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Via email: Heffernan.Daniel@epa.gov

Re: Casper Old Yellowstone District  
USEPA Brownfields Combined Hazardous Materials and Petroleum Assessment Grant

Dear Mr. Heffernan:

The City of Casper is submitting the enclosed proposal for a combined USEPA Brownfield Community-Wide Petroleum (\$200,000) and Hazardous Materials (\$200,000) Assessment Grant. Our application includes responses to all threshold and ranking criteria as described within the application materials. The City will use the requested Petroleum and Hazardous Materials funds to support brownfield redevelopment in the Old Yellowstone District (OYD) to reduce threats to our residents' health, welfare, and environment, while working to diversify Casper's economy, create new jobs, increase the tax base, and eliminate blight. The historic boom and bust energy economy has been particularly cruel on the OYD and its residents. With the closure of the Amoco Refinery in 1991 and loss of auto service and repair jobs, businesses and residents have experienced ongoing disinvestment and expansion of blight factors. The current downturn in the energy economy is once again threatening to spiral yet another generation of residents into greater poverty as Casper's economic stability withers.

The Old Yellowstone District's bold vision has been in place since it was designated as an urban renewal area in 2007, yet it needs a conduit to help make that vision bear fruit. Cleanup of brownfield sites to reduce health impacts of pollutants on area residents will help to attract new investment, connect our citizens to a cleaner North Platte River, along with generating jobs that bring new economic sectors to a community thirsting for diversity.

**A. Applicant Identification**

The proposed recipient of the EPA Hazardous Materials and Petroleum Assessment Grant monies is the City of Casper, Wyoming with offices located at 200 N. David, Casper WY, 82601.

**B. Applicant DUNS Number: 152720140****C. Funding Requested**

- i. Grant Type: Assessment Grant

- ii. Federal Funds Requested: This \$400,000 application is for the combined EPA Hazardous Materials and Petroleum Assessment Grant to be used for the assessment of contaminated lands targeted for remediation and redevelopment.
- iii. Contamination: We are requesting \$200,000 for contaminated land assessment activities for hazardous substances and \$200,000 for petroleum assessment to assist in future City revitalization and redevelopment efforts.
- iv. This application is a Community-Wide Assessment Grant.

**D. Location**

Casper, Wyoming is located near the geographic center of Wyoming in Natrona County with a population of 60,086. Situated on Interstate 25, Casper is over 250 miles from "nearby" metropolitan communities of Billings, MT, Rapid City, SD, and Denver, CO. The City was established east of the former site of Fort Caspar, which served the transcontinental migration of pioneers using the Oregon Trail. The local economy has largely been based on the boom and bust cycle of resource extraction, solidifying Casper's role as a regional energy hub. Diversification has been a watchword of the community for several decades after the boom and bust during the 1970s and 80s, and as significant energy struggles loom on the horizon.

E. **Site Specific:** This is a community-wide application and does not include site-specific information.

F. **Project Contacts:**

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G. **Date Submitted:** December 14, 2015 via [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)

H. **Project Period:** Three Years.

I. **Population:** 60,086 (2014 Estimate available from <http://www.census.gov>)

J. **Regional Priorities Form/Other Factors Checklist:** Please see attached.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of our grant request. Our City Council received an update at a public meeting regarding this grant application on November 24, 2015 and are in full support of this application. We trust you will partner with us in creating a Casper that is diverse, healthy and resilient and worthy of an award.

Sincerely,



Mr. V.H. McDonald  
City Manager

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## Appendix 3 Regional Priorities Form/Other Factors Checklist

Name of Applicant: City of Casper, WY

### Regional Priorities Other Factor

If your proposed Brownfields Assessment project will advance the regional priority(ies) identified in Section I.E, please indicate the regional priority(ies) and the page number(s) for where the information can be found within your 15-page narrative. Only address the priority(ies) for the region in which your project is located. EPA will verify these disclosures prior to selection and may consider this information during the selection process. If this information is not clearly discussed in your narrative proposal, it will not be considered during the selection process.

Regional Priority Title(s):

**Protect/Enhance Water** - This regional priority includes proposed projects which will reduce threats to human health and the environment from the release of hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants, by supporting efforts to protect or enhance water supplies, including surface water, ground water and/or storm water infrastructure. EPA Region 8 is particularly interested in projects that improve or protect the quality of water associated with brownfield sites or where by addressing the brownfield site it will reduce threats to nearby residents.

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A key goal of the OYD vision is to connect revitalization to the river. The creation of park facilities incorporating bioswales along the riverfront will enable runoff to be filtered prior entering the North Platte River, resulting in improved water quality. Without EPA Brownfields funding, it is unlikely that coordinated investment will take place to substantially address these issues in an effective manner. This assessment grant is the spring board needed to provide the opportunities for Casper to break free of its reliance on the boom-bust economy while addressing environmental threats that impact the residents in the District.

The City of Casper is addressing Region 8's Priorities through their Platte River Revival endeavor, which has been making strides to improve the environmental quality of the North Platte River, while reconnecting the community to this emerging tourism and recreation resource. Since the closing of the Amoco Refinery, the river frontage has become a place for the citizens of Casper to reclaim. Over the past several years, improvements have been made along the banks of the river, including the construction of the Platte River Parkway, a recreational trail system extending 11-miles providing the opportunity for residents to easily access recreational amenities while also providing a non-motorized corridor into the Downtown employment district. Plans for the confluence of the OYD and the Platte River include a stated goal of using bio-filtration strategies along the banks of the river to ensure that any surface flows have the opportunity for pollutants to be mitigated prior to entering the river. A brownfield assessment grant has the potential to help catalyze these various efforts, enabling meaningful coordination of environmental investments that spur redevelopment.

## Assessment Other Factors Checklist

Please identify (with an **X**) which, if any of the below items apply to your community or your project as described in your proposal. To be considered for an Other Factor, you must include the page number where each applicable factor is discussed in your proposal. EPA will verify these disclosures prior to selection and may consider this information during the selection process. If this information is not clearly discussed in your narrative proposal or in any other attachments, it will not be considered during the selection process.

| Other Factor  | Page # |
|---|--------|
| <i>None of the Other Factors are applicable.</i>  |        |
| Community population is 10,000 or less.   |        |
| Applicant is, or will assist, a federally recognized Indian tribe or United States territory.   |        |
| Targeted brownfield sites are impacted by mine-scarred land.  |        |
| Project is primarily focusing on Phase II assessments.  |        |
| Applicant demonstrates firm leveraging commitments for facilitating brownfield project completion by identifying amounts and contributors of funding in the proposal and have included documentation.   | 9      |
| Recent (2008 or later) significant economic disruption has occurred within community, resulting in a significant percentage loss of community jobs and tax base.  |        |
| Applicant is one of the 24 recipients, or a core partner/implementation strategy party, of a “manufacturing community” designation provided by the Economic Development Administration (EDA) under the Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership (IMCP). To be considered, <b>applicants must clearly demonstrate in the proposal the nexus between their IMCP designation and the Brownfield activities. Additionally, applicants must attach documentation</b> which demonstrate either designation as one of the 24 recipients, or relevant pages from a recipient’s IMCP proposal which lists/describes the core partners and implementation strategy parties. |        |
| Applicant is a recipient or a core partner of HUD-DOT-EPA Partnership for Sustainable Communities (PSC) grant funding or technical assistance that is directly tied to the proposed Brownfields project, and can demonstrate that funding from a PSC grant/technical assistance has or will benefit the project area. Examples of PSC grant or technical assistance include a HUD Regional Planning or Challenge grant, DOT Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER), or EPA Smart Growth Implementation or Building Blocks Assistance, etc. To be considered, <b>applicant must attach documentation.</b>  |        |
| Applicant is a recipient of an EPA Brownfields Area-Wide Planning grant.  |        |

## Ranking Criteria for Assessment Grants - Casper, WY

### 1. Community Need [50 Points]

#### a. Targeted Community and Brownfields [25 Points]

##### i. Targeted Community Description (5 points)

Casper, Wyoming is located near the geographic center of Wyoming in Natrona County with a population of 60,086. Situated on Interstate 25, Casper is over 250 miles from “nearby” metropolitan communities of Billings, MT, Rapid City, SD, and Denver, CO. The City was established east of the former site of Fort Caspar, which served the transcontinental migration of pioneers using the Oregon Trail. One key feature of the location was a ferry crossing of the North Platte River, a resource that still draws people to Casper today based on its outstanding fly fishing and recreational opportunities. The town of Casper was founded by developers as an anticipated stopping point during the expansion of the Wyoming Central Railway. Nicknamed the “Oil City,” Casper’s economy has largely been based on the boom and bust cycle of resource extraction, with its first refinery built in the 1890’s and the continued development over time of uranium, coal, and coal bed methane fields in the region solidifying Casper’s role as a regional energy hub.

