

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0148

Business ready communities.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Nicholas, Hinckley, Illoway, Latta, Slater and Warren and Senator(s) Peck

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to administration of government; providing
2 for expanded authorized expenditures under the business
3 ready community program; and providing for an effective
4 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. 9-12-601(b) is amended to read:

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10 **9-12-601. Wyoming business ready community program;**
11 **purpose; creation; rulemaking.**

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13 (b) The council shall establish and administer a
14 Wyoming business ready community program as provided by
15 this article. Any city, town or county may submit an
16 application to the council for a grant or loan under the

1 program on forms prescribed by and subject to rules
2 promulgated by the council. Grants or loans may be applied
3 for by a joint powers board with the approval of all
4 participating agencies to the joint powers agreement.
5 Grants and loans may be made by the council for economic
6 development infrastructure projects, including the purchase
7 of land, telecommunications infrastructure, rights of way,
8 airports, sewer and water projects, roads, landscaping,
9 recreational facilities or other infrastructure determined
10 by the council to be consistent with the purposes of this
11 article. In adopting rules and making grants and loans
12 under this article the council shall require all projects
13 to be related to economic development infrastructure, which
14 shall not include rehabilitation or expansion of existing
15 infrastructure unless the applicant demonstrates the
16 rehabilitation or expansion is necessary to retain an
17 existing business or to facilitate the relocation of a
18 business to the locality of the applicant. All grants,
19 loans or cooperative agreements made under this article
20 shall be referred by the council to the state loan and
21 investment board for final approval or disapproval. The
22 state loan and investment board may adopt rules as
23 necessary to implement its duties under this article.

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1 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
2 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
3 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
4 Constitution.

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