and flags (2 on range ends and 1 at the parking lot hut)
- Construct one heated hut at the parking lot to serve as storage and a "ready room" for athletes and officials.
- Construct a second heated storage hut next to the range for timing, groomer and equipment storage
- Construct an Eco Block retaining wall separating the range from the penalty loop
- Install fencing around range backstop area
- Purchase of needed facility equipment such as gun racks, program rifles and race equipment
- Race timing system (this will be purchased by Casper Area Visitor Bureau. The timing system will be stored at the biathlon facility and will be available for all events held at the venue)
- Feasibility study to determine full scope and detailed budgets for phase 3 & 4.

PHASE 2

The Completion of Phase 2 will result in a complex that is appropriate to host National level races. Budget \$657,397. 23% of funds secured.

Phase 2 is expected to begin in June 2016 with completion in the fall of 2017.

- Start/Finish Timing Building located in start/finish area next to the range.
- Stadium infrastructure complete including stands and wax room building
- Procure and install equipment for 24 lane Paralympic Range
- 1 KM Paved and lit roller ski trail

PHASE 3

The Completion of Phase 3 will allow for safe roller ski training, night skiing and summer roller ski biathlon competitions.

Phase 3 is expected to begin in June of 2018 with completion in August of 2018.

- Add 4km of roller ski loops and paved firing line
- Lighting for paved loops and range
- Cut additional Mountain bike trails

PHASE 4

Phase 4 completion will allow for greater number of spectators, a resident athlete program, and International level competition. Upon completion of Phase 4 the Biathlon Club will also be in a position to apply for Olympic/Paralympic Training Site Designation.

Phase 4 is expected to begin in June of 2019 with completion in September of 2020.

- Upper parking lot
- Hillside stands
- 3 Lane Indoor Range
- Hilltop building. The hilltop building will serve as a lodge and athlete housing. If on-site housing is proven not to be feasible, the club will seek an off – site housing option for athletes.
- If proven feasible, snow making infrastructure including a pond, snowmaking equipment and storage building.

Citizens' Survey (Does this proposed project fit within the priorities identified by the citizen survey? Please explain.)

Yes, this project falls under 3 of the identified priorities: Outdoor Sports Facilities, Recreation, and Strong Local Economy.

Strong Local Economy. 2005-2010 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for Casper-Natrona County, Wyoming.

See Attachment CEDS Tab N

The Biathlon Venue compliments the economic development strategy of the community in several ways. First, it fits in with the 1st goal of the strategy to create a community that is attractive to new capital investment and job creation. The Biathlon helps accomplish this by making Casper a more attractive place to live which in turns helps to attract and retain young and talented professionals. As

stated in the CEDS, Casper has a work force shortage and a problem with young graduate out-migration. This is also listed as a threat to diversification of the economy and a threat to new startups. This venue adds improvement to the quality of life in the Casper area by offering additional recreation opportunities (appealing to a younger work force), programs for youth (appealing for families).

This project also directly fits with the CEDS 3rd goal to diversify our community's job/employment mix to become less dependent upon the boom & bust traditionally experienced by the energy and mineral based economies. A Biathlon Venue on Casper Mountain will directly strengthen and expand the recreation and tourism industry in our community. This venue will attract athletes to visit and possibly even relocate to the Casper area. A World Class Biathlon facility would establish Casper as a hub for Nordic Skiing and Biathlon, thus creating its own tourism and recreation based economic cluster. The high quality Nordic ski trail system, snow as early as October, an ideal elevation for high altitude training, spring skiing as late as May and sometimes even June in addition to a world class biathlon venue and close proximity to Casper's lodging, restaurants, sport shops, entertainment and medical services make a perfect combination to transform Casper into a destination for all levels (recreational to elite) Nordic skiing and biathlon. Casper's Nordic trails and excellent conditions are currently considered a "hidden gem" and with proper marketing and facilities have the promise to make Casper a destination much like Washington's Methow Valley, West Yellowstone, Montana, Heber City (Soldier Hollow), Utah or Bend (Mt. Bachelor) Oregon.