Diversification has been the watchword for the community for several decades due to devastation faced by the residents at the hands of the natural resource commodity roller coaster. The 1970s saw energy prices spike with a subsequent bust in the ‘80s when Casper experienced severe contraction. With oil prices plummeting by approximately 66% from their then-record prices, Casper/Natrona County witnessed the exodus of an estimated 10,000 people out of the community between 1980 and 1990 based on the declining crude value (<http://www.census.gov/population/www/censusdata/cencounts/files/wy190090.txt>). At the time, the loss was nearly 20% of Casper’s population. While recent diversification in the retail and healthcare sectors help mitigate some of the impacts, the unemployment rate in Natrona County has increased year over year from 3.8% in September of 2014 to 4.7% in October of 2015 based on recent commodity price declines, stirring anxiety in longtime residents who witnessed the last bust. State data shows employment in the oil patch was down by 4,200 people, a decrease of 15.4% between August of 2014 and 2015. Natrona County’s unemployment rate is only second in Wyoming to Fremont County’s 4.8% rate, and experienced the greatest increase month over month (<https://doe.state.wy.us/lmi/news.htm> - 11/30/15). Unfortunately, it is the most vulnerable populations who are adversely impacted by these economic cycles, including those already living in poverty. The community remains vigilant in their efforts to diversify the economy to ensure this type of devastating crash never impacts Casper again.

##### ii. Demographic Information (5 points)

| Demographic             | CBG 2003*             | City of Casper        | Natrona County        | Wyoming               | United States            |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Population              | 1441 <sup>3</sup>     | 60,086 <sup>1</sup>   | 81,624 <sup>1</sup>   | 584,153 <sup>1</sup>  | 318,857,056 <sup>1</sup> |
| Unemployment            | No Data               | No Data               | 4.7% <sup>2</sup>     | 4.0% <sup>2</sup>     | 5.0% <sup>2</sup>        |
| Population in Poverty   | 24.76% <sup>#,3</sup> | 9.7% <sup>1</sup>     | 10.1% <sup>1</sup>    | 11.2% <sup>1</sup>    | 14.8% <sup>1</sup>       |
| Per Capita Income       | \$16,711 <sup>3</sup> | \$30,624 <sup>1</sup> | \$30,265 <sup>1</sup> | \$28,902 <sup>1</sup> | \$28,155 <sup>1</sup>    |
| Median Household Income | \$19,366 <sup>3</sup> | \$55,411 <sup>1</sup> | \$56,796 <sup>1</sup> | \$57,406 <sup>1</sup> | \$53,046 <sup>1</sup>    |

1. Census data is available at <http://www.census.gov/quickfacts/table/PST045214/5613150,56025>

2. Data is Oct. 2015 data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and is available at [www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov)

3. <http://www.usa.com/WY0250002003.html>

# Data is Family in Poverty; other data represents Population in Poverty

\* CBG 2003 (Census Block Group WY0250002003)

##### iii. Description of Brownfields (10 points)

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Just adjacent to downtown and the focus of our Assessment Grant application, The Old Yellowstone District (OYD) urban renewal area has a rich heritage tied to the natural wonders of Wyoming, serving historically as the predominant overland route to our country's first National Park. The area catered to vehicular traffic, supplying fuel, repairs, body work and other maintenance, eventually developing into the region's primary auto district. OYD also provided supporting land uses for the adjacent Amoco Refinery which has been the subject of intense debate and eventual cleanup and remediation. However, when the plant closed in 1991, gone were the employees that at one time patronized many of the businesses in the OYD. Employing 1,400 people at its peak, key jobs were lost, causing a spiral of decay to ripple through the 130-acres encompassed within the OYD ([http://trib.com/news/local/refinery-s-closure-sparked-years-of-controversy/article\\_b964b759-09a6-508b-8a31-fcbcfef029b2.html](http://trib.com/news/local/refinery-s-closure-sparked-years-of-controversy/article_b964b759-09a6-508b-8a31-fcbcfef029b2.html)).

Large sections of the OYD include abandoned and/or blighted properties, underutilized commercial and industrial sites that carry the perception of contamination following decades of industrial use. As in many communities, Casper's brownfields are located along key transportation corridors and the river. These brownfield sites have the potential to cause serious adverse health effects to the nearby populations, including a number of sensitive populations, including the 23.3% of seniors over the age of 65 who are living below the poverty level in the area (<http://www.wyominghealthmatters.org/index.php?module=IndicatorCompare&func=display&rcuid=565382126234a>).

Key brownfields in the area are having a deleterious effect on adjacent properties. Historic leakage from the Amoco Refinery has created the necessity for a soil overlay district. Further, underground utilities are experiencing rapid deterioration due to corrosive soils impacting cast iron water mains and clay brick sanitary and storm sewer pipes. These combined issues are causing significant suspicion when it comes to promoting investment in the District. While the Amoco Refinery site has been the focus of significant cleanup efforts with monitoring wells that are checked monthly, other facilities in the area are also casting a pallor on the district's investment prospects. A refueling roundhouse associated with the Chicago Northwest rail line was active in the heart of the OYD during most of the 1900's. Its centralized location presents a significant impediment to cleanup and redevelopment of surrounding sites. Another critical brownfield concern is the past and current density of auto repair and service shops in the District. Although a recently enacted use restriction prohibits new auto repair uses from opening, 14 facilities still remain, after the closure of several facilities in recent years. Additional sites include a bulk plant liquid refueling facility which currently has three active tanks that store fuels. Rounding out the sites of concern include a former dry cleaner and a former game processing and dry ice plant. The uncertainty regarding these facilities along with the overshadowing presence of the Amoco Refinery are an obvious impact to land sales, despite intense sustained efforts by community leaders to attract investment. Of particular concern is the proximity of these brownfields to the heart of Casper and populations living below the poverty level.

### iv. Cumulative Environmental Issues (5 Points)

The pervasive presence of brownfields in the OYD not only overshadows business investment, but represent a significant environmental justice concern. The area within one mile of the OYD has a significantly higher level of persons living below the poverty level than the broader Casper community as a whole. Specifically, for the area nearby the OYD, 42% are below the poverty level, while a broad 5-mile radius indicates only 27% of persons below the poverty level according to EPA's Echo Report. According to the City's Housing and Community Development Consolidated Report, census block 200, contains the highest percentage of persons making less than 50% of the area wide median income at nearly 60% of the households struggling at this level. Societal problems compound when financial burdens are this extensive in a neighborhood. The poverty issue is even starker when considering the percentage of families in poverty. The percentage of

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families in poverty across the City of Casper is 5.53% and is eclipsed by the rate of 24.76% of families in poverty in the OYDs Census Block Group (<http://www.usa.com/WY0250002003.html>). The cleanup of contaminated sites, followed by subsequent redevelopment, will help at-risk populations by eliminating potential health hazards and providing new housing and employment opportunities in the OYD.

