

State of Wyoming

Recovery Plan

State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

2022 Report

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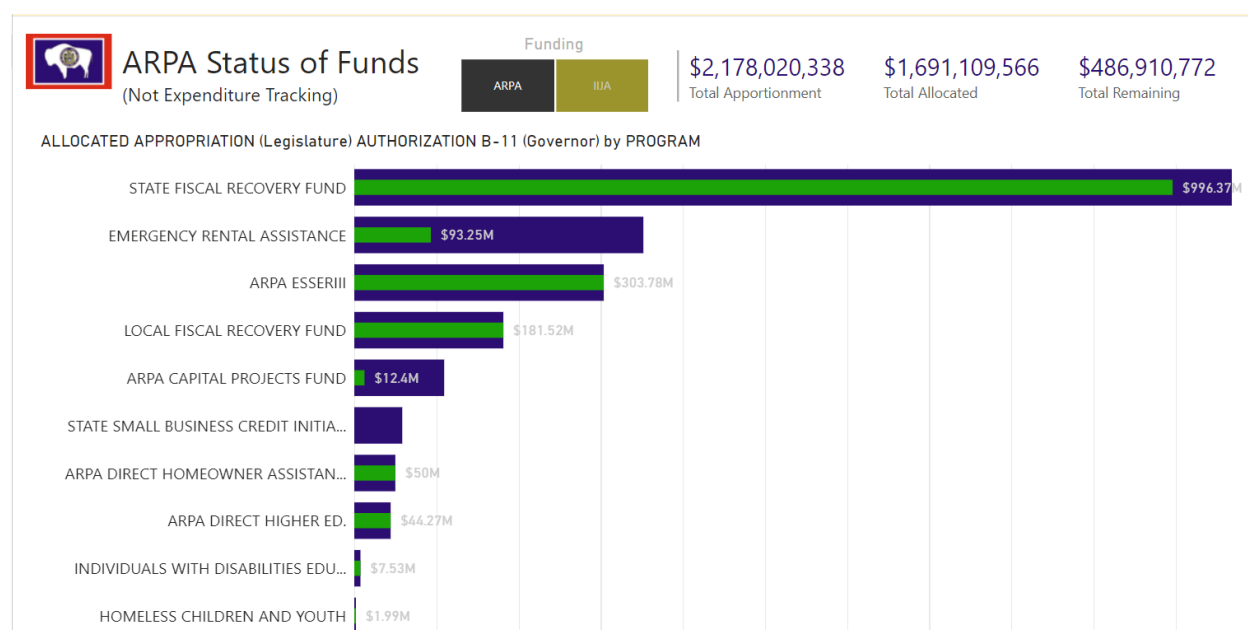
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GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

2022 Response:

Welcome to the State of Wyoming's 2022 Recovery Plan Report. We are pleased to introduce our framework and outlined approach for utilizing the American Rescue Plan Act State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (ARPA SLFRF). This report will highlight topics to help the reader develop an understanding of our State and its goal to promote economic recovery among impacted communities and industries across Wyoming. This Report will include information about the period of performance between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022.



Review of Fiscal Year 2022 Performance and Actions

Wyoming's Strategy to Survive, Drive, and Thrive Strike Team was created to begin planning the State's recovery from the COVID-19 Pandemic. Governor Mark Gordon clearly saw that immediate action was necessary to mitigate further negative effects of the pandemic and reverse the course of Wyoming's economic downturn, essentially to save lives and protect livelihoods. The Governor and his policy office worked diligently with cabinet members, key partners, industries located in Wyoming, and stakeholders to evaluate recommendations made on the future use of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF). Recommendations were received and reviewed within the scope that the Governor established and published in "Proposals for the Future Wyoming's Strategy to Survive, Drive, and Thrive" in June 2021¹. These areas or scope of the program/project needed to include: having a long term impact or return on investment, be sustainable and not add to the state's ongoing financial responsibilities, create capacity for the future, benefit a wide group of citizens, and not replenish budget cuts unless the replenishment of that budget could be sustained. Many recommendations were received, some with broad uses. Recommended uses and ideas that were submitted included: stabilizing qualified healthcare staff throughout the state, establishing

public health data systems, acquisition of emergency response equipment, construction of medical facilities that included telemedicine help for COVID-19 related treatment and behavioral health, and ideas to support economic recovery of tourism industries.

In late November 2021 CliftonLarsonAllen LLP (CLA) was obtained as a contractor through an RFP for the American Rescue Plan Act. This consultant was hired to provide assistance to the State of Wyoming's State Budget Department, Attorney General's Office and the Governor's Office on the eligibility and use of ARPA SLFRF Projects as well as completion and submission of all required reporting to the US Treasury. The Statement of Work for this consultant also listed that they provide assistance to the Non-Entitlement Units (NEUs) within the State of Wyoming who received SLFRF funds from the US Treasury.

CLA conducted a preliminary review and eligibility determination on the recommendations that were received by the Strike Team and Governor and included language emphasizing that certain programs or projects would need to be analyzed at a more granular level of detail. If these programs were determined to meet eligibility requirements, robust program information would need to be provided including sub recipient non-compliance risk assessments. The Consultants' preliminary review also detailed that certain boundaries and restrictions would need to be applied to programs to maintain eligibility under the SLFRF program and meet the compliance requirements of both the SLFRF Program and the CFR 200 Part 2 Uniform Guidance Act.

The Strike Team provided CLA's preliminary review along with their high-level guidance and recommendations to the Governor and the Governor delivered his recommended plan of action for use of the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds on December 17th, 2021 to the Joint Appropriation Committee².

Through the 2022 Legislative General Session, Chapter 50 Senate Enrolled Act No. 20 (Senate File 066)³ was established outlining the intended use of congressionally appropriated SLFRF. The appropriations/programs/ projects that are found within Senate File 066 can be separated into two categories: Programmatic and Non-Programmatic. These differentiated categories were created to identify the appropriations made by the Wyoming Legislature that will need to follow CLA's preliminary recommendation of implementing restrictions to maintain eligibility. These restrictions will be built into the Rules and Regulations of each program. Also, these programs will be vetted for eligibility an additional time prior to Wyoming finalizing them at the project level for reporting to the US Treasury. This is applicable to the appropriations in Senate File 066 received by Wyoming's:

Governor's Office

- Discretionary Public Health Response (Due to COVID-19) - \$50,000,000
- Workforce Programs (Health Care, Childhood etc.) - \$10,000,000

State Parks

- Outdoor Recreation & Cultural Resource Grants - \$10,000,000
- Outdoor Recreation and Tourism - \$2,000,000

Department of Transportation (WYDOT)

- WYOLink - \$35,000,000

Community College Commission (WCCC)

- Wyoming Investment in Nursing - \$6,427,477

Office of State Lands and Investments (OSLI)

- Grants for Health and Human Services Capital Construction & Rural Health Clinics - \$85,000,000
- Grants for Local Government Support Projects - \$50,000,000
- Grants for Eligible Water and Sewer Projects - \$50,000,000

University of Wyoming (UW)

- Family Medical Residency - \$708,407
- WWAMI Medical Education Program - \$1,579,948
- College of Health Science - \$500,000

Business Council (WBC)

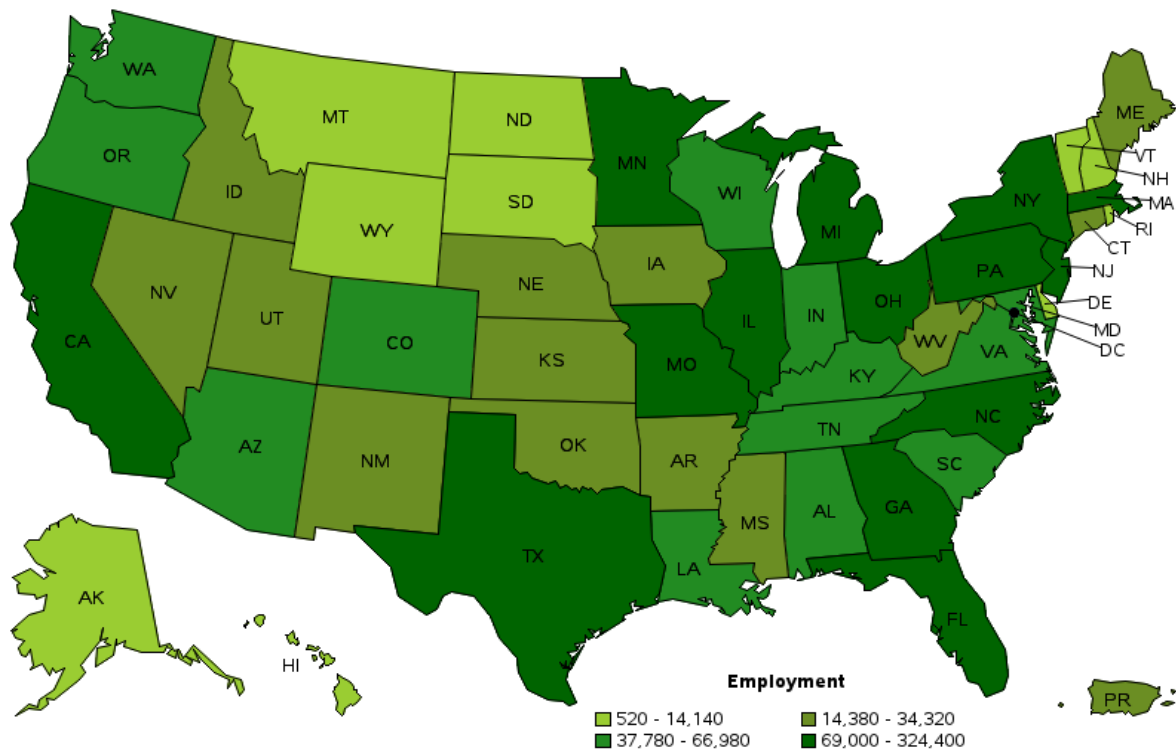
- Connect Wyoming 2.0 - \$25,000,000

We have chosen to specify these dollars and programs for the State of Wyoming within this Recovery Plan report because these programs are currently being developed and will encompass multiple expenditure categories. For example, the Office of State Lands Eligible Water and Sewer Projects may range across Expenditure Categories 5.1 through 5.15. As programs are established we will impose boundaries, restrictions, and rules to maintain program eligibility per CLA's recommendation and subject these programs to a sub recipient non-compliance risk assessment.

