

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; modifying
2 eligible projects and expenditures under the business ready
3 community program and the community facilities program;
4 clarifying provisions of the community facilities program;
5 and providing for an effective date.

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

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

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15 **9-12-601. Wyoming business ready community program;**
16 **purpose; creation; rulemaking.**

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2 (b) The council shall establish and administer a
3 Wyoming business ready community program as provided by
4 this article. Any city, town or county may submit an
5 application to the council for a grant or loan under the
6 program on forms prescribed by and subject to rules
7 promulgated by the council. Grants or loans may be applied
8 for by a joint powers board with the approval of all
9 participating agencies to the joint powers agreement.
10 Grants and loans may be made by the council for economic or
11 educational development infrastructure projects, including
12 the purchase of land, buildings, facilities,
13 telecommunications infrastructure, rights of way, airports,
14 sewer and water projects, roads, related landscaping,
15 recreational and convention facilities or other
16 infrastructure determined by the council to be consistent
17 with the purposes of this article. In adopting rules and
18 making grants and loans under this article the council
19 shall require all projects to be related to economic or
20 educational development infrastructure, which shall not
21 include rehabilitation or expansion of existing
22 infrastructure unless the council determines the
23 rehabilitation or expansion is necessary to meet the
24 purposes of this article. All grants, loans or cooperative

1 agreements made under this article shall be referred by the
2 council to the state loan and investment board for final
3 approval or disapproval. The state loan and investment
4 board may adopt rules as necessary to implement its duties
5 under this article.

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7 **9-12-801. Wyoming community facilities program;**
8 **purpose; creation; administration by council; rulemaking**
9 **authority; eligible projects.**

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11 (d) Grants or loans may be recommended by the council
12 and awarded by the state loan and investment board for
13 economic development community facilities projects which
14 provide:

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16 (i) Convention facilities and space for
17 community gatherings and functions;

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19 (iii) Landscaping;

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21 ~~(iii)~~ (iv) Other functions or uses determined by
22 the council to be consistent with the purposes of this
23 article.

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1 (e) In adopting rules and recommending grants and
2 loans under this article, the council shall require all
3 projects to be related to economic development or
4 enhancement of quality of life in a community. Projects
5 may consist of:

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7 (i) Construction of new infrastructure to an
8 existing facility, development and rehabilitation of
9 infrastructure serving an existing facility, rehabilitation
10 of an existing facility, and purchase of an existing
11 facility;

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13 ~~(i)~~(ii) The expansion, renovation or remodeling
14 of existing surplus government facilities;

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16 ~~(ii)~~(iii) The purchase of an interest in or
17 cooperative agreements for the expansion, renovation or
18 conversion of existing school facilities to the extent the
19 existing facilities exceed statewide school building and
20 facility adequacy standards established by the school
21 facilities commission under W.S. 21-15-115. No ownership
22 interest to the project or existing facility under a
23 project shall remain with the school district upon

1 expenditure of any funds under this program for any
2 project.

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

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