The Casper Community Action Partnership has reported that increases in homelessness in the local community can be attributed to many things, include the fact that wages in service-type employment in Casper are too low to keep up with rent of house payments without outside assistance sources. The problem is particularly acute in the OYD, where investment and job creation are hampered by the presence of brownfields. Additionally, Casper has an average waiting list of 400 people per month for public housing. The City has also seen an increase in unemployment due to many large companies closing or laying off employees in the past year with the energy slowdown, including cuts by Baker-Hughes and Halliburton. ([http://trib.com/business/energy/oilfield-job-losses-exceed-projections/article\\_6e47b218-cd26-57c3-b7bb-62a81a7dd5dd.html](http://trib.com/business/energy/oilfield-job-losses-exceed-projections/article_6e47b218-cd26-57c3-b7bb-62a81a7dd5dd.html)) Quality of housing in the area is also of concern with nearly 73% of units built in 1949 or earlier, indicating a lack of investment in the area. These units present the highest concern of lead-based paint hazard (City of Casper CDBG Consolidated Plan [http://www.casperwy.gov/residents/property\\_and\\_housing/housing\\_and\\_community\\_development/community\\_development\\_block\\_grant\\_program/](http://www.casperwy.gov/residents/property_and_housing/housing_and_community_development/community_development_block_grant_program/)).

Natrona County as a whole ranks 18 out of 23 Wyoming counties for adverse health outcomes including length of life and quality of life measures according to County Health Rankings, a program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation ([www.countyhealthrankings.org](http://www.countyhealthrankings.org)). The county also has the third highest age-adjusted mortality rate in Wyoming. The Census Block Group encompassing the OYD is also home to a greater proportion of minority residents than the rest of Casper. Hispanic persons made up 15.89% of the Block Group while only representing 7.36% of Casper's total population. As the neighborhood most closely associated with the Amoco Refinery, the OYD has experienced extensive disinvestment perpetuating adverse health and welfare of area residents, representing a significant environmental justice concern.

### **b. Impacts on Targeted Community [10 Points]**

The health impacts of pollutants in the area may be having a long lasting impact on the overall health of people in Casper. According to the Wyoming Health Matters Community Dashboard, the overall incidences of cancer in Natrona County are 8% higher than for Wyoming as a whole. These brownfield sites, many of which are unsecured, pose a direct threat to community members through direct contact or inhalation of hazardous or petroleum contamination, which can increase cancer risk and cause organ damage. Additionally, the piles of debris, abandoned machinery, uneven footing, and potential soil contamination pose a significant public safety concern because these sites are located adjacent to or within a short walk of residential neighborhoods and schools, and trespassing has become a problem.

The presence of industries, including those previously and currently located in the OYD contribute known carcinogens into the environment. Review of several health indicators demonstrates that the Casper community has significantly higher instances of health concerns and other indicators that reduce the opportunity for low income areas in the community to break out of the pattern of poverty. This is especially true for OYD, home to some of the highest poverty indicators in the Casper area.

| Health Indicator                           | Natrona County (Casper) | Wyoming |
|--|-------------------------|---------|
| Cancer Death Rate/100K Pop.                | 167.7                   | 160.4   |
| Suicide Rate/100K Pop.                     | 26.3                    | 24.8    |
| Coronary Disease Deaths/100K Pop.          | 103.7                   | 92.3    |
| Breast Cancer Incidence Rate /100K Females | 123.9                   | 111.2   |

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| Lung Cancer Incidence Rate/100K Pop. | 60.7 | 50.2 |
|--------------------------------------|------|------|

(<http://www.wyominghealthmatters.org/index.php?module=IndicatorCompare&func=display&rcuid=565382126234a>)

The effects of blight and potential contamination associated with brownfield sites can weigh heavily on communities. Communities with a concentration of brownfields, tend to have multiple public health issues: reduced property values, increased potential for exposures to harmful chemicals, increased crime rates, substance abuse, lack of green space or areas for recreation, decreased access to healthy foods, poor air quality, contaminated soil or water, and elevated blood lead levels or asthma prevalence, among others. Moreover, because of lower educational attainment levels, our community's residents may not be competitive in our labor force and may not receive the benefits available to full-time employees.

Exposure to harmful substances, such as those found in our brownfield sites or in old housing stock (like that prevalent around the OYD) is one of many risk factors for diseases and adverse health effects (e.g., heart disease, obesity, diabetes). Cleaning up our brownfield sites may reduce the risk of exposure to harmful substances, and renovating old housing stock and constructing newer homes may further reduce exposures to harmful materials. The EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant will help us work toward such health improvements as reduced blood lead levels, lower cancer incidence rates, less infant and adult mortality, and fewer coronary disease deaths. Beyond simply improving health indicators, we envision boosting OYD families out of poverty by cleaning up perpetual health threats, thereby enabling residents to focus their limited resources on improving other basic needs, like housing. In tandem, the cleanup of environmental threats will aid in the attraction of more diverse employment sectors, helping to insulate families from the ups and downs of the energy economy.

### **c. Financial Need [15 Points]:**

#### **i. Economic Conditions (5 Points):**

The City of Casper has been growing at faster than historic rates over the past decade, accelerating with increasing prices of oil and energy commodities. This growth has led to the expansion into greenfield development areas resulting in compound impacts to the community. First, the export of people and activity out of the downtown area adjacent to the OYD has resulted in the loss of businesses in the OYD. Specifically, one of the area anchors, the Iris Theatre, closed in March 2015 coinciding with the opening of a new megaplex movie theater adjacent to Wal-Mart on the outskirts of town. The vacancy hinders the efforts to bring additional people into the OYD, complicating the safety impacts levied by brownfield sites.

The median household income within the OYD Census Block Group illustrates how the area's struggles are impacting the health of residents. With a median household income in the area of \$19,366, the average is 65% less than the City of Casper as a whole. This significant discrepancy shows just how disadvantaged the OYD is in comparison with the broader community. Similarly, the number of families in poverty are at a staggering 24.8% (<http://www.usa.com/casper-wy-income-and-careers.htm>). Providing access to jobs within the OYD will help not only clean up underperforming sites, but will also enable area residents new opportunities for employment in more stable sectors of the economy insulated from the boom-bust cycle.

As previously described, the Casper area and the state of Wyoming, as a whole, are anticipating a significant shortfall in operating income during the upcoming budgetary biennium. In addition to an uptick in the unemployment rate, state programs that provide support to local government are suffering. Because of declining mineral royalty and severance incomes, the biennium budget is anticipated to be \$400 million short, indicating that programs that would otherwise provide communities with funding sources to advance environmental assessment, remediation, and community development projects will be severely impacted. Sales tax collections through the first three months of the fiscal year are 14.5% below last year. Severance

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taxes are down by 39.5% in the first two months of fiscal year 2016 ([http://trib.com/business/energy/energy-downturn-works-its-way-across-the-wyoming-economy/article\\_786a48df-6982-5649-ab77-2b8c9a040c79.html](http://trib.com/business/energy/energy-downturn-works-its-way-across-the-wyoming-economy/article_786a48df-6982-5649-ab77-2b8c9a040c79.html)).

Additionally, the populations most disproportionately impacted by an economic downturn tend to be segments of the community who are vulnerable to crisis. Not only are there fewer jobs and increasing competition, the traditional safety nets provided by State resources are being hampered as well.

As economic stressors increase, impacts to neighborhoods are magnified, including prevalence of crime. The OYD already experiences a considerable amount of crime, resulting from the disinvestment in the area. This trend is a self-perpetuating cycle that is reinforced by crime and property abandonment. The research of urban planner Jane Jacobs documented in her book *The Death and Life of Great American Cities* (1961) highlights the importance of passive security in lending safety to a neighborhood. Without active uses and a 24/7 population base, there are limited "eyes on the street" to help minimize crime. Similar to brownfields, crime - or the perception thereof - is a deterrent to investment. In the OYD area, the following crimes or calls for service were reported during a period from July 2010 – July 2015. The infusion of assessment grant funds into the OYD and subsequent cleanup and investment will bring more people and businesses to the District, thereby minimizing many of the calls associated with opportunity crimes.

| Type of Report         | Number of Calls | Type of Report     | Number of Calls |
|------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Auto Burglaries        | 40              | Disorderly Conduct | 48              |
| Business Burglaries    | 23              | Drugs              | 46              |
| Residential Burglaries | 15              | Graffiti           | 21              |

Source: Natrona Regional Geospatial Cooperative – Casper Crime Mapping

### ii. Economic Effects of Brownfields (10 Points):

The brownfields in the OYD are not only having an impact at a regional level on the City of Casper, but also on a local level. Specifically, in certain areas of the district, there are residential properties less than 500-feet away from a commercial refueling facility, and just over 100-feet from several gasoline stations. Not surprisingly, the housing vacancy in the OYD census block group is 12.7%, higher than the rate for the City of Casper as a whole, which stands at just over 7% (<http://www.usa.com/WY0250002003.html>). According to the same source, the monthly owner costs for units with a mortgage average 35.8% of the total percentage of income for residents in the area. Based upon the high proportion of housing costs to overall income, the solutions presented by brownfield cleanup could significantly impact residents' lives by providing new employment opportunities as well as walkable connections to daily services to help reduce transportation costs on these households. Not only are these households exposed to potentially harmful health effects associated with brownfields, their economic welfare is repressed by downward pressure on real estate values, limiting any potential wealth generation.