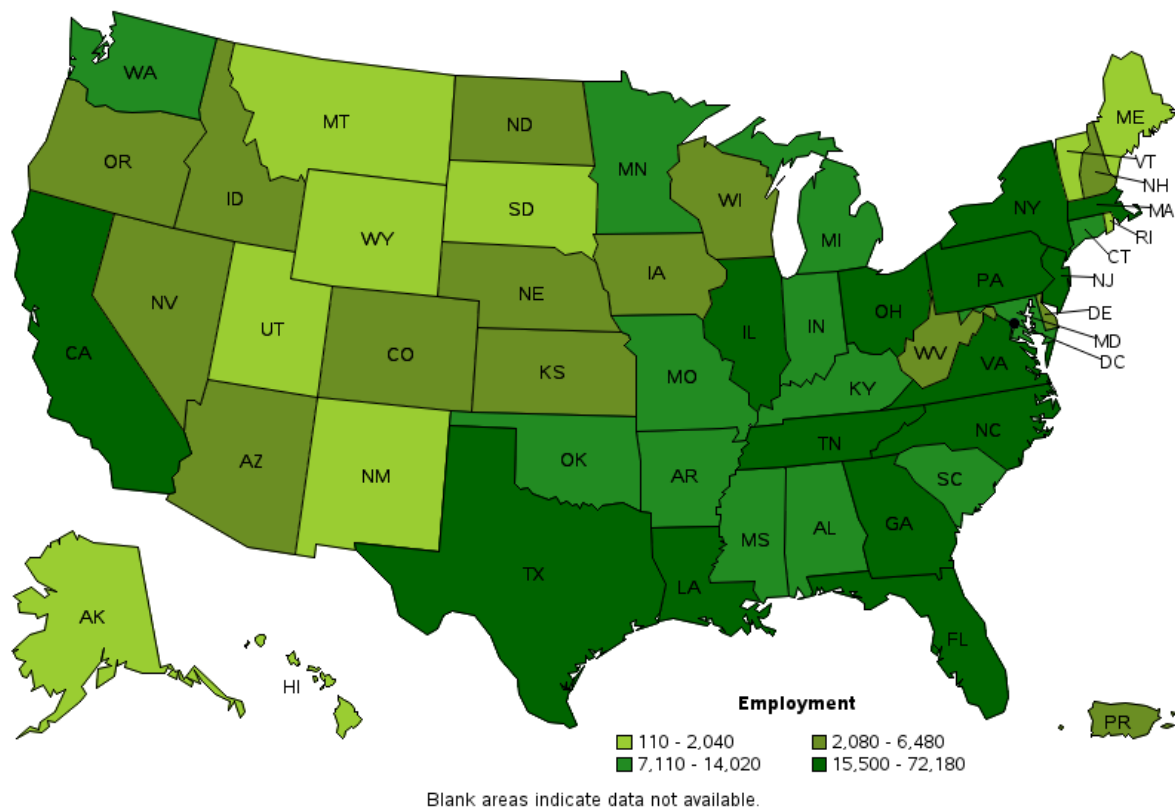
Addressing the Lack of Qualified Healthcare Workforce within Wyoming

Data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics⁴ below shows that Wyoming ranks one of the lowest among all 50-states in employment of registered nurses, licensed practical and vocational nurses, and Home Health and Personal Care Aides. This information is referenced in the National Employment charts that are provided below.

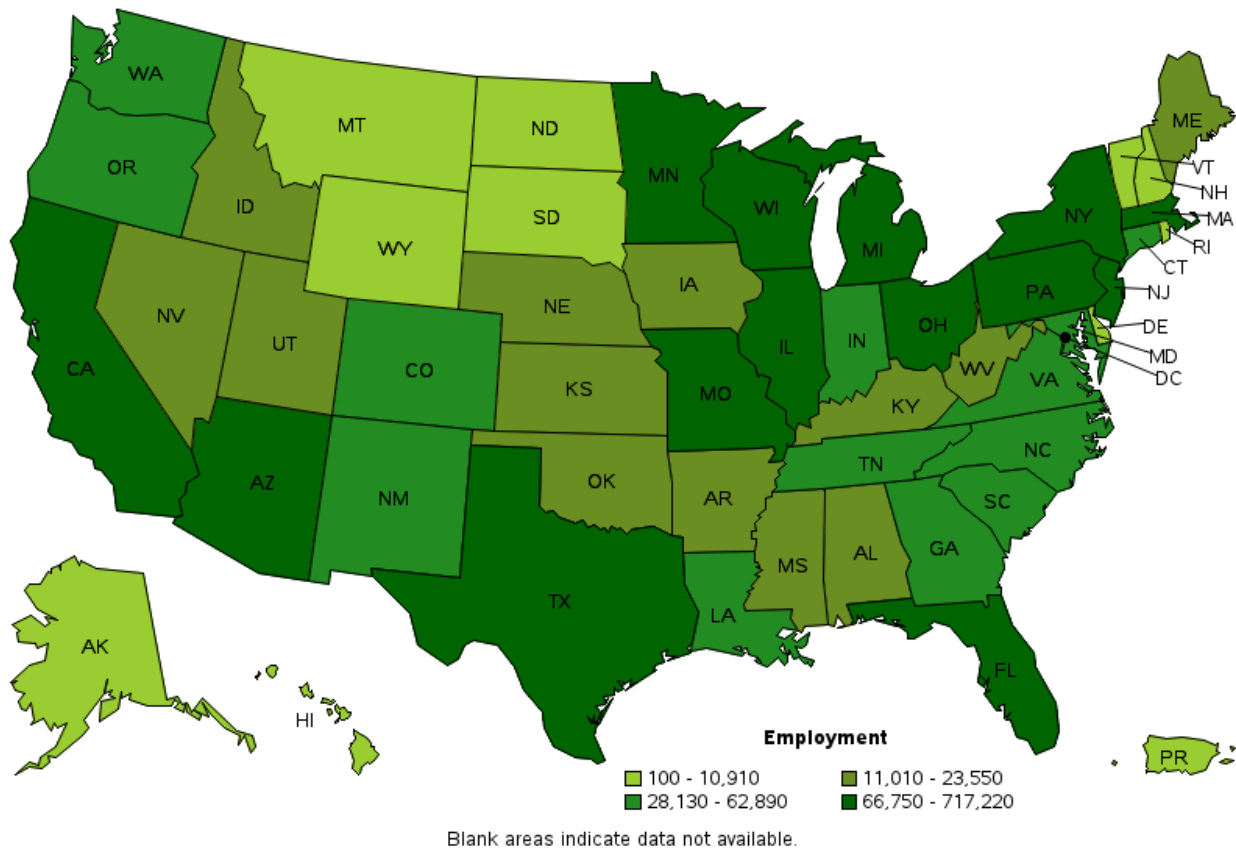
Employment of registered nurses, by state, May 2021



Employment of licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses, by state, May 2021



Employment of home health and personal care aides, by state, May 2021



During September 2021, the Department of Health partnered with the Wyoming Hospital Association to provide financial assistance to health care facilities who serve vulnerable populations that have been negatively affected by a decline in healthcare access due to a shortage of qualified healthcare professionals⁵ throughout the State. This first wave of funding was released to hospitals and long term care facilities. Information collected by the Human Resources and Services Administration that is not influenced by the COVID-19 Pandemic shows that on a nationwide basis, combining actual and projected data from 2015 through 2030, that long term care facility occupations would experience a 46% increase in need of employment. Hiring and retaining qualified healthcare workers at this time and in this industry is critical to Wyoming since it has one of the fastest growing elderly populations and has experienced a decline in employment levels since late 2020 due to the pandemic. “Wyoming’s population age 65 and older increased from 70,090 in 2010 to 103,877 in 2021, or 48.2 percent, higher than the U.S. growth rate of 38.7 percent during the same period. The share of the State’s elderly population (65 and over) was 17.9 percent in 2021, higher than the U.S. level of 16.8 percent. The elderly population in Wyoming is projected to reach 135,000, or well over one-fifth of the state’s total residents by 2030 when all Baby Boomers will be in this age group”⁵.

The problem in addressing the lack of qualified healthcare within the state is exacerbated by the decline of employment within the Nursing and Residential Facility Industry (NAICS 623). This industry can be broken down into four subsectors: Nursing Care Facilities: NAICS 6231, Residential Mental Retardation, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Facilities: NAICS 6232, Community Care Facilities for the Elderly: NAICS 6233, and Other Residential Care Facilities: NAICS 6239. These sectors are employed by Home health and Personal Care Aides, Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses, and Medical and health Service Managers. “In this subsector the facilities [and employees] are a significant part of the production process and the care provided [to patients] is a mix of health and social services with health services being largely [defined as] some level of nursing services”⁶.