Lastly, the Biathlon Venue fits in the "Plan of Action" regional activities that include promoting economic development and opportunity as well as enhancing and protecting the environment. This project will enhance the recreation and tourism industry in Natrona County while at the same time converting 40 acres of valuable privately owned land on Casper Mountain in to a publicly owned and accessible county park.

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Summary of Economic and Recreational Benefits for each phase of construction:

Phase 1 – Begin Summer 2014 and Completion in the Fall of 2015

Outcome: Operational 30 lanes of 50 meter range and 6 lanes of 10 meter targets for Paralympic Biathlon, 10 Km of homologated trails.

Upon completion of phase 1, Casper Mountain Biathlon Club would begin hosting a winter race series, a summer race series, Wyoming State Championships and Wyoming State Summer Championships as well as participating in the Wyoming State Games. Upon completion of phase 1, CMBC will be in a position to begin the bid process for National level competitions such as US Biathlon Nationals or the All Guard Games.

Phase 2 – Begin Summer 2016 and completion Fall of 2017

Outcome: Full 30 point 50 meter range with 24 lanes that can be converted to Paralympic points. A completed start/finish building, 1 Km of and eventual 5km paved and lit roller ski loop.

With the completion of Phase 2 in the Fall of 2017, the Complex would be able to host National level races and Paralympic World Cups. If successful, the Casper Mountain Biathlon Complex would be hosting Nationals in March of 2018. In addition, CMBC would also submit a bid to host National Guard Biathlon Region West Event for Dec 2017. Roller skiing on roads presents a significant danger factor. Having paved roller ski loops as part of the Complex will be an important safety feature for athletes and also contribute to the unique offerings of the Complex that will attract athletes

Phase 3 - Begin and Complete in Summer 2018

Outcome: Finish Paved & lit roller ski loops

After the completion of paved roller ski loops the Complex would be suited to host Summer Roller Ski Nationals as well as other Roller ski events and training. CMBC anticipates hosting its first Roller ski races in the Summer of 2019.

Phase 4 (2019-2020)

Outcome: Completion of the upper parking lot, hillside stands, hilltop building, if proven feasible, snow making infrastructure including a pond, snowmaking equipment and storage building. The hilltop building will include athlete housing if proven to be feasible. If it is not deemed feasible to house athletes on site, off site housing will be secured. Athlete housing will be crucial for establishing a resident athlete program. The increase in parking and additional hillside stands will allow for greater numbers of spectators. With increased parking and spectator seating, the Complex will be suited to host larger national and international races such as the North American Cup and National Guard Biathlon Championships.

Summary of Economic Benefits

- The Complex will attract athletes to live in and train in Casper on a temporary and permanent basis
- Makes Casper a more appealing place to live for prospective residents and businesses
- Races, events and camps will bring overnight visitors to Casper
- Upon completion, this complex will support large races such as US Biathlon Nationals, North American Championships, Junior World Team Trials, North American roller Ski Championships, US Biathlon Summer Championships, and National Guard Biathlon Championships.
- The complex will also serve as a competition site for Cross Country Ski, running, mountain biking and adventure races.
- According to WBC Economic Impact calculations, this complex will bring in 3.6 million in total spending and over \$250,000 in local and state tax revenue to the local economy in the first five years of operation. (see attached economic impact report Tab Q)
- Athletes will no longer have to leave the area to train which also means that their dollars will be spent locally versus out of state.
- Job creation in the non-profit and recreation sector (3 to 5 full time positions and 2 to 4 part time positions)
- Support outdoor recreation businesses in the area (see letters of support, Tab O)
- Indirectly support existing jobs in the service industry
- Strengthens and expands the local recreation and tourism industry (see letter of support from Casper Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, Tab O)
- CMBC will host multi day race events whenever possible to encourage overnight stays
- Interest in Biathlon is expected to increase Nordic Season Pass sales for Natrona County