Cleaning up and redeveloping brownfields in the OYD will help increase the diversity of housing options while enhancing property values of existing residents. Developing a walkable neighborhood in keeping with the OYD vision will help to reduce the overall cost burdens to families by providing safe, alternative means of transportation. Without the EPA Assessment Grant, it is unlikely that a coordinated effort will successfully target these key issues in an effective way that address the environmental justice issues plaguing the people of the OYD, allowing the cycle of economic busts to ravage yet another generation.

## **2. Project Description and Feasibility of Success [50 Points]**

### **a. Project Description, Project Timing and Site Selection [25 Points]**

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### i. Project Description (15 Points)

The City of Casper has been working for many years toward redevelopment of the OYD. After extensive public participation and analysis of the transportation systems, a corridor and redevelopment plan was adopted in 2007. Subsequent efforts included a comprehensive rezoning of property in the district to enable reuse of sites and conversion of the area from predominantly industrial and auto-oriented uses to a more diverse community. These actions have set the table for redevelopment that supports sustainability principles and the underlying elements of smart growth, including:

- Compact neighborhood development;
- Transit-supportive walkable block structure with complete street design elements;
- Mixed uses (horizontal and vertical), with retail, employment and residences nearby one another;
- Encouragement in advancing the use of LEED principles for sustainable development; and
- Prioritization of integrated public facilities, including schools, libraries, parks and plazas;

Casper will use the EPA funding to develop both a Hazardous and Petroleum inventory of brownfield sites in the Old Yellowstone District. This inventory will help the City prioritize the assessment, cleanup and redevelopment of these sites and will accelerate their reuse by providing accessible information to developers. EPA funds will also be used to conduct approximately 7 Phase I Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs) on Hazardous sites and another 5 Phase I ESAs on Petroleum sites. The City will consolidate this information in electronic format and create summary sheets that highlight the most pertinent information about each site that can be distributed to interested developers.

Phase II ESAs will be performed on approximately 5 Hazardous sites and 4 Petroleum sites, which will be identified through the brownfield inventory and community involvement efforts. For each Phase II ESA conducted, quality assurance project plans, site-specific sampling and analysis plans, and remedial action work plans will be developed. EPA will be consulted before any work is conducted on sites that might impact historical properties while also consulting the recent cultural resources survey completed by the City. In addition, remediation and reuse plans will be created for each site that undergoes a Phase II ESA.

Casper will also use EPA grant funding to conduct area wide planning activities that will target necessary steps to integrate brownfields reuse efforts with the community's vision as expressed in the OYD along with the recently updated Urban Renewal Plan. These planning efforts will isolate the key economic and environmental hurdles hindering brownfield redevelopment in the area. The cleanup of these properties and execution of the OYD revitalization initiatives will resolve brownfield issues while creating opportunities for broader employment options and a stronger tax base for the City while promoting much needed infill development that is more efficient for the City to maintain. Additionally, expanding the range of housing options to include denser, urban residential formats will enable the City to achieve affordable housing nearby the employment opportunities in the downtown. These outcomes will help to address the environmental justice concerns prevalent in the area, while reducing threats from industrial pollutants currently present in the area resulting in an overall economy that is more resilient and diverse.

### ii. Project Timing (5 Points)

The City of Casper has the requisite capacity to administer the EPA grant funds based on the previous experience of key staff in federal and state grant management. Examples of previous grant management experience are provided in the "Programmatic Capability" section of this grant application. Multiple individuals and organizations will be involved to ensure the project's success. Shortly after the grant is awarded, the City will follow all requisite policies and procedures regarding procurement to select the environmental consultant project team and will release a competitive, public Request for Qualifications in order to select the team deemed most qualified by a review committee. The City will also immediately begin the site selection process,

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making use of the broad community knowledge held by local community members and partnered community groups. Site access issues will be addressed when/if they arise, and will be taken into account during the prioritization process.

To track the success of this grant, Casper's project manager will record outputs in a comprehensive database as the grant is implemented. Contractors will be expected to report monthly on the work performed, including outputs or outcomes. The project manager will summarize outputs/outcomes in quarterly reports submitted to the EPA. This system will ensure that all milestones and deliverables are met/completed in a timely manner (less than 3 years) and are recorded as they are finished. The project manager will track data for both the Petroleum Assessment Grant and the Hazardous Substances

Assessment grant and will enter pertinent information into the EPA's Assessment, Cleanup, and Redevelopment Exchange System (ACRES) database.

### iii. Site Selection (5 Points)

The first step in assessment will be the identification of potential properties to be considered under this project, and developing and implementing a site prioritization scheme. Potential properties and/or areas of high priority have been previously discussed. Criteria for properties to be selected will be based upon a number of factors, including fit with the City of Casper's OYD Plan, developer interest, known and suspected past operations, known and suspected environmental issues, and storm water management issues. In addition to these criteria, final site selection will focus on those properties that are a redevelopment priority and have the greatest potential to adversely impact the environment and the health and well-being of the community.

## **b. Task Descriptions and Budget Table [20 Points]**

### i. Task Descriptions (15 Points):

#### Task 1 – Site Inventory, Selection and Planning

Casper anticipates site inventory, selection, and planning costs of approximately \$50,000. This task includes costs associated with identifying and cataloging potential sites and costs for developing and implementing a site prioritization scheme. This effort should be streamlined however due to the extensive studies that the City has already undertaken in the OYD. The ultimate goals of our program are to protect public health and the environment, remove blight, and to clean-up sites so that they can be reused for a variety of purposes. To guide the program, we will utilize the existing Old Yellowstone Advisory Committee to help guide the brownfields efforts. This group is comprised of representatives from a diversity of community groups, public entities, and residents. A team of City staff and consultants will provide technical support to the Program. A site inventory and prioritization process will be created for brownfield sites throughout the area, which will result in a ranking of key sites for assessment, cleanup, and redevelopment. Costs for these activities includes an additional \$3,000 in staff time offered as "In-Kind" services.

#### Task 2 – Site Assessment

This task includes preparing site eligibility determinations and Phase 1 ESAs on potential redevelopment sites. All ESAs conducted with grant monies will comply with All Appropriate Inquiries and ASTM Standard E1527-13. While the total number of sites is unknown, Task 2 would likely encompass estimated 5 Petroleum and 7 Hazardous Materials sites at an estimated cost of \$3,400 per Phase 1 ESA based upon estimates provided by a local environmental contractor. This task also includes fees associated with the sites requiring Phase 2 assessments to delineate the presence, extent, and levels of environmental contaminants. This will include all preliminary and final reports, including preparation of a quality assurance project plan, sampling and analysis plan, and site-specific health and safety plan. Approximately \$26,000 is budgeted for each Phase 2 ESA, based upon estimates from a local environmental contractor, and would likely encompass an

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estimated 5 Hazardous Materials sites and 4 Petroleum sites. Site assessment costs are anticipated to total approximately \$274,800.

### Task 3 – Programmatic Costs

This task will include leading and documenting the brownfield site selection process and coordinating and conducting meetings. A majority of this work will be outsourced to an experienced consultant retained by the City, and the cost is budgeted at \$26,600. A total of \$3,000 has been budgeted for City staff, such as our Community Development Director and City Planner, to attend USEPA Brownfields conferences over the three-year grant period.