The Wyoming Growing and Declining Industries Report published by the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services is a specialized industry report that collects and analyzes timely and accurate labor market information to facilitate evidence-based, informed decision making. The report provides a comparative framework to show the four growing and declining industries within Wyoming and sources its data from the BLS that includes both public and private firms and facilities. Fourth Quarter 2021 reporting published in April 2022 listed Nursing & Residential Care Facilities and Administration of Economic Programs as two industries experiencing a deficit in employment in the State. The report found that there was a 10.7% decline in employment within the Nursing & Residential Care Facilities industry when comparing 2020Q3 to 2021Q3. This trend continued for the following quarter when comparing 2020Q3 to 2020Q4 employment data which reported a 10.1% decline within the Industry. This Over-the-Year comparative analysis has an average decline of 10.4%. The Administration of Economic Programs follows closely behind at an average decline of 9.4% when using the same comparative framework. A table that is sourced from the Fourth Quarter 2021 Report is provided below to give an ocular intelligent view of this analyzed data⁷.

Table 2: Declining Industries Report for Wyoming, Fourth Quarter 2021

Subsector ^a (3-Digit NAICS ^b)	Sector (2-Digit NAICS)	Employment (Current Quarter)				Employment (Prior Quarter)				Declining Industries	
		2021Q4	2020Q4	Over-the-Year Change		2021Q3	2020Q3	Over-the-Year Change		Avg. % Change ^c	Avg. Weekly Wage ^d
				N	%			N	%		
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	Mining, Including Oil & Gas (21)	2,183	2,704	-521	-19.3	2,221	2,711	-490	-18.1	-18.7	\$2,725
Petroleum & Coal Products Manufacturing (324)	Manufacturing (31-33)	1,097	1,199	-102	-8.5	1,136	1,298	-162	-12.5	-10.5	\$2,508
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities (623)	Health Care & Social Assistance (62)	4,553	5,066	-513	-10.1	4,613	5,166	-553	-10.7	-10.4	\$840
Administration of Economic Programs (926)	Public Administration (92)	3,026	3,196	-170	-5.3	3,176	3,685	-509	-13.8	-9.6	\$1,079
Total	Total	10,858	12,163	-1,305	-10.7	11,145	12,859	-1,714	-13.3	-12.0	\$1,454

^aIncludes both public and privately owned firms.

^bNorth American Industry Classification System.

^cThe percentage for average change is the employment-weighted average percentage change of the current and prior quarters (employment change current quarter + employment change prior quarter) divided by the employment for the current and prior quarters (employment current quarter + employment prior quarter).

^dThe average weekly wage is calculated by dividing the total wage for the industry group by the total number of jobs for the industry group and the number of weeks in the observed quarter. Please be aware that average weekly wages at the industry group level are susceptible to wage bias due to sample size, occupational distributions, seasonal pay and bonuses, and keying error.

The average weekly wage for all declining industries in 2021Q4 was \$1,454.

Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages.

Prepared by M. Moore, Research & Planning, WY DWS, 4/26/22.

In June 2022, the Department of Health teamed up once again with the Wyoming Hospital Association to retain Qualified Healthcare Workers and address critically poor staff to client ratios through financial assistance opportunities. This stream of funding continued to focus on serving those with the greatest needs and vulnerable populations that lack access to healthcare assistance. The difference in this stream of funding compared to the first round of financial assistance is that it prioritizes staffing stabilization for those facilities who assist physically and mentally disabled citizens, the elderly that are in home-based health care, patients in residential treatment facilities, and those within Federally Qualified Census Tracts. A more granular level of detail (including dimensions that were considered) on this funding is provided below within the Uses of Funds Section.

The Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) tool provided by the Administration of Health Resources and Services displays data on the geographic, population, and facility HPSA designations throughout the U.S. The Health Shortage Areas identifies 46 areas within Wyoming that lack Primary Care access, 31 areas that lack Dental Health Services, and 28 areas that lack access to Mental Health services and professionals. Funding within Senate File 066 is expected to help address some of these shortfalls in our state and impress upon these areas of shortage and the lack of qualified health care professionals that work within those

areas. These projects have not been started as of July 1, 2022 but are addressed within the Project Inventory towards the end of this report. The project information that is provided in this section for these specific programs references statute language at this time since all of these programs are under development at this time. The creation of these programs will also help facilitate the need to address the lack of employment opportunities within the Administration of Economic Programs Industry⁸.

Many Departments within the State of Wyoming have felt the administrative burden that came with pandemic relief funding, experienced and are continuing to experience a high turnover rate, and struggled and continue to struggle with retaining employees. The onset of these programs will not only promote jobs within the Administration of Economic Programs Industry but it will have the potential to attract individuals, contractors and/or vendors alike from niche areas and specialized services. Some of these jobs may only provide temporary employment for 1-2 years, but starting under these programs and jobs will introduce and provide these potential employees to a wide selection of job opportunities within the State of Wyoming.

The overall Health Industry within Wyoming is not the only shareholder of our economy to feel a positive impact from the administration of these economic programs under Senate File 066. A few streams of funding appropriated within the File will help address the negative economic impacts on our Travel and Tourism Industry. This Industry is highly reliant on cyclical travel spending that occurs in small communities located near tourist attractions to help generate and facilitate GDP growth within our economy.

Addressing Negative Economic Impacts on the Travel and Tourism Industry

The travel industry represents an important component of Wyoming's state economy. Spending associated with travel in Wyoming generates earnings, employment and taxes throughout the state. Many counties in Wyoming contain attractive travel destinations and count the travel industry as a primary economic industry in their area. A fair share of these small, very rural and oftentimes frontier-like communities are located within a county containing less than 10,000 total residents, which further drives the need for that community to rely on the Travel and Tourism Industry.

During the start of the pandemic many travel restrictions were put in place to hinder the transmission and spread of the coronavirus. Through the end of December 2020, an estimated 100,000 airline passengers, who would otherwise have flown out of or into Wyoming, were lost due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Various travel advisories, restrictions, and mandatory stay at home orders discouraged travel. Dean Runyan Associates conducted a study on the Travel and Tourism Industry for the Wyoming Office of Tourism and after considering all negative impacts across the nation to this industry they determined that Wyoming fared better than most other states. Nonetheless, the state still had an estimated decline of 22.9% within Travel Spending for Calendar Year 2020⁹.

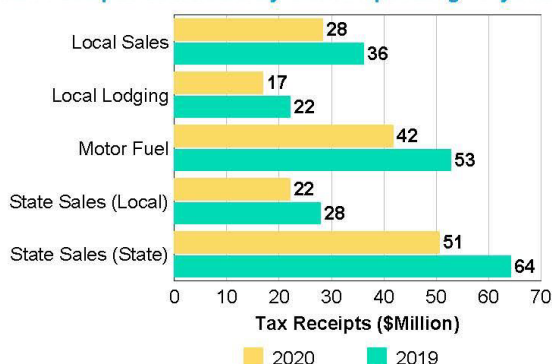
While WYDOT, SkyWest and local communities pared-back flights to reduce the escalating costs, the cost per departure operating under the Capacity Purchase Air Agreement (CPA) has significantly increased. It was estimated that it would result in an additional \$4.2 million in financial outlay by WYDOT and associated airport communities, compared to what was anticipated based on the available data at the time. This additional financial cost was the direct

result of the COVID Pandemic. Maintaining scheduled air service is a necessary tool to transport resources such as healthcare workers and supplies to and from regions. It also serves as a tool to facilitate economic support of the Travel and Tourism Industry. Additional costs were incurred to the CPA due to the continued business disruption of the travel environment.

The unique nature of the Travel and Tourism industry within Wyoming has elicited two areas of concern when considering the build back of our economy that is highly supported by this industry. The first concern is the financial cost to maintain air service which has significantly increased due to the pandemic and required travel restrictions. The second concern is brought on from the direct impact of the first concern: the corresponding and negative effect on our communities and State GDP caused by reduced travel or the inability to travel to Wyoming via air service. This impact has trickled down to the next layer of this industry and economy that contains a mix of individuals and businesses related to and reliant on airfield and airline workers, hotel staff, and food service workers. State and local taxes declined 21.4% in 2020. Total tax loss from the decrease in travel activity is estimated to be \$43.4 million⁹.

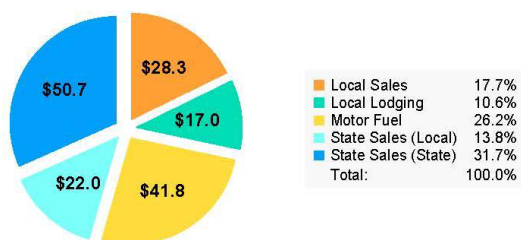
Wyoming / Trend

Tax Receipts Generated by Travel Spending / Wyoming



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2020 Travel Generated Tax Receipts



State Sales (State) taxes are the largest source of tax receipts in 2020, contributing 31.7% of all travel generated taxes. Overtaking motor fuel tax as the primary source of receipts.

Source: Dean Runyan Associates

A highly overlooked, and forgotten example, of a community affected by these negative economic impacts on the Travel and Tourism Industry within Wyoming would be the community located outside of Devils Tower that resides within Sundance, Wyoming. Sundance is located in Crook County whose population during the 2020 Census was recorded to be 7,181¹⁰ residents. This community relies on the business generated by tourists passing through the area or starting their journey to and from National Park sites. Devils Tower is conveniently located between Mount Rushmore, South Dakota and Yellowstone National Park, one of the most well-known tourist attractions in Wyoming. This tourist site is also within driving distance to the Black Hill National Forest, located right across the border in southwest South Dakota. The closest airport in Wyoming (to Sundance) is 67 miles away in the neighboring city of Gillette. This airport is one that is supported by the Capacity Purchase Air Agreement.