Outdoors Sports Facilities and Recreation

Community Enhancement

- Increase recreation opportunities
- Multi-use, year-round facility that would support a variety of activities and user groups
- local athletes will benefit from a destination venue and Olympic/Paralympic quality training site
- Unique project: Wyoming will become a leader in the sport of Biathlon
- Promotes lifelong, healthy activity for youth, adults and people with disabilities
- Recognition as a contributor to the US Olympic and Paralympic pipeline
- Fits local culture of rugged outdoor recreationalist and shooting enthusiasts
- When completed, this venue will be the premier range in North America
- The Complex and world class programs will bring prestige to the Casper area



OPTIONAL 1% SALES TAX PROPOSED PROJECT BUDGET FORM

Project Name: Casper Mountain Biathlon & Multi-Sport Complex

Proposed Project Funding

	<u>FY15</u>	<u>FY16</u>	<u>FY17</u>	<u>FY18</u>
Optional 1% Sales Tax	\$	\$	\$	\$
Natrona County 1%	\$250,000	\$150,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 50,000
 Grants:				
Private	\$ 414,710	\$	\$	\$
Federal	\$ 0	\$	\$	\$
State	\$ 550,000	\$	\$	\$
*Donations (cash)	\$ 172,700	\$	\$	\$
*Donations (in-kind)	\$ 539,394	\$	\$	\$
Project Income	\$0	\$	\$	\$
**Loans	\$0 _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
 TOTAL FUNDING AVAILABLE	 \$1,926804.00	\$150,000 _____	\$100,000 _____	\$50,000 _____

* Please include donations of cash and/or in-kind materials and services.

** Please provide information on proposed source of loan and payback schedule.

If the project requires new construction or remodeling, then fill out this page.

Estimated Capital Project Costs (Please indicate who developed these cost estimates.)

Estimates for Phase 1 and 2 are compiled from the following: AMEC Engineering, Inberg Miller Engineering, Brubaker Construction, Kurvinen Biathlon Targets, Altius Firearms, Uline, Kay Linn Enterprises, Morton Trails, KLJ Engineering, Modern Electric and Rocky Mountain Power.

Engineering/Architectural Fees (Design/Construction Administration)	\$ 234,560
• Contingency	\$ 300,000
Land Costs	\$ 0
Construction Costs (Labor and Materials)	\$ <u>2,073,695</u>
• Contingency	\$
Furnishings	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Equipment Acquisition	\$ <u>352,094</u>
TOTAL	\$ <u>2,960,349.00</u>

Estimated Annual Operating/Maintenance Costs \$ 130,000

Source of Funding for Operating Costs

- Please provide specific revenue source(s) to support this project

Program Revenue, Program Sponsorships, VA Grant, Program Grants, and Natrona County

WYOMING CONSTITUTION

§6. Loan of credit; donations prohibited; works of internal improvement

Neither the state nor any county, city, township, town, school district, or any other political subdivision, shall loan or give its credit or make donations to or in aid of any individual, association or corporation, except for the necessary support of the poor, nor subscribe to or become the owner of the capital stock of any association or corporation, except that funds of public employee retirement systems and the permanent funds of the state of Wyoming may be invested in such stock under conditions the legislature prescribes. The state shall not engage in any work of internal improvement unless authorized by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the people.

WYOMING STATE STATUTES

§15-1-111. Appropriations for advertisement of resources authorized; exception.

- (a) The governing body of any city or town may make appropriations from the city or town general fund for:
 - (i) Advertising the resources of the city or town;
 - (ii) Furthering its industrial development; or
 - (iii) Encouraging exhibits at fairs, expositions and conventions.

- (b) No appropriation may be for the express aid of any private citizen, firm or corporation.