

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0154

Community enhancement grants.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Harvey, Luthi and McOmie

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to community enhancement grants;
 2 authorizing the Wyoming business council to award grants to
 3 communities to build, upgrade or repair community buildings
 4 that enhance the history, cultural or social needs of the
 5 community; requiring a match; granting rulemaking
 6 authority; authorizing grantees to contract with private
 7 organizations as specified; providing definitions;
 8 providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective
 9 date.

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

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13 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-12-801 and 9-12-802 are created to
 14 read:

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ARTICLE 8

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COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

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2 **9-12-801. Community enhancement program; purpose;**
3 **creation; rulemaking.**

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5 (a) It is the purpose of this article to promote
6 economic revitalization at the city and town level in order
7 to create additional economic health and a stronger state
8 economy.

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10 (b) The Wyoming business council shall establish and
11 administer a Wyoming community enhancement program as
12 provided by this article. Any city or town may submit an
13 application to the council for a grant under the program on
14 forms prescribed by and subject to rules promulgated by the
15 council. Grants may be made by the council for community
16 enhancement infrastructure projects, including the
17 building, upgrading, repair of community buildings that
18 enhance the history, culture or social needs of the
19 community as determined by the council to be consistent
20 with the purposes of this article.

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22 (c) Grants shall be awarded on the basis of one
23 dollar (\$1.00) from the council for each one dollar (\$1.00)
24 of matching funds from the grantee, up to a maximum grant

1 from the council of one hundred thousand dollars
2 (\$100,000.00).

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4 (d) Grants shall be made under this article only if
5 the applicant demonstrates that, upon receipt of the grant,
6 all projected project costs will be funded. The application
7 shall identify the source of all funds to be used for the
8 project.

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10 (e) Grants may be used to fund project costs in
11 accordance with approved applications and rules of the
12 council. The grantee city or town may use grant funds to
13 contract with private, not-for-profit organizations and
14 community development organizations and state development
15 organizations in accordance with the purposes of this
16 article and approved applications.

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18 (f) As used in this article:

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20 (i) "Community development organization" means
21 as defined by W.S. 9-12-301(a)(ii);

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23 (ii) "State development organization" means as
24 defined by W.S. 9-12-301(a)(iv).

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2 **9-12-802. Wyoming community enhancement program**
3 **account.**

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5 There is created within the special revenue fund, the
6 community enhancement account. Funds shall be credited to
7 the account as provided by law. Funds in the account are
8 continuously appropriated to the Wyoming business council
9 to be used only for grants authorized to be made under this
10 article and for council expenses in administering the
11 community enhancement program created by this article.

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13 **Section 2.** Effective July 1, 2004 there is
14 appropriated from the budget reserve account to the Wyoming
15 business council two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) to be
16 used to implement the purposes of this act. Any unexpended
17 or unobligated funds remaining at the end of the biennium
18 ending June 30, 2006 shall not lapse and shall not revert
19 as provided in W.S. 9-4-207.

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

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