There are growing economic needs throughout the communities and cities located in Wyoming in addition to the industry deficits defined in this report. The initial response in FY2022 only laid the initial foundation for this state to create strategies to address those needs and deficits and continue to build upon that framework through 2026. Additional projects that were originally appropriated funding under Senate File 066 are being structured at this time and will be provided in the future Quarterly Project and Expenditure Reports. Please continue to the Uses of Funds and Project Inventory Sections of this document to learn more about developing projects that are intended to address the overarching goal of economic recovery. For more information about the previous 2021 Recovery Plan report or to view this and the series of Quarterly Project and Expenditure Reports, please visit the Wyoming Recovery Plan Page of the Wyoming State Budget Department website located at <https://sbd.wyo.gov/wyoming-recovery-plan>.

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Uses of Funds

a. *Public Health (EC 1)*

- **Grants for HHS Innovations in Rural Health - Department of Health**
 - *Project Currently in Development Phase*
- **Emergency Medical Dispatch EMS Certification - Department of Health**
 - *Project Currently in Development Phase*
- **Enhanced Capacity WYO 2-1-1 Directory - Department of Health**
 - *Project Currently in Development Phase*
- **Grants for HHS Capital Improvement and Provider Relief - Department of Health**
 - *Project Currently in Development Phase*
- **24-7 Suicide Prevention - Department of Health**
 - *Project Currently in Development Phase*
- **Mental Health Provider Training Phase II - Department of Health**
 - *Project Currently in Development Phase*
- **Grants for First Responder and Law Enforcement Mental Health Support - Department of Health**
 - *Project Currently in Development Phase*
- **Substance Abuse Disorder Treatment Backlog - Department of Corrections**
 - This funding is being used to address treatment needs for inmates due to the backlog created by the COVID-19 public health emergency. Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency inmate movement within the department was very limited; as a result inmates were not able to receive timely assessments for treatment needs. This funding provides the Department with the opportunity to contract with an Addiction Severity Index and American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASI/ASAM) assessor to address the waitlist that occurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Providing timely assessments will allow the Department the opportunity to ensure inmates are receiving the level of treatment necessary while incarcerated. This funding is also being utilized to add inpatient substance use disorder treatment beds within the Wyoming Department of Corrections facilities as a result of the backlog created by the COVID-19 public health emergency. As the Department addresses the waitlist for assessments to be completed there will continue to be an increased need for treatment beds. As a result, this funding is assisting the Department with moving the inpatient treatment programs to a facility that allows for an increased number of inpatient treatment beds.
- **Supreme Court PPE - Wyoming Supreme Court**
 - This funding will be used to address the courts continued vigilance against the spread of COVID. COVID tests and other supplies have been purchased in this regard.

b. *Negative Economic Impacts (EC 2)*

- **CPA Air Service Financial Assistance - Department of Transportation**
 - The Capacity Purchase Agreement (CPA) helps retain air service in four communities: Gillette, Rock Springs, Riverton, and Sheridan. This not only brings jobs and tourism to help bolster the local economies, it allows residents of these communities greater access to the worldwide air transportation system. COVID-19 caused dramatic changes to the travel environment with various travel

advisories that discouraged travel. Between the middle of March 2020 through December 2021, the CPA communities lost an estimated 69,000 passengers due to the COVID-19 outbreak. In other communities throughout the country, this drop in demand has caused airlines to severely reduce or eliminate service to many small communities. The CPA has helped to ensure that air service is not lost in the participating communities.

- **Grants to Stabilize Emergency Medical Services - Department of Health**
 - *Project Currently in Development Phase*
- **EMS Regionalization Pilot - Department of Health**
 - *Project Currently in Development Phase*
- **Wyoming Hospital Association and HHS Staffing Stabilization - Department of Health**

This project responds to the nursing-related labor market impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing assistance to health care providers who serve vulnerable populations. Health care providers were prioritized for funding based on four dimensions:

- Dimension 1 - Magnitude of need. What are the chances of death or significant harm if people go without care? People with severe intellectual or physical disabilities, for example, require significant direct care services just to survive, much less perform activities of daily living. These populations have also generally been disproportionately affected or put at risk by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Dimension 2 - Indigency: Vulnerability can also be seen in terms of inability to pay, and likelihood of falling into the State-paid “safety net” of health and human services groups who provide “necessary support of the poor”, per Article 16, Section 6(a)(i) of the Wyoming Constitution.
- Dimension 3 - Care is nursing-related: We include to the degree direct care (i.e., nursing care or nursing-adjacent care) is required to care for these populations, in terms of proportion, not magnitude (unlike Dimension 1). This dimension is included because the primary justification to the U.S. Treasury for spending American Rescue Plan Act dollars in this program will be mitigating the significant labor strain of the COVID pandemic on nurse- and nursing-related professions.
- Dimension 4 - Equitable distribution. To the degree that providers of services to these populations have already received ARPA staffing stabilization funds from previous allocations. These provider types include hospitals, nursing homes, and assisted living facilities.

- c. *Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity (EC 3)*
 - **Food Insecurity- Network Evaluation - Department of Family Services**
 - *Project Currently in Development Phase*
- d. *Premium Pay (EC 4)*
- e. *Water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure (EC 5)*
 - **Crystal Bypass Pipeline 2022 - Water Development Office**
 - *Project Currently in Development Phase*
 - **Evanston Transmission Pipeline 2022 - Water Development Office**
 - *Project Currently in Development Phase*

- ***Gillette Regional Extensions Phase VI 2022 -Water Development Office***
 - *Project Currently in Development Phase*
- ***Northwest Rural Water System Improvements 2022 - Water Development Office***
 - *Project Currently in Development Phase*
- f. *Revenue Replacement EC 6)*

- ***Provisions of Government Services***

- *Lead Support for Governor's Office - B-11 Authorization 21685*

In reference to B-11 21464 The Office of the Governor requested ARPA Revenue Replacement Funds in the amount of \$1,400,00.00.

This funding will be used to hire 2 AWECS to support management and leadership within the Governor's Office by providing a structure to better seize opportunities and areas of funding from the private sector as well as the multiple Federal programs that have been released through the US Treasury due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. These individuals will also be engaging in collaborative problem solving with communities and businesses in Wyoming to maximize the return on investment of these dollars.

This project will encompass a 2-year collaboration, which will include policymakers and stakeholders, to add value and expand knowledge about natural resources and energy production within the State of Wyoming. As a result, this will help increase the number of jobs within the energy sector while also allowing and encouraging businesses to grow alongside future energy projects.

- *Military Education Assistance - B-11 Authorization 21642*

In reference to B-11 21464, the Wyoming Military Department requested ARPA funding for the State Educational Assistance Program W.S. 19-9-501. The funds were used to provide tuition and fees for military members. The program ran out of funds due to increased use of the program, in part due to COVID.

The Wyoming National Guard educational assistance plan was established to provide assistance for qualified members of the Wyoming national guard who enroll in institutions of higher education in this state. The plan is administered by the adjutant general in accordance with the provisions of this article. The adjutant general promulgates rules for the administration, implementation and proper utilization of the plan.

<https://veteranseducation.wyo.gov/state-tuition-assistance>

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- *Department of Health - Standard Budget FY 2022 - B-11 Authorization 21594*

In reference to B-11# 21464, Fiscal staff collaborated with the Department of Health (DOH) to fund its general fund share FY2022 Budget with ARPA SLFRF funds immediately, conserving WDH general fund appropriations pursuing the funding of critical government operations. Fiscal Staff also worked out the details to continue these activities through the upcoming BFY2023 biennium. We sought legislative assistance during the 2022 legislative session to temporarily modify budgets. Both activities will allow us to pursue the accounting transactions required under U.S. Treasury guidance to fund the critical operations of state government with ARPA, SLFRF Revenue Loss Recovery funds.

These were ARPA CSLFRF revenue reduction funds under Section 602(c)(1)(C) to provide "government services" in the form of Wyoming Department of Health operations and budget.

- *DOH - Standard Budget - BFY 2023-2024 – Biennium Not Started*

Same information as above, except the period of performance of this project starts July 1, 2022 and will end at the time the amount is fully expended

- *Department of Corrections - Standard Budget FY 2022 - B-11 Authorization 21466*

In reference to B-11# 21464, Fiscal staff collaborated with the Department of Corrections (DOC) to fund its general fund share FY2022 Budget with ARPA SLFRF funds immediately, conserving DOC general fund appropriations pursuing the funding of critical government operations. Fiscal Staff also worked out the details to continue these activities through the upcoming BFY2023 biennium. We sought legislative assistance during the 2022 Legislative Session to temporarily modify budgets. Both activities will allow us to pursue the accounting transactions required under U.S. Treasury guidance to fund the critical operations of state government with ARPA, SLFRF Revenue Loss Recovery funds.

These were ARPA CSLFRF revenue reduction funds under Section 602(c)(1)(C) to provide "government services" in the form of Wyoming Department of Corrections operations and budget.