### Task 4 – Remediation Planning (ABCA)

This task includes preparing comprehensive Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA) and Remedial Action Plans (RAPs) to address individual site contamination identified in the previous task. Casper will produce an area-wide brownfields plan that integrates brownfield cleanup and redevelopment strategies into the community vision for the OYD. During this task, sites evaluated may be entered into the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality Voluntary Remediation Program (VRP), if appropriate. A total of 3 ABCA/RAPs are anticipated at \$5,600 each for a total of \$16,800.

### Task 5 – Community Outreach

Casper plans to hold multiple community events during the implementation of this grant in order to educate community members on brownfield issues, solicit feedback on project direction, and ensure the project outcomes are consistent with the community’s vision for the OYD. We estimate that public outreach to be \$28,800 and will include contractual costs for coordinating and conducting community involvement outreach programs and meetings, and for the cost of preparing, printing, and mailing project and site information and marketing pamphlets and related items. Also included are costs to conduct outreach meetings, draft press releases, and update our website as data is assembled. Costs for these activities will include \$5,000 in staff time offered as “In-Kind” services. Funds are requested under the “Contractual” categories to allow consultants working on the project implementation to participate in the public meetings.

Outputs from the public participation efforts will include updated outreach materials that highlight the opportunities within the OYD to help in encouraging cleanup and reinvestment in the area. Outcomes from increased awareness of development opportunities will include increased investment and job creation within the district and properties that have greater availability for redevelopment based upon the known environmental status.

### ii. Budget Table (5 Points)

| Description of Task                | Task 1<br>Site Inventory & Planning | Task 2<br>Environmental Site Assessments | Task 3<br>Programmatic Costs | Task 4<br>ABCA | Task 5<br>Community Outreach | Total Fees |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Travel<sup>1</sup> - H</b>      |                                     |  | \$3,000                      |                |                              | \$3,000    |
| <b>Travel<sup>1</sup> - P</b>      |                                     |  |                              |                |                              |            |
| <b>Contractual<sup>2</sup> - H</b> | \$17,000                            | \$153,800                                | \$10,600                     | \$5,600        | \$13,000                     | \$200,000  |
| <b>Contractual<sup>2</sup> - P</b> | \$33,000                            | \$121,000                                | \$16,000                     | \$11,200       | \$15,800                     | \$197,000  |
| <b>Total</b>                       | \$50,000                            | \$274,800                                | \$29,600                     | \$16,800       | \$28,800                     | \$400,000  |

<sup>1</sup> Travel to brownfields-related training conferences is an acceptable use of these grant funds.

<sup>2</sup> Applicants must comply with the procurement procedures contained in 40 CFR 31.36, or for non-profits, with 40 CFR 30.40 through 30.48. City will comply with procurement procedures outlined in 40 CFR 31.36

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H – Haz. Subs.; P – petroleum;

### **c. Ability to Leverage [5 Points]**

The City is fully supportive of this project and is ready to support assessment and other needs to help achieve the revitalization of the OYD, specifically pursuing the use of general tax revenues, special purpose tax revenues, and other programs currently in place, including:

- Revolving Land Fund – A \$2.0 million fund was established in 2007 and is available for the City to acquire property with development potential, cleanup, replat, and resell. Two successful examples include the Artist’s Guild and the Coke Building Offices, both of which are located in former warehouses that have been revitalized. The City of Casper created this tool with general funds with an eye toward generating property tax and positive impacts in the OYD. The City’s budget sheets in Appendix C document this leveraging program.
- Economic Revitalization Revolving Loan Fund – Provides funding from Casper’s CDBG allocation to provide below market loans to assist with real estate acquisition and development initiatives. To date, the City has approved 3 loans, each valued at \$50,000 for real estate acquisition. The typical annual allocation is \$50,000.
- Staff Assistance from qualified staff including the City Manager, department and division management and staff from Community Development, Planning and Urban Renewal, Engineering, Public Works, and Parks & Recreation and the Metropolitan Planning Organization. This “in-kind” time is described in the tasks above and is estimated to be valued at approximately \$12,000.
- Pursuit of State grants and loans to assist with redevelopment and business establishment, including Wyoming Business Council (WBC) grants for Downtown Development, Business Committed, and Historic Preservation.
- Transportation Funds: Continued investment of state and local transportation funding including recent City-initiated transportation investments within the OYD, completing \$14 million of road and streetscape improvements to enhance the overall investment climate of the OYD; and
- River Restoration Master Plan – Along the OYD section between First and Poplar Streets, revitalization of the North Platte River and its banks is planned for 2017, which is part of a nine phase, \$17 Million restoration. Project outcomes include improved water quality through stabilized, aesthetically improved banks and managed stormwater with green infrastructure such as wetlands. Volunteer Day is the largest National Public Lands Day event in the country, and volunteers perform hands on river restoration activities such as removing invasive plant species in the riparian area, removing debris from the river and its banks, and reseeding and replanting acres of land once claimed by invasive plant species. Since 2007, nearly 1,000 hours of volunteer time has been spent just cleaning the OYD portion of the river. This restoration effort has been awarded over \$3 Million in grants since 2013, including two \$500,000 WBC Enhancement Grants, with the intent to apply annually for WBC funding through 2020. Additional leverage from the Platte River Revival comes from its partnership of 40 private companies and organizations and ten governmental agencies (federal, state, and local) that drive the project.

### **3. Community Engagement and Partnerships (35 Points Total)**

#### **a. Plan for Involving Community & Stakeholders; and Communicating Project Progress [15 Points]**

##### **i. Community Involvement Plan (10 Points)**

Momentum from the community-embraced initiative that culminated with the adoption of the Old Yellowstone District’s Master Plan in 2007 will be rekindled and harnessed to generate excitement for action associated with the Brownfield Assessment Grant. After 7 years, we will re-engage the citizens to determine what the

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next steps need to be to activate this neighborhood and confirm the original vision developed through workshops, charrettes and visioning sessions.

*“Create walkable, live-work-play neighborhoods that respect the area’s history and offer a variety of uses such as shops, restaurants, offices, hotels and choices of housing types and prices, schools, parks and trails within a safe and attractive environment.” – VISION STATEMENT, OYD Master Plan, 2007*

Before wading into the public process, the City will complete a Public Participation Roadmap to help us tap into the expertise and experience of facilitators in creating an outreach strategy that will best reach our target audiences. We look to reflect upon the 2007 planning effort, and hope to learn from the three major public events which attracted between 50 and 100 people each and demonstrate the investment citizens of Casper place in directing their own future. Proposed outreach would notify the community via traditional media channels including website updates, mailings, and news releases, but would seek to engage and educate Casper about the issues hindering economic investment in the OYD in order to develop viable, locally-sourced solutions.

To assist in inventorying available sites, staff will conduct an OYD walking tour for the community to get a first-hand view of potential brownfield redevelopment sites and to help in prioritization. Not only will this activity reengage previous participants in the process, but will help to introduce new players to the discussion. We also look to partner with OYD businesses to host a kickoff event that moves beyond the stuffy public meeting and engages people in a fun, yet meaningful way, looking to regional innovators for cues as to how public outreach can be broadened. Finally, we will produce visually motivating resources that the community will rally behind to help motivate the cleanup and reinvestment into OYD properties.

### ii. Communicating Progress (5 Points)

Our community will be updated continually through website updates and utilization of the existing OYD newsletter. Also, visuals and renderings of potential redevelopment sites will help to draw interest in the project while also providing a tangible output resulting from the project. City staff are also actively involved in the local community and will be presenting progress reports regarding the project to local service clubs, including Rotary and other similar organizations. The project will also be featured in the WY Planning Conference, to be held in Casper in 2016. We also hope to host the Wyoming Business Council and provide a tour to State economic development leaders to demonstrate the progress of the effort.

