

## **Wyoming Intertie Community Investment Program Guidelines**

The Wyoming Intertie Community Investment Program (WICIP) was established at the Wyoming Community Foundation by Grid United, the developer of Wyoming Intertie. WICIP supports communities in Albany, Carbon and Platte County, where the Wyoming Intertie project – a transmission line connecting U.S. eastern and western electric grids in Wyoming – will be located. Wyoming Intertie is committed to supporting the communities where it is being developed, both direct and neighboring. WICIP funds support innovative projects that enhance quality of life while strengthening communities in these counties.

### **Requirements:**

Applicants must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit or government entity, such as a local government, tribal government, or school district. Non-501(c)(3) nonprofits may be eligible. Individuals and for-profits are ineligible; however, individuals and for-profits may apply through a fiscal sponsor that is eligible. Please contact Allison Renton at (307) 721-8300 or [allison@wycf.org](mailto:allison@wycf.org) to discuss eligibility.

Applicants who have applied for previous grant cycles may apply for subsequent grant cycles for different phases of their project. Applicants do not need to be based in Albany, Carbon or Platte County; however, grants must be used for projects benefiting communities in these counties. Only one application is allowed per organization.

### **Grant Amounts:**

Two types of grants will be offered through this program:

- General operating grants up to \$10,000: If you are applying for existing and ongoing programs and your request includes costs for staff time, rent, utilities, etc., please select General Operating. Organizations that do not have 501(c)3 status are not eligible for general operating grants.
- Project specific grants up to \$50,000: If you are applying for equipment, building renovations, new program start-up costs, or other project related costs, please select Project Costs. Non 501(c)3s may be eligible for these grants. Please contact Allison Renton at [allison@wycf.org](mailto:allison@wycf.org) with eligibility questions.

### **Eligible Projects:**

- Projects that have a broad impact on the quality of life for a significant number of people in Albany, Carbon or Platte County.
- Projects that propose ways to address community needs.
- Projects that leverage other sources of support.

- Projects that encourage others to get involved in addressing community needs.
- Projects that are creative in their approach to solving problems or capturing opportunities.
- Projects that are responsive to changing and emerging needs.
- Projects that support innovative approaches to economic and community development.

**Ineligible Projects:**

- Religious, partisan, or sectarian programs or projects.
- One-time events, such as celebrations or social gatherings, that are not part of longer-term economic and community development goals.

**Application Process & Deadline:**

WICIP has two applications cycles each year in June and December. The next deadline is December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 11:59 PM.

Only online applications will be accepted and can be accessed here:

<https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=wyominggrants>

All applications are reviewed by a Community Advisory Committee, which is made up of a diverse group of residents from each County. The Wyoming Community Foundation will notify you of the Community Advisory Committees' decision as soon as possible. The Wyoming Community Foundation cannot guarantee that every proposal will be funded, or that an applicant will receive the full amount requested.

**Reporting:**

A project report will be due within one year of receiving funds, or before applying for an additional grant through WICIP. Project reports must be received before additional grants are made.

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