

SENATE FILE NO. SF0069

Community development block grants.

Sponsored by: Select Committee On Tribal Relations

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the community development block grant
2 program; authorizing tribal governments to make direct
3 application for grants under the program; providing
4 legislative findings; and providing for an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-12-114 is created to read:

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10 **9-12-114. Community development block grants;**
11 **eligibility of tribal governments.**

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13 For purposes of administration of the community development
14 block grant program, the business council of the Eastern
15 Shoshone Indian Tribe and the business council of the
16 Northern Arapaho Indian Tribe shall be deemed to be units

1 of general local government eligible to make direct
2 application for grants under the program.

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4 **Section 2.**

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6 (a) The legislature finds that:

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8 (i) The state, through the Wyoming business
9 council acting pursuant to W.S. 9-1-216 and
10 9-12-104(a)(iv), administers the community development
11 block grant (CDBG) program as authorized under the federal
12 Housing and Community Development Act of 1974;

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14 (ii) The primary objective of the CDBG program
15 is to develop viable communities by providing adequate
16 housing and a suitable living environment by expanding
17 economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and
18 moderate income;

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20 (iii) The Wind River Reservation is an area with
21 community development needs having a particular urgency
22 because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate
23 threat to the health and welfare of the community;

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1 (iv) The Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho
2 Indian Tribes are sovereign nations whose members reside on
3 the Wind River Reservation but are also citizens of the
4 United States and residents of Wyoming;

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6 (v) The federal act provides that CDBG grants
7 will be made only to units of general local government that
8 carry out development activities, however, maximum
9 deference is to be given to each state's interpretation of
10 statutory and regulatory requirements under the program;

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12 (vi) The tribal governments of the Eastern
13 Shoshone and Northern Arapaho Indian Tribes can best carry
14 out community development activities on the Wind River
15 Reservation that meet CDBG objectives and that the members
16 of those tribes would be better served by means of grants
17 made directly to the tribal governments under that program.

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19 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2004.

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