- *DOC - Standard Budget - BFY 2023-2024 - Biennium Not Started*

Same information as above, except the period of performance of this project starts July 1, 2022 and will end at the time the amount is fully expended

- *Department Family Services - Boys and Girls School - BFY 2023-2024 - Biennium Not Started*
- *University of Wyoming and Department of Health - Wyoming Innovative Partnership - B-11 Authorization 21578*

The Wyoming Innovation Partnership (WIP) was created at the request of Governor Gordon in 2021 to modernize and focus Wyoming's efforts to develop a resilient workforce and economy. The effort aims to better align Wyoming's economic development agenda by increasing collaborations between state entities and ultimately local partners. The partnership involves the University of Wyoming, the state's community colleges, Wyoming Business Council, and Department of Workforce Services with an emphasis on developing innovative solutions that support and enhance Wyoming's economy, workforce, and sources of revenue.

WIP intends to build on and complement existing state efforts in support of Wyoming's economic development strategy (e.g., Wyoming's Tomorrow, Learn to Earn, Wyoming Works, WY Next Gen Sector Partnerships, Workforce Development Council, Higher Educational Attainment Exec Council and others), and recognizes the need for healthy and sustainably funded institutions to do this work.

<https://www.uwyo.edu/wip/>

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<https://wyoleg.gov/InterimCommittee/2021/02-20220111067-220-UW-WIPSummary.pdf>

- *Wyoming Business Council - Economics Study - B-11 Authorization 21684*

The Wyoming Business Council requested to use ARPA Revenue Replacement funds for the Growth Diagnostics and Capability Building Project.

This project will analyze and create new ways to fuel economic growth, job creation, and greater prosperity in Wyoming. Project outcomes include:

- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)
- Identification of Economic Constraints
- Increased Technical Capacities
- Practical Knowledge
- Tools Specific to Address Wyoming's Developmental Needs

The project will commence upon vendor contract approval and will be planned as a 2 year engagement.

Promoting equitable outcomes

- a. *Goals: Are there particular historically underserved, marginalized, or adversely affected groups that recipients intend to serve within their jurisdiction?*
- **Substance Abuse Disorder Treatment Backlog - Department of Corrections**
 - This funding will be used to serve incarcerated individuals.
 - **CPA - Department of Transportation**
 - The four communities served by the CPA would likely not be able to sustain air service without the CPA in place.
 - **Wyoming Hospital Association and HHS Staffing Stabilization - Department of Health**
 - As noted previously, health care providers were prioritized based on the degree they served vulnerable populations. In practice, these included people with intellectual disabilities, those requiring assistance with activities of daily living, those with severe and persistent mental illness, and the indigent.
- b. *Awareness: How equitable and practical is the ability for residents or businesses to become aware of the services funded by the SLFRF?*
- **Substance Abuse Disorder Treatment Backlog - Department of Corrections**
 - This funding will be used by the Department to pay for an existing treatment contractor to expand services for the inmate population. For contract services regarding assessment needs, the WDOC follows the state competitive bid process for the award of that contract.
 - **CPA - Department of Transportation**
 - Each airport has marketing efforts in place to ensure that residents and businesses are aware that air service is available.
 - **Wyoming Hospital Association and HHS Staffing Stabilization - Department of Health**
 - Since funds are distributed on a prospective basis based on information already available to the Department (e.g., number of people with intellectual disabilities served), all affected providers will be made aware of their award, regardless of their ability to track legislative/policy proposals or apply for opportunities.
- c. *Access and Distribution: Are there differences in levels of access to benefits and services across groups? Are there administrative requirements that result in disparities in ability to complete applications or meet eligibility criteria?*
- **Substance Abuse Disorder Treatment Backlog - Department of Corrections**
 - N/A
 - **CPA - Department of Transportation**
 - Access to air service is available to anyone. No eligibility criteria has to be met.

- **Wyoming Hospital Association and HHS Staffing Stabilization - Department of Health**
 - Yes. Providers were prioritized based on the dimensions previously mentioned. Also, as noted previously, awards and outreach were made prospectively, so administrative requirements in completing applications are negligible.
- d. *Outcomes: How are intended outcomes focused on closing gaps and/or reaching universal levels of service? How is the jurisdiction disaggregating outcomes by race, ethnicity, and other equity dimensions where relevant for the policy objective?*
- **Substance Abuse Disorder Treatment Backlog -Department of Corrections**
 - N/A
 - **CPA - Department of Transportation**
 - Maintaining air service for these communities ensures residents have greater access to worldwide air transportation.
 - **Wyoming Hospital Association and HHS Staffing Stabilization- Department of Health**
 - The primary outcome of this program is to assist affected health care providers in recruitment and retention of qualified staff. The limited budget of this program means that it will by no means solve all the recruitment and retention problems faced by these groups; but it will provide much needed assistance for providers and their clients/patients who were disproportionately affected by the pandemic. Providers were prioritized by the dimensions mentioned previously; outcomes will not be disaggregated by race, ethnicity, or any other dimension.

In describing efforts to implement their SLFRF program and projects with equity in mind, recipients may consider the following:

- a. *Goals and Targets: Please describe how planned or current use of funds prioritize economic and racial equity as a goal, name specific targets intended to produce meaningful equity results at scale, and include initiatives to achieve those targets.*
- **Substance Abuse Disorder Treatment Backlog -Department of Corrections**
 - N/A
 - **CPA - Department of Transportation**
 - Many communities across the country are losing air service and without the CPA, communities in our state would be at risk for losing air service. Being able to keep air service in place allows the citizens in these communities easier access to air travel and brings significant economic benefit to the community.
 - **Wyoming Hospital Association and HHS Staffing Stabilization- Department of Health**
 - The current use of funds does not prioritize racial equity as a goal per se. Economic equity, insofar as whether providers have previously received recruitment and retention funding, is included as a dimension in the provider prioritization.

The goal of this program is to provide assistance for the recruitment and retention of staff who work for healthcare providers that serve clients disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

- b. Project Implementation: Explain how the jurisdiction's overall equity strategy translates into focus areas for SLFRF projects and the specific services or programs offered by your jurisdiction in the following Expenditure Category, as indicated in the final rule:*

The Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) tool provided by the Administration of Health Resources and Services displays data on the geographic, population, and facility HPSA designations throughout the U.S. The Health Shortage Areas identifies 46 areas within Wyoming that lack Primary Care access, 31 areas that lack Dental Health Services, and 28 areas that lack access to Mental Health services and professionals. Funding within Senate File 066 is expected to help address some of these shortfalls in our state and impress upon these areas of shortage and the lack of qualified health care professionals that work within those areas. These projects have not been started as of July 1, 2022 but are addressed within the Project Inventory towards the end of this report. The project information that is provided in this section for these specific programs references statute language at this time since all of these programs are under current development. The creation of these programs will also help facilitate the need to address the lack of employment opportunities within the Administration of Economic Programs Industry in Wyoming. <https://data.hrsa.gov/tools/shortage-area/hpsa-find>

Community Engagement

The State of Wyoming incorporated significant public input during the planning and allocation period for ARPA funds. This started by the formation of a team representing diverse interests, experiences and geographies. There were local elected county commissioners and a mayor who would relay information back to communities across the state and seek input from colleagues. Other members of the team involved cabinet members who were selected to bring input from public health, childcare, family services, economic development, employment programs and Wyoming's core industries.

This group developed recommendations and published them on the website drivethrive.wyo.gov and then a public comment period opened. This was supplemented with online town hall discussions when people from across the state could ask questions and give feedback.

That led to the Governor passing along recommendations to the State Legislature, which also held public meetings on the topic and took input over many months. Then elected state lawmakers voted on the spending allocation.

With the allocation in place, several state agencies are doing a public process to finalize the application process and rules for administering the funds. That is continuing in 2022 and offers chances for oral feedback, written comments and engagement with citizens. This was all done to ensure the process was fair and transparent for all Wyoming people. Tribes are included as

an eligible participant in Wyoming programs when possible and through the Governor's Tribal Liaisons we have worked to take input from the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho Tribal leaders.

CLA has also taken a part in providing community outreach by attending County and Municipal conferences that have taken place to provide additional information on the Eligible uses of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds under the American Rescue Plan Act. Attendees included county and municipal personnel throughout the state as well as the NEU recipients that are subject to reporting to the US Treasury on their SLFRF allocation. Below are some small excerpts and a high level overview of what the conferences have consisted of:

WCCA conference 2/23/22:

ARPA SLFRF Overview and Background, overview of consultant assistance, key principles per Treasury's Guidance, ARPA overview and takeaways, reporting, helpful resources

WAM conference 2/24/22:

Session Agenda: Introduction and Background

Eligible Expenditures:

- 1 - Public Health
- 2 - Responding to Negative Economic Impacts
- 3 - Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities
- 4 - Premium Pay
- 5 - Water, Sewer & Broadband Infrastructure
- 6 - Revenue Replacement
- 7 - Administrative

Capital expenditures

Reporting

Q&A

WAMCAT presentation with Wyoming Auditor Racines on 3/31/22:

"Join Wyoming State Auditor Kristi Racines in a session regarding the use, reporting requirements and timelines of the The American Rescue Plan Act, ARPA, funds. The ARPA, signed by President Biden on March 11, 2021, provides for the distribution of federal fiscal recovery funding to states, tribal governments, metropolitan cities, counties, and non-entitlement units of local governments, which generally have populations below 50,000."

Labor Practices - Under Development

For the period of performance beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 the State of Wyoming did not have infrastructure or capital expenditure projects. The 2023 Recovery Plan

Report will provide more information on this once Water and Broadband Infrastructure Programs are released to the public to pursue.

