



**Agenda Item:** Grant

**Title:** Consideration of Resolutions 2020-44 to 54, to authorize submission of a coronavirus relief grant applications to the State Land and Investment Board

**Recommended Council MOTION:** I move to approve Resolutions 2020-44 to 54, to authorize submission of a coronavirus relief grant applications to the State Land and Investment Board and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to Sign.

**Administrative or Policy Goal:** Each of these projects included here are in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and all ensuing Executive Orders.

**Background:** The federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) provides relief funding to States, Tribes, and local governmental entities. In an emergency session, the Wyoming Legislature authorized the State Loan and Investments Board to distribute relief funding via the CARES Act through a grant application process administered by the Office of State Lands and Investments.

Grant funds may only be used to reimburse expenses that are: (1) necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19; (2) not accounted for in the most recently approved budget as of March 27, 2020 for the government; and (3) incurred during the period beginning on March 1, 2020 and ending on December 30, 2020.

Grants are available on a rolling basis until all CARES Act monies awarded to the state and earmarked for distribution to local governments have been disseminated. In response, staff identified a suite of priority projects to submit for consideration. The individual requests included herein represent the most urgent needs resulting from the pandemic, and in doing so, seek to recoup un-budgeted expenditures and to make unanticipated investments. In keeping with the intent of the CARES Act each of these projects seek to promote the health and safety of the public and employees, assure that vulnerable residents do not slip through the cracks, and stimulate the economy. Local partners in these applications include Laramie Interfaith, the Laramie Chamber Business Alliance and the Laramie Main Street Alliance.

Subsequent applications may be submitted, and additional partners may be included in future requests.

**a. Resolution 2020-44, authorizing submission of a coronavirus relief grant application to the State Land and Investment Board on behalf of the Governing body City of Laramie for the purpose of General Administration amount.** This request totals \$289,650 to offset costs incurred to communicate and plan the local emergency response; to provide adequate health and safety for City workers; and to design and implement policy and practice changes necessary in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**b. Resolution 2020-45, authorizing submission of a coronavirus relief grant application to the State Land and Investment Board on behalf of the Governing body City of Laramie for the purpose of Public Safety Emergency Response.** This request totals \$1,378,561 to purchase equipment, supplies, and improvements that help ensure the safety of critical public health and safety employees and community members and to fund personnel costs in these operations to the

extent that these essential employees have been substantially dedicated to mitigating the impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

c. **Resolution 2020-46, authorizing submission of a coronavirus relief grant application to the State Land and Investment Board on behalf of the Governing body City of Laramie for the purpose of Public Works** This request totals \$16,065 in order to offset costs incurred to communicate, plan, and deliver the local emergency response in its Public Works operations and to provide adequate health and safety for essential public health workers.

d. **Resolution 2020-47, authorizing submission of a coronavirus relief grant application to the State Land and Investment Board on behalf of the Governing body City of Laramie for the purpose of City Hall and Annex Reopening** This request totals \$216,530 for personnel costs and equipment, furniture, and facility modifications necessary to safely reopen the City Hall and City Annex buildings to the public while continuing to protect employees and implement public health recommendations.

e. **Resolution 2020-48, authorizing submission of a coronavirus relief grant application to the State Land and Investment Board on behalf of the Governing body City of Laramie for the purpose of City Hall Campus Redesign.** This request totals \$27,760 for architectural design costs incurred to evaluate the City Hall Campus, including City Hall and Annex office and service areas, Municipal Court, and City Council Chambers, for COVID-19 safety and prevention protocols, and to recommend a facility design that includes appropriate social distancing or mitigating measures.

f. **Resolution 2020-49, authorizing submission of a coronavirus relief grant application to the State Land and Investment Board on behalf of the Governing body City of Laramie for the purpose of Emergency Response - Recreational Facilities Shut Down and Program Adaptations** This request totals \$419,952 and will be used to offset cost incurred to communicate and plan for emergency response to implement public health orders, to provide adequate health and safety to the public and staff and to design and implement policy and program adaption changes necessary in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

g. **Resolution 2020-50, authorizing submission of a coronavirus relief grant application to the State Land and Investment Board on behalf of the Governing body City of Laramie for the Public Health--Laramie Recreation Center Covid 19 Design & Renovations project.** This request totals \$561,190 and will focus of renovations and building improvements such as locker-room improvements, expanding office space, and installing touchless technologies for member entry.

h. **Resolution 2020-51, authorizing submission of a coronavirus relief grant application to the State Land and Investment Board on behalf of the Governing body City of Laramie for the purpose of Economic Relief Programs to Support Laramie Businesses.** This request totals \$400,000 to recoup costs personnel and direct support costs incurred by the City of Laramie and the Laramie Chamber Business Alliance associated with the development, management, and administration of both the local grant and loan program for small businesses and the community donation program.

i. **Resolution 2020-52, authorizing submission of a coronavirus relief grant application to the State Land and Investment Board on behalf of the Governing body City of Laramie for the**

***Downtown Laramie Economic Stimulus and Public Safety Program*** This request totals \$52,697 for personnel and costs and associated with projects undertaken by the City of Laramie and the Laramie Main Street Alliance to support businesses in the face of closures and to stimulate economic activity through promoting safe shopping, dining and socializing.

***j. Resolution 2020-53, authorizing submission of a coronavirus relief grant application to the State Land and Investment Board on behalf of the Governing body City of Laramie for the Laramie Interfaith Partnership for Resident Covid Relief*** This request totals \$250,000 to support a partnership between the City of Laramie and Laramie Interfaith to help residents suffering job losses or wage reductions to catch up on utility bills, rent payments, etc.

***k. Resolution 2020-54, authorizing submission of a coronavirus relief grant application to the State Land and Investment Board on behalf of the Governing body City of Laramie for the purpose of Clean Air HVAC Buildings – Public Health.*** This request totals \$2,683,669 and includes all expenditures necessary to upgrade mechanical systems to improve the indoor air quality of the buildings served and reduce the potential of propagation and spread of biological contaminants which include the Coronavirus.

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**Legal/Statutory Authority:**

N/A

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**Budget/Fiscal Information:**

**Total CARES Act Submittals - \$6,296,071**

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**Attachments:**

**Individual Resolutions and Certifications Resolution 2020-44 through Resolution 2020-54**