## **b. Partnerships with Government Agencies [10 Points]**

### i. Local/State/Tribal Environmental Authority (5 Points)

Casper has a strong tradition of partnering with local and state environmental authorities to advance the overall health of the community. In handling the reuse plan for the Amoco Refinery, extensive community involvement has helped shape the property into a community asset today with the construction of a new office building, and the renovation of the former Amoco Office Building into a business incubator. Extensive partnerships between the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality and the private sector demonstrate that the Casper community knows how to work together to address complex environmental and redevelopment issues. To address the gap in funding, the City will further look to leverage the EPA Assessment Grant to pursue EPA Revolving Loan and Cleanup Grants, EDA Grants, FEMA Funding for riverfront improvements, Wyoming Business Council Funding, Wyoming State Revolving Funds, WDEQ VRP Brownfield Assistance Program aid, and funding from area non-profits committed to community development. Casper will also be participating with the WY DEQ to encourage enrollment in the VRP program as a part of our project’s outreach to area property owners.

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### ii. Other Governmental Partnerships (5 Points)

The City of Casper has an excellent working relationship with several local government agencies that will help ensure the success of the project.

- **Natrona County** has partnered with the City in the past on the adjacent Amoco Refinery Reuse Project and has an excellent working relationship to support environmental remediation projects.
- The **Casper Area Metropolitan Planning Organization** can assist with technical support relative to transportation, GIS mapping and walkability issues utilizing federal transportation planning funds. In fact, the original vision for the OYD was initiated as a corridor plan under the MPO's direction.
- The **Wyoming Business Council** (WBC) is Wyoming's economic development agency tasked with developing jobs and economic investment. The WBC will help ensure that coordination with various state grant programs and opportunities will be considered at the outset of this project.

### c. **Partnerships with Community Organizations [10 Points]**

#### i. Community Organization Description & Role (5 Points)

- The **Old Yellowstone Advisory Committee** will serve as the neighborhood voice for the project, helping guide the success of the endeavor by representing local business and property owners.
- CAEDA, the **Casper Area Economic Development Alliance** makes relocating, expanding or starting a business in Casper easier by providing economic data, coordinating partnerships with local government, and taking the lead role as dealmaker to leverage local economic development assets. This organization will help the OYD in locating investors interested in redevelopment, and packaging redevelopment incentives to advance cleanup initiatives.
- **Montessori School of Casper**, (MSC) offers a preschool through kindergarten program. The school is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit corporation and is a private, parent cooperative. Located in the heart of the OYD, the MSC is intrigued by opportunities to work with the project team not only in improving the local neighborhood, but working with the students to better appreciate the environment around them.
- **The Urban Renewal Authority** is charged with revitalizing the OYD and will be a key partner in providing not only expertise to the brownfield assessment, but also financial resources to advance cleanup and investment in the OYD.
- Casper's **Downtown Development Authority's** mission is to serve as an agent for change in promoting and enhancing Downtown Casper. The DDA has been advocating and helping a private, grassroots group **Friends of the Plaza** to bring a civic gathering space Downtown connecting the OYD and Downtown.

#### ii. Letters of Commitment (5 Points) – Included as an appendix in this proposal

## **4. Project Benefits [25 Points]**

### **a. Health and/or Welfare and Environmental Benefits [10 Points]**

#### i. Health and/or Welfare Benefits (5 Points)

An assessment grant supporting the OYD will promote a vibrant, equitable and healthy community while reducing threats from historic sources of pollution. By increasing the transition of the district to a mixed use environment, the more intensive uses in the area will gradually relocate to safer industrial areas safely buffered from central Casper neighborhoods. In September of 2015, the Surgeon General initiated the Step It Up! Walkability campaign. The OYD vision already embraces the key principles of designing a community to be supportive of walking and daily physical activity which will reduce the overall impacts of sedentary living. By understanding the risks of specific brownfield sites, physical improvements in the OYD will begin to add walkable elements to the neighborhood while addressing specific exposure of children and others to

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contaminants in the area. As assessment and remediation takes place and redevelopment occurs, broader outputs and outcomes will permeate the District, including:

- Reuse of OYD sites to provide new housing and mixed use development;
- Housing options to support low and moderate income households, a mix of life cycles and lifestyles in a community with somewhat limited housing choices;
- Recreational and cultural amenities including riverfront trail extensions as new open space destinations are constructed and public access to the North Platte River is activated;
- Cleaner water in the North Platte River as runoff is routed through bioswale filtration features prior to entering the river; and
- Reduced CO2 emission and storm water runoff based on development of compact, green building and site design that supports active transportation modes while minimizing environmental impact.

### ii. Environmental Benefits (5 Points)

The sustainable reuse of land in the core of the community has the potential to impact the overall environmental footprint of the Casper metropolitan area. Beyond the obvious benefits of cleaning up sites that cause public health issues and disinvestment in the neighborhood, providing an urban oasis within an area like Casper - which has minimal natural constraints to low density sprawl - will show the residents of Wyoming and other rural states that compact development not only pays dividends in efficiency, but that the resulting environment can be an attractive lifestyle. Encouraging investment in the core will help to reduce trends toward outward sprawl and minimize the carbon emissions of the community.

Aging infrastructure in the OYD is also in need of improvements to help improve public health and safety. Remediation of soils and the eventual upgrading and/or replacement of the storm and sanitary sewer systems will ensure that wastewater is transported effectively out of the District for treatment. As a companion improvement to sewer repairs, street improvements will likely occur at the same time, allowing for transformation of the streets to reflect complete street principles. This is a particularly important concept to advance because Casper has experienced several high profile bike and pedestrian crashes in recent years, including a fatal bike accident in 2014. Furthermore, the completion of phase five of the Platte River Revival will improve the riverfront and water quality. EPA Brownfield funding will be a perfect companion to the river restoration effort. Without EPA Brownfields funding, it is unlikely that coordinated investment will take place to substantially address these issues in an effective manner. This assessment grant is the spring board needed to provide the opportunities for Casper to break free of its reliance on the boom-bust economy while addressing environmental threats that impact the residents in the District.

The City of Casper is addressing Region 8's Priorities through their Platte River Revival, which has been making strides to improve the environmental quality of the North Platte River, while reconnecting the community to this emerging tourism and recreation resource. Since the closing of the Amoco Refinery, the river frontage has become a place for the citizens of Casper to reclaim. Over the past several years, improvements have been made along the banks of the river, including the construction of the Platte River Parkway, a recreational trail system extending 11-miles providing the opportunity for residents to easily access recreational amenities while also providing a non-motorized corridor into the Downtown employment district. Plans for the confluence of the OYD and the Platte River include a stated goal of using bio-filtration strategies along the banks of the river to ensure that any surface flows have the opportunity for pollutants to be mitigated prior to entering the river. A brownfield assessment grant has the potential to help catalyze these various efforts, enabling meaningful coordination of environmental investments that spur redevelopment.

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### **b. Environmental Benefits from Infrastructure Reuse/Sustainable Reuse [8 Points]**

#### **i. Policies, Planning and Other Tools (5 Points)**

The OYD Master Plan exemplifies the triple bottom line anticipated by the Partnership for Sustainable Communities initiative. At its foundation, the OYD vision was based on providing more transportation choices in the district and enabling a walkable environment to emerge. The City of Casper has utilized funding from the Wyoming Department of Transportation to enhance the economic viability of the Yellowstone Highway corridor in a way that supports a complete street philosophy. Furthermore, housing is viewed as a critical component to the overall mix of uses in OYD, with increased local residents driving support for additional mixed use development. Specifically, the City has supported affordable housing investment in the vicinity as demonstrated by the Wyoming National Bank Apartments, a redevelopment initiative in nearby downtown that provides 45 affordable units in an historic bank building. Economic competitiveness will be greatly increased with the successful expansion of Downtown Casper, as the OYD's urban neighborhood will provide a vibrant urban experience not available within 250 miles in any direction. The investment within the core of the community serves as an expansion of downtown, helping to stem the rapid expansion of the community to the east and west on greenfield sites that require new investments in infrastructure while stretching municipal resources. This request continues a progressive advancement of projects leveraging federal, state and local resources. By activating the OYD, previous federal and private cleanup investments in the Amoco Refinery Reuse Project will be leveraged by bringing additional investment to this broad area. Finally, the community's vision supports continued efforts to uplifting this neighborhood's fiscal and social well-being through revitalization and reinvestment efforts.