Use of Evidence

Substance Abuse Disorder Treatment Backlog - Department of Corrections

The WDOC substance abuse treatment program contract provider is contractually required to provide the WDOC data which shows inmate program completions, inmate program discharges, inmate program intakes, and progress of assessments. The WDOC requires this data to be provided monthly. Additionally the contract provider is contractually required to maintain compliance with the State of Wyoming Department of Health requirements; specifically maintaining accreditation standards through CARF.

Performance Report

CPA - Department of Transportation

Maintaining air service in the four participating communities is a key performance indicator. The annual seat capacity for the participating airports in 2021 was 130,191, which is up slightly from 126,177 in 2019. Thus far, the CPA has enabled air service to be maintained in the four communities at generally the same level it was pre-pandemic.

Substance Abuse Disorder Treatment Backlog - Department of Corrections

The WDOC utilizes two performance metrics to ensure inmate's treatment needs are being addressed within the facilities. The first metric is the percentage of inmates who completed substance abuse treatment at the appropriate level consistent with the assessed needs prior to release. This metric measures the number of inmates who are successfully completing the level of treatment in accordance with his/her assessed need. As a result the Department regularly tracks inmates receiving assessments along with those who are receiving treatment. As previously noted the department saw a significant decrease in this metric during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Specifically, in FY21 there was a 41.9% completion rate. The department is already seeing an increase in this number and preliminary data shows completion rates have increased to 54.1% for FY22.

The second metric is a new measure and it is to evaluate the effectiveness of the programming by measuring the percentage of inmates who successfully completed substance abuse treatment programming and do not return to WDOC within three (3) years of release for a new felony or any other reason. Again, this is a new measure and is the first year reporting but preliminary data shows that the FY2019 cohort has a 66.8% in inmates who completed substance abuse treatment and did not return to prison.

PROJECT INVENTORY

Project Name: Supreme Court PPE

Funding amount: \$150,000.00

Project Identification Number: SF6624

Project Expenditure Category: 1.15 Personal Protective Equipment

Approximate Timeline: Duration of ARPA SLFRF

Project overview

The Judicial Branch will continue to incur costs for masks, disinfectants, and other personal protective equipment as long as the public has concerns about the spread of Coronavirus.

Project Name: Grants for First Responder and Law Enforcement Mental Health Support

Funding amount: \$1,000,000.00

Project Identification Number: SF6629

Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 Mental Health Services

Approximate Timeline: Duration of ARPA SLFRF

Project overview

Project Currently in Development Phase

This appropriation to the Department of Health is for the purpose of establishing a grant program for emergency medical service providers and county and municipal law enforcement agencies to deliver and improve access to mental health services for first responders as defined by W.S.27-14-102(a)(xxxi) and law enforcement officers. An emergency medical service provider or county or municipal law enforcement agency seeking a grant under this footnote shall apply to the department detailing the provider's or agency's grant proposal on an application provided by the department. Grant proposals shall be evaluated by the department and prioritized for grant funding based on the following criteria:

- (i) The degree to which the proposal will reasonably achieve the intent of this program;
- (ii) The adequacy of the proposal's approach to ensuring that any mental health programming funded through the receipt of a grant can be independently sustained by the emergency medical service provider or county or municipal law enforcement agency into the future.

Project Name: Mental Health Provider Training Phase II

Funding amount: \$200,000.00

Project Identification Number: SF6628

Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 Mental Health Services

Approximate Timeline: Duration of ARPA SLFRF

Project overview

Project Currently in Development Phase

This appropriation to the department of health is for the purpose of training one hundred three (103) mental health first aid trainers across the state to include two (2) trainers in each county, one (1) trainer in each school district, one (1) trainer in each community college district and one (1) trainer in the University of Wyoming. This appropriation is intended to increase access to mental health first aid trainers for purposes of training community

members to assist residents experiencing mental health or substance abuse challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Project Name: 24-7 Suicide Prevention

Funding amount: \$2,100,000.00

Project Identification Number: SF6626

Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 Mental Health Services

Approximate Timeline: Duration of ARPA SLFRF

Project overview

Project Currently in Development Phase

This appropriation to the Department of Health is to procure twenty-four (24) hours per day suicide prevention services.

Project Name: Substance Use Disorder SUD Treatment Backlog

Funding amount: \$1,200,000.00

Project Identification Number: SF6621

Project Expenditure Category: 1.13 Substance Use Disorder(SUD) Treatment Backlog

Approximate Timeline: Duration of ARPA SLFRF

Project overview

The Wyoming Department of Corrections (WDOC) under Enrolled Act No. 20, Section 400. American Rescue Plan Direct ARPD Appropriations, 2022 Budget Session request approved \$1,200,000 for the following use:

The WDOC recognizes the need to run concurrent intensive SUD treatment programs for males and females at the Wyoming Honor Conservation Camp (WHCC) in Newcastle, Wyoming. This approach will eliminate the waitlists created by the pandemic. Creating a SUD treatment program at WHCC adds 82 beds for women and 78 beds for men.

A new program will be started for females at WHCC while those already in treatment at WWC will continue and complete treatment at WWC. Thereafter, all female intensive SUD treatment will occur at WHCC, opening 58 beds at WWC for other female inmates and preventing overcrowding. The increased bed capacity at WWC will eliminate the need to house female inmates out of state. This creates parity by increasing the number of treatment beds available to female inmates.

A new program will be started for minimum custody males at WHCC, while those already in treatment at WMCI will continue and complete treatment at WMCI. Thereafter, males classified as minimum custody will receive intensive SUD treatment at WHCC, and that classified medium custody will receive treatment at WMCI. The increased bed capacity created at WMCI will be filled by the transfer of medium classified inmates from WSP. These moves will allow WDOC to better house inmates according to their classification. This allows the department to maximize bed utilization and eliminate the need to house inmates out of state.

Use of Evidence

The WDOC substance abuse treatment program contract provider is contractually required to provide the WDOC data which shows inmate program completions, inmate program discharges, inmate program intakes, and progress of assessments. The WDOC requires this data to be provided monthly. Additionally the contract provider is contractually required to maintain compliance with the State of Wyoming Department of Health requirements; specifically maintaining accreditation standards through CARF.

Performance Report

The WDOC utilizes two performance metrics to ensure inmate's treatment needs are being addressed within the facilities. The first metric is the percentage of inmates who completed substance abuse treatment at the appropriate level consistent with the assessed needs prior to release. This metric measures the number of inmates who are successfully completing the level of treatment in accordance with his/her assessed need. As a result, the Department regularly tracks inmates receiving assessments along with those who are receiving treatment. As previously noted, the department saw a significant decrease in this metric during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Specifically, in FY21 there was a 41.9% completion rate. The department is already seeing an increase in this number and preliminary data shows completion rates have increased to 54.1% for FY22.

The second metric is a new measure and it is to evaluate the effectiveness of the programming by measuring the percentage of inmates who successfully completed substance abuse treatment programming and do not return to WDOC within three (3) years of release for a new felony or any other reason. Again, this is a new measure and is the first year reporting but preliminary data shows that the FY2019 cohort has a 66.8% in inmates who completed substance abuse treatment and did not return to prison.

Project Name: Grants for HHS Innovations in Rural Health

Funding amount: \$5,000,000.00

Project Identification Number: SF6607

Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 Other Public Health Services

Approximate Timeline: Duration of ARPA SLFRF

Project overview

Project Currently in Development Phase

This appropriation to the Department of Health is for purposes of providing grants for health and human services innovations in rural health care, long-term care, provision of human services, community behavioral health, mental health and health information technology and digital medical innovation.

Project Name: Emergency Medical Dispatch EMS Certification

Funding amount: \$84,000.00

Project Identification Number: SF6608

Project Expenditure Category: 1.17 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses including Communications Enforcement Isolation/Quarantine

Approximate Timeline: Duration of ARPA SLFRF

Project overview

Project Currently in Development Phase

This appropriation to the Department of Health is for the establishment of emergency medical dispatch statewide certification, which could include training, hardware and other activities to improve emergency response times and patient outcomes related to the emergency response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Project Name: HHS Staffing Stabilization

Funding amount: \$13,000,000.00

Project Identification Number: SF6606

Project Expenditure Category: 2.29 Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship

Approximate Timeline: Duration of ARPA SLFRF

Project overview

This appropriation to the Department of Health is for purposes of providing emergency funding for staff retention and for attracting employees to health and human services provider groups. The department of health shall provide priority for funding under this footnote to employees who care for vulnerable populations and at risk populations. This funding served 98 small facilities within the state.

Project Name: ARP Funding for the Wyoming Hospital Association

Funding amount: \$16,000,000.00

Project Identification Number: 21533

Project Expenditure Category: 2.29 Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship

Approximate Timeline: September 2021 through June 30, 2022 or whenever funds are fully expended.

Project overview

This funding will be utilized for healthcare system fortification (per the department's ongoing COVID-19 response plan), primarily for Wyoming hospitals and long-term care facilities. Specifically, the funds will be allocated to facilities for the following uses: Procurement of contract/agency healthcare staffing due to shortages caused by COVID-19; Facility staff retention; Facility staff recruitment; and, COVID-19 vaccine promotion and incentive programs. DOH will contract with the Wyoming Hospital Association to be the primary sub recipient of these funds and allocate to hospitals and long-term care facilities per contract deliverables established by the department. or through procurements or contract/agency labor from healthcare staffing vendors. This funding served 98 small facilities in the state.

Project Name: CPA Air Service Financial Assistance

Funding amount: \$8,832,058.00

Project Identification Number: SF6625

Project Expenditure Category: 2.35 - Aid to Tourism Travel or Hospitality

Approximate Timeline: Duration of ARPA SLFRF

Project overview

This appropriation to the department of transportation is to provide aid to commercial air providers to mitigate financial hardship, including supporting payroll costs, lost pay and benefits for returning employees, support of operations and maintenance of existing equipment and facilities.

