

**Agenda Item:** Resolution

Title: Resolution 2022-51, authorizing the submittal of a pre-application and, if invited, full application to the Wyoming Office of Outdoor Recreation for a Wyoming Outdoor Recreation Grant in an amount not to exceed \$700,000 to support the construction of the Laramie Bike Park

Recommended Council MOTION:

I move that the Laramie City Council approve Resolution 2022-51, authorizing the submittal of a pre-application and, if invited, full application to the Wyoming Office of Outdoor Recreation for a Wyoming Outdoor Recreation Grant in an amount not to exceed \$700,000 to support the construction of the Laramie Bike Park and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign.

Administrative or Policy Goal:

Resolution 2022-15, adopting policy goals and objectives for the City of Laramie. D. Maintain & Improve Municipal Infrastructure. Milestone #3. Continue expansion of green belt, park and recreation amenities.

Background:

The Wyoming Office of Outdoor Recreation announced the launch of the pre-application for the Wyoming Outdoor Recreation Grant! The pre-application remains open until August 30, 2022. Local government, county government, state government, tribal government, and non-profit organizations are all eligible to apply for the Wyoming Outdoor Recreation Grant. Various award amounts will be offered between \$20,000 and \$749,000. Applications will be reviewed and scored by a committee. The grants will be evaluated for: ARPA eligibility, economic impact, new outdoor recreation infrastructure, budget and project costs, a funding match, financial risk assessment, and community support. This could include projects involving trails, trailheads, or play area (not playground) development, water-based recreation, shooting ranges, publicly managed campground infrastructure, climbing infrastructure, etc.

Staff has chosen to apply for this grant to support the Laramie Bike Park Project. This project began its planning 2015 with approval from the Laramie City Council authorizing Laramie BikeNet to raise funds to support this project. In 2017 Laramie BikeNet presented \$10,500 in raised funds that allowed for a conceptual planning process that concluded with a presentation to the Laramie City Council in 2019. Staff and Laramie BikeNet joined forces again for a FY23 ACRB grant to provide for the development of plans for the Laramie Bike Park with that process being approved and moving forward at this time. This grant, if secured, could provide for the full construction of the Laramie Bike Park while reducing the City of Laramie's investment and eliminating the need for project phasing.

Staff is working with Sarah Reese on the Wyoming Outdoor Recreation Grant pre-application and is requesting this resolution to authorize the submission of both the pre-application and, if invited, the full application for a Wyoming Outdoor Recreation Grant.

Legal/Statutory Authority:

N/A

BUDGET/FISCAL INFORMATION:**REVENUE**

Source	Amount	Type
Fees/Charges for Service		
Grants for Projects	\$700,000.00	WORG if secured.
Loans on Project		
Other	\$100,000.00	2018 SPT
Total	\$800,000.00	

EXPENSE

Proposed Project Cost.

Project Budget	Amount	Funds
Project Cost	\$800,000.00	
Loans on Project		
Grants for Project	\$700,000.00	
Other/Outside Projects		
City's Amount	\$100,000.00	
Contingency 0%	\$0.00	
Total Amount	\$800,000.00	

Amount spent to date (approved and adopted by Council)

Budget	Amount	Funds
Total Budget Allocation	\$35,500.00	\$10,500 Previous/\$25,000 Current
Less Amount Spent to Date	\$10,000.00	Conceptual Planning Project
Remainder of Budget	\$25,500.00	Final Design

Responsible Staff:Jodi Guerin, Recreation Manger, 721.5259, jguerin@cityoflaramie.orgTodd Feezer, Assistant City Manager, 721.5304, tfeezer@cityoflaramie.org**Attachments:**

Resolution 2022.51 WORG Grant Submission.Laramie Bike Park