#### **ii. Integrating Equitable Development or Livability Principles (3 Points)**

As described above, sustainability and equitability have played a founding role in the OYD since it was envisioned. Coordination of federal programs, including the investment of CDBG dollars in the area's Façade Improvement Program and transportation investments supporting complete streets has set the table for brownfield investments to take root and help the community overcome the negative perceptions stalling development of the OYD. Equitability is also emerging as an important concern of the local community as demonstrated by the diversity of housing options contemplated for OYD – ranging from historic building renovation preserving and reusing historic building stock, to flats and townhomes that will provide much-needed product choices to a community long focused on large-lot single family development. But even more critical to the conversation is the proximate access to employment the district offers, along with the benefits of reducing overall transportation costs of area households to enable more income to be spent on other essentials, like fresher foods, that can improve the overall health of Casper's residents. The assessment and eventual cleanup of brownfields will help establish a clean slate for the OYD, enabling a livable neighborhood to grow out of the shadows of its former refining roots.

### **c. Economic and Community Benefits (long-term benefits) [7 points]**

#### **i. Economic or Other Benefits (5 points)**

Brownfield redevelopment for the OYD is broad in impacting the overall economic diversification of the Casper community and resiliency when energy downturns do occur. Redevelopment facilitated by assessing and cleanup of brownfield sites will help to bring jobs and an expanded tax base back into an area that was abandoned following the exit of the Amoco Refinery and a shift away from auto-oriented businesses. Increased development will bring a built-in retail market of residents needing daily provisions along with employers who want to benefit from the proximity to Downtown, while also giving new options to existing residents. Since the launch of the OYD vision, some pioneering businesses have successfully put down roots, including ART 321, Haven Art Gallery, and Adbay, a hip advertising agency located in the former Coke Building. This is an example of an artist's guild working to attract a new generation to jobs based in a creative

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industry. These are exactly the types of jobs needed in Casper to help diversify the economy. But this diversification cannot happen without place-based solutions. While the availability of good jobs can help to broaden the economy, the attraction of individuals, who are now more than ever choosing a place to live prior to looking for a job, must include quality of life amenities. That's why the OYD vision is also predicated on connecting the people of Casper with the North Platte River. The establishment of a thriving downtown neighborhood with close access to the river, a whitewater park, and recreational trails pulls together the complete package of place, creating a magnetic pull for millennials.

### ii. Job Creation Potential: Partnerships with Workforce Development Programs (2 points)

A key initiative for this grant effort is to train local workers who can play a key role in the assessment process. If selected, we seek to partner with the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services (DWS), which provides job placement and training to individuals in Wyoming, helping to build a workforce to meet the changing demands of Wyoming's diverse businesses, citizens and economy. We will also look to utilize the Governor's new initiative, Wyoming Grown, to attract employees with roots in the Cowboy State back to emerging jobs in the Casper area as well as the Veterans Employment and Training Program to encourage job training and placement related to environmental remediation.

## **5. Programmatic Capabilities and Past Performance [40 Points]**

### **a. Programmatic Capability [28 Points]**

The City has been awarded federal funds on numerous occasions in recent years. The City has successfully managed the grants and all applicable funding requirements required by the grant and A-133. The Administrative Services Director, Tracey Belser, has been with the City for over 14 years, serving in a diversity of roles including human resources director and risk manager. While Ms. Belser is new to this position, the City of Casper is also fortunate that the former Finance Director, V.H. McDonald was recently named City Manager and will be available to provide insight into grant management as necessary to help ensure consistency in meeting the specific A-133 audit requirements. Additionally, Linda Carlson, Finance Manager and her staff have successfully managed many federal grants and always received a "clean" audit opinion with no adverse findings. Based upon our previous grant management experience, the City of Casper is well qualified to undertake the responsibilities associated with an assessment grant, including timely completion and submittal of a Cooperative Agreement and Work Plan to the EPA, enrollment in the Automated Standard Application for Payments system, and submittal of progress reports to the EPA Region 8 Office, including specifying the assessment tasks completed, financial tracking, and proposed grant activities. Liz Becher, Community Development Director, MBA, will service as the lead project manager. Having served five years as the vice president of the Casper Economic Development Alliance and another five as Urban Renewal Manager of the OYD, Ms. Becher has the passion and expertise to successfully manage this grant and looks to expend the funds efficiently. Senior City staff from other City Departments, including members from the planning and finance offices will comprise an interdisciplinary project management team (PMT) to implement the project. Key PMT members will include:

- **Liz Becher, Community Development Director.** Ms. Becher will service as the lead project manager utilizing her extensive knowledge as the former Urban Renewal Manager of the OYD to keep this project on track while successfully manage this grant. Ms. Becher will serve as a liaison with property owners, will prepare quarterly and annual grant reports and ensure compliance with performance measures.
- **Craig Collins, AICP, City Planner.** Mr. Collins has over 15 years of experience in municipal planning field and manages current development and long range planning for the City.

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- **Linda Carlson, Finance Manager.** Ms. Carlson has been with the City's finance office for 10 years and has supervised numerous grant efforts successfully. She is responsible for City's fiscal management including budgeting, purchasing, grant management and the City's auditing functions.
- **Andrew Nelson, Metropolitan Planning Organization Manager, MPA.** Mr. Nelson is responsible for transportation planning activities, procurement, contract administration, and public outreach. He will assist in coordinating complete street multimodal transportation policies with the project.

Casper's PMT approach ensures that multiple City staff members are knowledgeable and up-to-date on the brownfields projects we will be pursuing. Should turnover of a key position occur, the City will recruit new staff members with the qualifications and skills to be an effective part of the Old Yellowstone District PMT. In addition to using City staff, the City of Casper also plans to pursue a contractual relationship with an environmental consulting firm with expertise in environmental assessment and brownfields redevelopment to assist with the inventory and prioritization process, site assessment, community outreach, day-to-day grant management activities, and other eligible programmatic activities allowed. The City intends to release a RFP for these services following US EPA's requisite Request for Proposal guidelines. The City will work directly with experienced project managers to oversee and approve proposed grant activities to ensure the highest quality work is being provided by the consultants in all phases of the grant program.

### **b. Audit Findings [2 points]**

The City of Casper has had no significant adverse audit findings or financial penalties with any of our State or Federal loans or grants. We will utilize USEPA Brownfields Assessment Grant funds in accordance with all requirements and conditions set forth by USEPA. In compliance with federal guidelines, the City will retain consultants to assist in the management of specific aspects of the grant should we lose the necessary in-house expertise.

### **c. Past Performance and Accomplishments [10 points]**

i. Has Not Received an EPA Brownfields Grant but has Received Other Federal or Non-Federal Assistance Agreements [10 points]

#### 1. Purpose and Accomplishments (5 points)

Although the City of Casper has never received an EPA Brownfields Grant, the City has successfully administered grant funding from other federal and non-federal agencies. Annual audits were conducted in accordance with OMB Circular A-133. In all cases, the independent auditor concluded that Casper complied in all material respects with the requirements of the state and federal programs, and the City has never been designated with the "high risk" classification. Additionally, all reporting requirements were met and projects were completed within the scheduled time limit. The following is a list of the most recent grants received and other funding by the City that are related to the revitalization and redevelopment of our OYD area.

- Wyoming Business Council (WBC) Grant - \$1.0 Million match to complete a final block of reconstruction on West Yellowstone Highway. This project has previously reconstructed 8-blocks through the heart of the OYD. Administration of WBC grants are rigorous, including quarterly reporting, as well as financial outcomes. In total, the City and grant partners have invested \$14 million in transportation funds in the OYD since 2007.
- Federal Transportation Planning – The City of Casper is the fiscal agent for the Casper Metropolitan Planning Organization. With an annual budget of approximately \$800,000 from the FTA and FHWA, this federal program includes reporting requirements that are handled routinely by the City's team.
- Wyoming Business Council – Two \$500,000 grants have been awarded in the past two years for enhancements associated with the Platte River Revival restoration effort.