The Wyoming Airline Capacity Purchase Agreement (CPA) was conceptualized to reduce state costs, increase passenger retention within the state (flying in and out of WY airports), and stabilize available funding for communities most at risk of losing air service. With the continued fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic, the travel/business environment that airlines operate in has significantly changed. The CPA served as a backstop to prevent air service from being discontinued in the participating communities but additional cost outlay has been, and will continue to be, incurred by state and local communities as a result of the public health emergency. By all accounts, prior to the COVID-19 outbreak, the CPA was working as intended; passenger numbers were up in participating airports and the state's cost per passenger decreasing. Due to the dramatic change in the business environment that the airline industry now faces as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the role of the CPA has changed from strengthening and growing air service to simply maintaining access to commercial air service. While the progress that had been realized prior to COVID-19 met all expectations, the program is facing additional cost outlays to avoid losing critical air service. This funding will be used for those additional cost outlays.

Project Name: Emergency Medical Dispatch EMS Regionalization Pilot

Funding amount: \$10,000,000.00

Project Identification Number: SF6611

Project Expenditure Category: 2.36 - Aid to Other Impacted Industries

Approximate Timeline: Duration of ARPA SLFRF

Project overview

Project Currently in Development Phase

This appropriation to the Department of Health is for purposes of establishing an emergency medical services regionalization pilot opportunity for the five (5) trauma regions across Wyoming and investigating alternative options for emergency medical services that improve access and reduce costs. Expenditure of this appropriation is conditioned upon a match of funds.

Project Name: Grants to Stabilize Emergency Medical Services

Funding amount: \$5,000,000.00

Project Identification Number: SF6610

Project Expenditure Category: 2.36 - Aid to Other Impacted Industries

Approximate Timeline: Duration of ARPA SLFRF

Project overview

Project Currently in Development Phase

This appropriation to the Department of Health is for purposes of providing grants to stabilize emergency medical services.

Project Name: Food Insecurity- Network Evaluation

Funding amount: \$250,000.00

Project Identification Number: SF6630

Project Expenditure Category: 3.4 - Public Sector Capacity Effective Service Delivery

Approximate Timeline: To Be Determined

Project overview

Project Currently in Development Phase

This appropriation to the department of family services is for the purpose of planning a system to maximize state and local food distribution and minimize waste of donated and publicly purchased food to feed needy children, families and elderly persons with the intent to identify best practices and opportunities for enhancement and improvement.

Project Name: Crystal Bypass Pipeline 2022

Funding amount: \$2,546,000.00

Project Identification Number: SF80dvi

Project Expenditure Category: 5.11 Drinking Water: Transmission & Distribution

Approximate Timeline: Project Currently in Development Phase

Project overview

Project Currently in Development Phase

This project is for the design and construction of a new 20-inch, 10,471-ft raw water transmission pipeline. The pipeline will bypass Crystal Dam and Reservoir, which all Stage I/II and Middle Crow Creek water must pass through to reach the Sherard Water Treatment Plant (WTP). The proposed pipeline will allow a path for source water to reach the WTP without passing through Crystal Reservoir. This allows flow to bypass of Crystal Reservoir in the event of water contamination from upstream pollutants (e.g., forest fire, contaminant spill, algae blooms, etc.) and allows for additional redundancy to ensure this major water source is usable. In addition, the bypass allows flow to the WTP in case of dam failure or planned maintenance. Crystal Dam is over 100-years old and, based on recent inspection, likely requires outlet works rehabilitation within the next 5-10 years.

Project Name: Evanston Transmission Pipeline 2022

Funding amount: \$1,219,400.00

Project Identification Number: SF80evi

Project Expenditure Category: 5.11 Drinking Water: Transmission & Distribution

Approximate Timeline: Project Currently in Development Phase

Project overview

Project Currently in Development Phase

New dedicated transmission pipeline from treatment plant to existing tank.

Project Name: Gillette Regional Extensions Phase VI 2022

Funding amount: \$1,125,600.00

Project Identification Number: SF80fvi

Project Expenditure Category: 5.11 Drinking Water: Transmission & Distribution

Approximate Timeline: Project Currently in Development Phase

Project overview

Project Currently in Development Phase

New dedicated transmission pipeline from treatment plant to existing tank.

Project Name: Northwest Rural Water System Improvements 2022

Funding amount: \$700,150.00

Project Identification Number: SF80gvi

Project Expenditure Category: 5.13 Drinking Water: Source

Approximate Timeline: Project Currently in Development Phase

Project overview

Project Currently in Development Phase

New dedicated transmission pipeline from treatment plant to existing tank.

Project Name: Revenue Loss Fiscal Recovery Funds

Funding amount: \$584,926,766.00

Project Identification Number: 21464

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 - Revenue Replacement

Approximate Timeline: Duration of ARPA SLFRF

Project overview

The Governor's Office is requesting a B-11 authorizing the allocation of five hundred eighty-four million nine hundred twenty-six thousand seven hundred sixty-six dollars (\$584,926,766) setting aside and establishing WOLFS Legal Level 110 authorization for the use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), State and Local Fiscal Recover Funds (SLRRF) to recover the state's "Calculated" "Revenue Loss" recovery.

In accordance to U.S. Treasury Guidance 602(c)(1)(C) fiscal staff from the State Auditor's Office, State Budget Department, Legislative Service Office, Economic Analysis Division calculated revenue loss amount for FY2020 to equal five hundred eighty-four million nine hundred twenty-six thousand seven hundred sixty-six dollars (\$584,926,766). We are selecting the U.S. Treasury's option of using 4.1 percent per year, adjusted to 5.2 percent using the 18 months for FY2020. Note the following applicable guidance U.S. Treasury Provided or the "Counterfactual revenue" table.

Note: "For purposes of measuring revenue growth in the counterfactual trend, recipients may use a growth adjustment of either 5.2 percent per year or the recipient's average

annual revenue growth over the three full fiscal years prior to the COVID–19 public health emergency, whichever is higher.”

Please refer to the ‘Uses of Funds’ Section to review Projects that have been funded under this Revenue Loss Calculation for provisions of Government Services

Project Name: Hired Consultant to Assist in Administration of ARPA funds

Funding amount: \$40,000

Project Identification Number: 21476

Project Expenditure Category: 7.1 - Administrative Expenses

Approximate Timeline: July 2021 through December 2022

Project overview

The Governor’s Office requested a B-11 authorizing the allocation of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for a contractor that is assisting the Governor’s Office in planning the use of ARPA funds for the State of Wyoming.

The objective is that the Contractor will be responsible for the delivery of a plan for how Wyoming could use discretionary funds received as part of the American Rescue Plan Act and usher it through a potential special session in July or turn it over to the Governor’s staff for implementation. Hereafter, this deliverable shall be referred to as the “plan.” Contractor shall diligently meet every primary milestone and specific objective outlined within this Scope of Work by the identified date. In the event the Contractor becomes unable to meet a deadline described herein, Contractor shall advise the Agency prior to the deadline and the Agency will determine whether an alternative deadline is appropriate. In the event that a milestone/objective cannot be achieved due to circumstances outside of the control of the Contractor, the Agency will provide an alternative reasonable milestone/objective deadline.

Project Name: ARPA AWECS FY 2022

Funding amount: \$248,100 (preliminary amount subject to change)

Project Identification Number: 21435

Project Expenditure Category: 7.1 - Administrative Expenses

Approximate Timeline: August 2021 through June 30, 2022

Project overview

State Budget Department ARPA Administration

The State Budget Department (SBD) requested to add two (2) Principal Accountant positions (AWECS), (\$196,216), and supporting costs, (\$2,213 6-IT/\$662 -telecom/\$2,884 - building occ.), for the remaining 13-months of the 2021 biennium and 13-months of additional duty pay (\$18,501) for an existing SBD account to supervise these employees including but not limited to other duties assigned. This funding request included the two positions, additional duty pay and IBARS/B-11 upgrades delineating the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) revenue, developing and maintaining the ARPA “Status of Funds” and

completing work necessary for reporting the ARPA funding to the US Treasury, Legislature, Governor's office and the public.

Project Name: ARPA AWECS BFY 2023-2024

Funding amount: \$400,628 (preliminary amount subject to change)

Project Identification Number: 21656

Project Expenditure Category: 7.1 - Administrative Expenses

Approximate Timeline: July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024

Project overview

State Budget Department ARPA Administration

The State Budget Department (SBD) is requested to continue two (2) Principal Accountant position (AWECS), (\$365,982), and supporting costs, (\$4,086-IT/\$1,222-telecom \$5,324-building occ.), for the remainder of the 2023/2024 biennium and additional duty pay (\$24,014) for an existing SBD analyst to supervise these employees including but not limited to other duties assigned. This funding request includes the two positions and additional duty pay delineating the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) revenue developing and maintaining the ARPA "Status of Funds" and completing work necessary for reporting the ARPA funding to the US Treasury, Legislature, Governor's office and the public.

