

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0060

Wyoming business council.

Sponsored by: Joint Minerals, Business and Economic
Development Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the Wyoming business council; clarifying
2 purposes of business ready community program; modifying
3 eligible projects and expenditures under the business ready
4 community program and the community facilities program;
5 clarifying provisions of the community facilities program;
6 and providing for an effective date.

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

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-12-601(a) and (b) and
11 9-12-801(d)(i), by creating a new paragraph (iii) and by
12 renumbering (iii) as (iv), (e) by creating a new paragraph
13 (i) and by renumbering (i) as (ii) and amending and
14 renumbering (ii) as (iii) are amended to read:

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16 **9-12-601. Wyoming business ready community program;**

1 **purpose; creation; rulemaking.**

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3 (a) It is the purpose of this article to promote
4 economic development at the city, town and county level in
5 order to create additional economic health and a stronger
6 state economy. It is not the purpose of this article that
7 funds be expended in a manner that would result in
8 government offering services that are provided by the
9 private sector.

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11 (b) The council shall establish and administer a
12 Wyoming business ready community program as provided by
13 this article. Any city, town or county may submit an
14 application to the council for a grant or loan under the
15 program on forms prescribed by and subject to rules
16 promulgated by the council. Grants or loans may be applied
17 for by a joint powers board with the approval of all
18 participating agencies to the joint powers agreement.
19 Grants and loans may be made by the council for economic or
20 educational development infrastructure projects, including
21 the purchase of land, buildings, facilities,
22 telecommunications infrastructure related to economic
23 development infrastructure projects, rights of way,
24 airports, sewer and water projects, roads, landscaping

1 related to community entrances or places of economic
2 activity, recreational and convention facilities or other
3 infrastructure determined by the council to be consistent
4 with the purposes of this article. In adopting rules and
5 making grants and loans under this article the council
6 shall require all projects to be related to economic or
7 educational development infrastructure, which shall not
8 include rehabilitation or expansion of existing
9 infrastructure unless the council determines the
10 rehabilitation or expansion is necessary to meet the
11 purposes of this article. All grants, loans or cooperative
12 agreements made under this article shall be referred by the
13 council to the state loan and investment board for final
14 approval or disapproval. The state loan and investment
15 board may adopt rules as necessary to implement its duties
16 under this article.

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18 **9-12-801. Wyoming community facilities program;**
19 **purpose; creation; administration by council; rulemaking**
20 **authority; eligible projects.**

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22 (d) Grants or loans may be recommended by the council
23 and awarded by the state loan and investment board for
24 economic development community facilities projects which

1 provide:

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3 (i) Convention facilities and space for
4 community gatherings and functions;

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6 (iii) Landscaping;

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8 ~~(iii)~~ (iv) Other functions or uses determined by
9 the council to be consistent with the purposes of this
10 article.

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12 (e) In adopting rules and recommending grants and
13 loans under this article, the council shall require all
14 projects to be related to economic development or
15 enhancement of quality of life in a community. Projects
16 may consist of:

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18 (i) Construction of new infrastructure to an
19 existing facility, development and rehabilitation of
20 infrastructure serving an existing facility, rehabilitation
21 of an existing facility, and purchase of an existing
22 facility;

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24 ~~(i)~~ (ii) The expansion, renovation or remodeling

1 of existing surplus government facilities;

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3 ~~(ii)~~(iii) The purchase of an interest in or
4 cooperative agreements for the expansion, renovation or
5 conversion of existing school facilities to the extent the
6 existing facilities exceed statewide school building and
7 facility adequacy standards established by the school
8 facilities commission under W.S. 21-15-115. No ownership
9 interest to the project or existing facility under a
10 project shall remain with the school district upon
11 expenditure of any funds under this program for any
12 project.

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14 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2006.

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