

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0162

Downtown development authorities-matching funds.

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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to downtown development authorities;
2 authorizing development authorities to apply for and
3 receive state matching funds as specified; authorizing the
4 business council to administer the downtown development
5 authority grant program; making conforming amendments;
6 making an appropriation; and providing for an effective
7 date.

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

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

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13 **9-12-114. Downtown development authority grant**
14 **program.**

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1 (a) The council shall establish and administer the
2 downtown development authority grant program under this
3 section. Grants made pursuant to this section shall be
4 limited to municipalities that have paid tax monies into
5 the special funds described in W.S. 15-9-207(c)(ii), levied
6 a special assessment as specified in W.S. 15-9-217(b), or
7 both, and to the amount and purposes specified in
8 subsection (e) of this section.

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10 (b) Any municipality that has paid tax monies into
11 its special fund described in W.S. 15-9-207(c)(ii), levied
12 a special assessment as specified in W.S. 15-9-217(b), or
13 both, may apply to the Wyoming business council for
14 participation in the downtown development authority grant
15 program. An application for participation in the downtown
16 development authority grant program shall be made to the
17 council on forms prescribed by and subject to rules
18 promulgated by the council.

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20 (c) All complete applications to participate in the
21 downtown development authority grant program which conform
22 to this section and rules promulgated under this section
23 which are submitted to the council shall be considered by
24 the council. The council shall review the application and

1 make a determination as soon as practicable. The council
2 may communicate directly with the municipality making the
3 application.

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5 (d) The council may approve an application made
6 pursuant to this section if the council determines that:

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8 (i) The municipality making the application has
9 paid tax monies into the special fund described in W.S.
10 15-9-207(c)(ii), levied a special assessment as specified
11 in W.S. 15-9-217(b), or both; and

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13 (ii) The municipality or downtown development
14 authority of the municipality is using the tax monies only
15 for the purposes and in the manner under W.S. 15-9-201
16 through 15-9-223.

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18 (e) Grants approved by the council to any
19 municipality that applies for participation in the downtown
20 development authority grant program shall be matching
21 grants not to exceed two dollars (\$2.00) of grant monies
22 for each one dollar (\$1.00) of tax monies placed into the
23 municipality's special fund described in W.S.
24 15-9-207(c)(ii) or levied as specified in W.S. 15-9-217(b).

1 Grant monies shall only be used by the municipalities for
2 approved development projects as defined by W.S.
3 15-9-202(a)(v) and only for the purposes and in the manner
4 specified under W.S. 15-9-201 through 15-9-223.

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6 (f) The council shall adopt rules regarding the
7 making and timing of applications for participation in the
8 downtown development authority grant program.

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10 **Section 2.** W.S. 9-12-112(a) by creating a new
11 paragraph (v) and 15-9-207 by creating a new subsection (g)
12 are amended to read:

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14 **9-12-112. Annual report and budget.**

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16 (a) The council shall submit an annual report in the
17 manner provided by W.S. 9-2-1014 and using the benchmarks
18 prescribed in this act. In addition to the requirements of
19 W.S. 9-2-1014, included within the annual report shall be:

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21 (v) A summary of the total grants made by the
22 council pursuant to W.S. 9-12-114, including:

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1 (A) The name of each recipient of a grant
2 and the amount of each grant;

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4 (B) An evaluation of the success of the
5 grants in promoting the purposes of W.S. 15-9-201 through
6 15-9-223.

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8 **15-9-207. Board; powers and duties; division of**
9 **property and sales tax; special fund; adjustment**
10 **evaluations; grants.**

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12 (g) In addition to the other powers granted by this
13 article to municipalities, a municipality that has paid tax
14 monies into its special fund described in paragraph (c)(ii)
15 of this section, levied a special assessment as specified
16 in W.S. 15-9-217(b), or both, may apply to the Wyoming
17 business council for participation in the downtown
18 development authority grant program under W.S. 9-12-114.

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20 **Section 3.** There is appropriated one million dollars
21 (\$1,000,000.00), or as much thereof as is necessary, from
22 the general fund to the Wyoming business council for the
23 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, to implement the
24 purposes of this act.

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2 **Section 4.** This act is effective July 1, 2004.

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