The AWECS positions will help move the ARPA process along accurately, facilitating the roll out of ARPA funding to agencies within state and local governments, including tracking ARPA funds from the time they are received, appropriated or B-11 'd to the time they are expended and ultimately meeting the US Treasury existing and anticipated life cycle reporting requirements- cradle-to-grave-. Many reports will need to be developed and maintained to facilitate all requirements including but not limited to the Yearly Recovery Plan and Quarterly Project and Expenditure Report. Reports for the State Auditor's Office may need to be compiled for SEFA purposes as well as answering questionnaires from entities on the facilitation of ARPA throughout the State of Wyoming. During the upcoming budget calendar of events, it will be difficult to administer and upload the 23/24 budget as well as all ARPA projects with the limited amount of resources currently available within the SBD. Add-on pay will assist the agency to compensate one analyst already employed in the agency to cover additional duties assigned due to the ARPA rollout. The additional AWECS positions will be time limited and focused on less complicated normal budget responsibilities freeing up the current budget analyst that have subject matter expertise to focus on the more complicated administration of ARPA funds. SBD operations will return to status quo immediately when the 23/24 budget challenges have been met and when the ARPA funding processes are established, running smoothly, meeting the expectations of being auditable, repeatable and defensible.

Program performance and metrics will be tracked by the submission of all mandatory performance, and/or compliance reporting for required deadlines, ensuring the spending of ARPA dollars across all eligible projects for the State of Wyoming before December 30, 2026 and remaining consistent with the definition of expenditures pursuant to 2 CFR 200.1, oversight of contractor CliftonLarsonAllen LLP (CLA) and the NEUs including managing and

monitoring to ensure compliance with requirements pursuant to 2 CFR 200.332, and facilitating a learning environment for other State departments to develop an understanding of the ARPA program and the necessary factors that need to be addressed and considered in a potential ARPA eligible project. Eligible project requirements and associated performance and/or compliance reporting for NEUs will be reinforced by CLA and/or the State Budget Department. Many reports will need to be developed and maintained to facilitate all requirements outlined in the Final Rule and the Compliance and Reporting Guidance. Outside of the reporting requirements, there may be certain ad-hoc reports that will need to be developed in response to project performance or funding based questions from the Governor's Office, Joint Appropriations Committee, or Legislative Service Office. Final performance metrics will be determined by the timely submission of all reports and the ARPA program closeout.

Project Name: Hired Consultant to Assist in Administration of ARPA funds

Funding amount: \$3,175,000.00

Project Identification Number: 21592

Project Expenditure Category: 7.1 - Administrative Expenses

Approximate Timeline: Duration of ARPA SLFRF

Project overview

This funding request was in association with RFP 0051-G which has been awarded to the consultant, Clifton Allen Larsen, in the amount of \$3,175,000.00.

The contract with CliftonLarsonAllen (CLA) will require consultant research, advice, and identification of possible allowable uses of ARPA funding and the prioritization of all available federal funding under ARPA and any other stimulus funding that may be associated with ARPA funding available to Wyoming examples: FEMA, ERAP, ESSER or direct agency stimulus allocations. The intent is to leverage all federal revenues sources available to the state of Wyoming, ensuring compliance, including but not limited to the development, maintenance, and the facilitation of reporting for SLFRF Evidence and Evaluation requirements, avoiding duplicative spending, meeting reporting requirements, deadlines, and to simplify the presentation of Wyoming's use of ARPA funding to its constituents, policy makers. The consultant will assist the State Budget Department (096) with the "STATUS OF SLFRF (ARPA) FUNDS", the posting of ARPA reports to Wyoming Sense, WyOpen, the State Budget Department (096) website and assist the State Budget Department (096) with "Dashboarding" or provide regular interactive reports on the delivery of ARPA and related stimulus funding. The consultant will be required to be proactive and reactive to reporting needs, and may be requested to provide presentations to policy makers, and conduct webinars for educational purposes for ARPA reporting, including but not limited to state agencies, branches of government, counties and Non-entitlement Units of Government (NEUs). The consultant will assist through the State Budget Department website the facilitation of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), alerts, new federal guidance including monthly reports to NEUs and sub-recipients.

Project Name: Equal Justice Wyoming

Funding amount: \$442,900.00

Project Identification Number: SF6632

Project Expenditure Category: 7.1 - Administrative Expenses

Approximate Timeline: July 2022 through the duration of ARPA SLFRF

Project overview

This appropriation to the Supreme Court is for purposes of assisting with the provision of civil legal needs of low-income individuals, clients with special needs and other vulnerable populations and improving access to legal services during the COVID-19 pandemic through equal justice Wyoming. This appropriation shall be used by the Supreme Court to implement a common case management system for nonprofit civil legal aid providers, create an online triage portal for low-income individuals allowing for increased access to civil legal services, broaden access for limited English proficient individuals to the court system through remote interpretation and upgrade the equal justice Wyoming website, which serves as the central information repository for clients seeking legal assistance

The varying case management systems used by legal aid providers across the state to track eligible clients and cases as well as outcomes, results in inconsistent data across providers, causing numerous data challenges that are time consuming to address and diminish the effectiveness of the legal services provided. A common case management system for all legal aid providers in the state will help improve data quality by making reporting consistent, increase efficiency by allowing each legal aid provider to easily make a referral to another provider in the state, allow legal aid attorneys and staff to be able to store their case and client information in a secure place that can be accessed anywhere, and increase efficiency in grant and data reporting, allowing providers to submit reports by easily uploading their data and grant reports to a centralized site maintained by Equal Justice Wyoming.

This request covers the initial costs of consultation and setup as well as maintenance through December 31, 2026. The development of an online legal triage portal, including integrating automated pro se forms, will help low-income individuals in Wyoming find the most appropriate legal resources and assistance tailored to their legal issues and needs. It will also help the legal aid community have more targeted client outreach, especially in times of heightened need as seen during the pandemic. While the State has some on-line resources for providing legal information, forms and information about available services and legal aid providers, the website is aging and in need of upgrades and a redesign. This website also houses a Pro Bono Portal for volunteer lawyers to access resources and training materials to support their pro bono work representing low-income clients. The upgrades and redesign will make the website more user-friendly for both clients and for the attorneys assisting them and will make the website accessible on mobile devices

Project Name: Remote Interpreter Application

Funding amount: \$375,000.00

Project Identification Number: SF6632-2

Project Expenditure Category: 7.1 - Administrative Expenses

Approximate Timeline: April 2022 through the duration of ARPA SLFRF

Project overview

Funding will be used to purchase a software application that allows for remote interpretation of court proceedings. Use of technology by the courts to hold hearings remotely and limit members of the public who are present in the courtroom is a mitigation strategy to slow the spread of viruses. This is especially important for an interpreter and an LEP individual during a hearing as in-person interpretation requires close contact between the two. The solution to this problem is to implement technology that will allow for remote, safe, efficient interpretation for LEP individuals who are participants in the judicial process.

Project Name: Circuit Court eFiling

Funding amount: \$2,410,000.00

Project Identification Number: SF6623

Project Expenditure Category: 7.1 - Administrative Expenses

Approximate Timeline: July 2022 through the duration of ARPA SLFRF

Project overview

Project Currently in Development Phase

This appropriation to the Supreme Court is for the implementation of electronic filing of court documents in the Wyoming circuit courts and for associated maintenance and support as a mechanism to employ technology to limit the number of members of the public who are present in courthouses as a mitigation strategy to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Funding will be used to purchase a software application that allows for electronic filing of court documents in the Wyoming circuit courts and the associated maintenance and support through 2026.

Project Name: Administrative Support - Connect Wyoming 2.0

Funding amount: \$250,000.00

Project Identification Number: 21603

Project Expenditure Category: 7.1 - Administrative Expenses

Approximate Timeline: January 2023 through the duration of ARPA SLFRF

Project overview

Project Currently in Development Phase

These funds will provide administrative support to continue to build and deploy broadband infrastructure under the Connect Wyoming program. The Connect Wyoming program seeks to establish broadband infrastructure throughout Wyoming. This initiative helps citizens connect to tele-health medicine, remote learning, and remote working by partnering with Wyoming broadband providers and providing administrative support.

Project Name: NEU Local Recovery Funds
Funding amount: \$23,866,153.46*
Project Identification: 21445
Project Expenditure Category: 7.4 - Transfers to Nonentitlement Units
Approximate Timeline: Duration of ARPA SLFRF - First Tranche

Project overview

The Governor's Office requested to increase their budget authority by \$23,895,464.50 in federal funds as part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA).

The funds are being distributed to non-entitlement units. These are municipalities with populations of generally less than 50,000. The funds were provided by the United States Treasury to the State of Wyoming and the State has distributed the funds to eighty-eight of the ninety-seven municipalities. The funds will be distributed in two transfers to the State.

*Total transfer to NEUs less the amount that was returned by each eligible NEU that declined funding and requested a transfer to the State under Section 603(c)(4) of the Act.

Project Name: NEU (RETURNED) Local Recovery Funds
Funding amount: \$29,311.04*
Project Identification: 21445
Project Expenditure Category: 7.4 - Transfers to Nonentitlement Units
Approximate Timeline: Duration of ARPA SLFRF - First Tranche

These are the returned NEU Funds from the towns of: Bairoil, Elk Mountain, Lost Spring, and Riverside.

*Total Transfer from each eligible NEU that declined funding and requested a transfer to the State under Section 603(c)(4) of the Act.

Project Name: NEU Local Recovery Funds
Funding amount: \$23,895,464.50
Project Identification: 21802
Project Expenditure Category: 7.4 - Transfers to Nonentitlement Units
Approximate Timeline: Duration of ARPA SLFRF - Second Tranche

Project overview

The Governor's Office requested to increase their budget authority by \$23,895,464.50 in federal funds as part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA).

The funds are being distributed to non-entitlement units. These are municipalities with populations of generally less than 50,000. The funds were provided by the United States Treasury to the State of Wyoming.