**Appendix A:  
Threshold Eligibility  
Documentation**

**“Old Yellowstone District”**

**Casper, Wyoming**

**USEPA Brownfield Community-Wide Petroleum  
and Hazardous Materials Assessment Grant**

## **Threshold Criteria for Assessment Grants**

### **1. Applicant Eligibility**

The applicant for this combined EPA Community Wide Hazardous Materials and Petroleum Assessment Grant is the City of Casper, Wyoming. The City of Casper fulfills the definition of an “eligible entity” by being a recognized political subdivision as defined by the State’s legislative definition of a political subdivision per 40 CFR stats. 35.6016 (a) (31). The City of Casper is a General Purpose Unit of Local Government as defined in the eligibility requirements for this grant.

### **2. Letter from the State or Tribal Authority (Attachment B)**

The Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality has reviewed this EPA Community-Wide Hazardous Materials and Petroleum Assessment Grant and has provided a letter of support.

### **3. Community Involvement**

The City Council has twice monthly regular meetings and additional work sessions that are open to the public. During these meetings there will be extensive opportunities to discuss this project. Our Community Development Director will update the City Council every month on our work and will include a briefing on the progress of the brownfield assessment and future cleanup as part of this report. (An update was provided on November 24, 2015 with the agenda provided at the end of this section.) An advisory group has been in existence since 2007 and is composed of neighborhood and community interests to advise us on planning, cleanup, and reuse phases. We will actively seek to identify concerns that residents have and respond to these in a quick and constructive manner. This will be done through frequent surveys and polling both paper and electronically, door-to-door outreach, and a close monitoring of our social media channels. We will identify and reach out to sensitive populations through our partnerships with community organizations. Progress will be communicated through public notices and frequent updates posted at the project site; in email blasts and bulk mailings to people in our database, which numbers thousands of residents; and through posting notices at the public library, city hall, churches, grocery stores, restaurants, preschools, and elsewhere.

### **4. Site Eligibility and Property Ownership Eligibility**

A specific property eligibility determination is not requested at this time. Site eligibility and property ownership eligibility requirements will be determined in accordance with the community-wide grant requirements. Specific sites have not been identified; however, the intent is to use the Community-Wide Hazardous Materials and Petroleum Assessment Grant to assess sectors of downtown Casper, specifically focused on the Old Yellowstone District. Properties to be used under this funding are a mix of properties, some vacant and others abandoned.

**COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
Tuesday, November 24, 2015, 4:00 p.m.  
Casper City Hall  
Council Meeting Room

AGENDA

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| 4:00 – 4:10 | Planning & Zoning Commission Interviews |
| 4:10 – 4:30 | Executive Session - Personnel           |
| 4:30        | Regular Work Session                    |

AGENDA

1. EPA Brownfields Assessment Federal Grant Application
2. 2016 Municipal Golf Fees
3. CAEDA's CEDS Grant
4. 2017 Eclipse Director Contract
5. FY2016 Budget Report
6. State Building Location Discussion
7. Future Agenda Review
8. Council Around the Table

**Appendix B:  
Letter of Support  
from State Regulatory Authority**

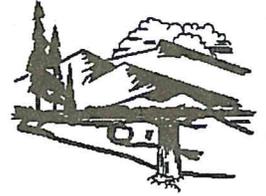
**“Old Yellowstone District”**

**Casper, Wyoming**

**USEPA Brownfield Community-Wide Petroleum  
and Hazardous Materials Assessment Grant**



# Department of Environmental Quality



To protect, conserve and enhance the quality of Wyoming's environment for the benefit of current and future generations.

Matt Mead, Governor

Todd Parfitt, Director

December 3, 2015

Mr. V.H. MacDonald  
City of Casper Manager  
200 N. David  
Casper WY, 82601

Re: Letter of Support for EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant, *Old Yellowstone District*

Dear Mr. MacDonald:

The Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (WDEQ), Voluntary Remediation Program (VRP) fully supports the City of Casper's application for an EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant for the *Old Yellowstone District* located in Casper, Wyoming.

This site represents many of Wyoming's communities that have seen the abandonment of a bustling downtown and nearby areas in favor of the expansion of shopping centers and big box stores and the eradication of prairie land and open spaces known as "greenfields". While the Old Yellowstone District lies adjacent to the downtown area, the small businesses and residents living in this area have suffered the greatest impacts as opportunities for employment and commerce have moved to the fringes of the city.

The WDEQ sees the revitalization of the Old Yellowstone District as an opportunity to provide a much needed boost to the area residents and businesses – both in health and economic benefits. This project will serve as a cornerstone to enhance and revitalize both the Old Yellowstone District and the adjacent downtown area of Casper. Therefore, we encourage the EPA to provide this project with the Brownfields Assessment funds needed to make sure the residents in this area are adequately protected and the much needed revitalization happens.

The Voluntary Remediation and Brownfields Assistance Programs (VRP/BA) look forward to working with the City of Casper to ensure parcels located within the Old Yellowstone District are properly assessed and cleaned up (if needed) in accordance with the VRP protocols and procedures. Please feel free to call me at 307-335-6948 or email me at [Vickie.Meredith@wyo.gov](mailto:Vickie.Meredith@wyo.gov) if you have any questions about my support for this project.

Sincerely,

Vickie Meredith  
HW/VR Program Supervisor  
Brownfields Assistance Program

C: Jerry Breed – HW/VRP Cheyenne  
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# **Appendix C: Documentation for Leveraged Funding**

## **“Old Yellowstone District” Casper, Wyoming**

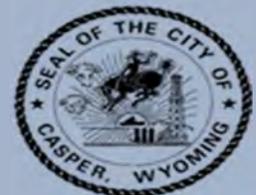
### **USEPA Brownfield Community-Wide Petroleum and Hazardous Materials Assessment Grant**

- 1) Casper City Budget: Revolving Land Fund (3 Pages)
- 2) Casper City Budget: CDBG Fund (2 Page)
- 3) CDBG Funding Approval Agreement (1 Page)
- 4) Wyoming Business Council Award: Platte River Revival 2014 (1 Page)
- 5) Wyoming Business Council Award: Platte River Revival 2015 (2Page)
- 6) Wyoming Business Council Award: Old Yellowstone District Phase II (1 Page)

# FY 2016 Adopted Budget



**City of Casper, WY**  
July 1, 2015—June 30, 2016



# Revolving Land Fund

**Function:** This fund accounts for the acquisition and resale of real property. This was a new fund established in FY 2008 to acquire and resell land for redevelopment. Each year the full balance of the fund is budgeted to allow land purchases.

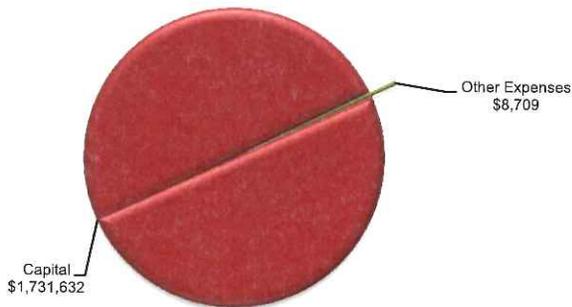
## Revolving Land Fund Highlights

No acquisitions of land for redevelopment are planned for FY2016.

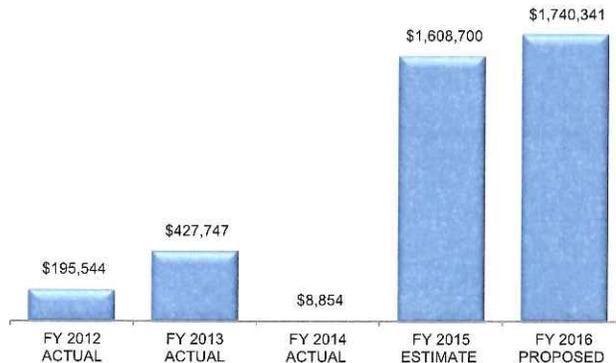
### Revolving Land Budget Summary

|                                | FY 2014<br>ACTUAL | FY 2015<br>REVISED | FY 2015<br>ESTIMATE | FY 2016<br>PROPOSED                 | % ▲          |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Revenues</b>                |                   |                    |                     |                                     |              |
| Miscellaneous                  | \$ 379,905        | \$ 30,820          | \$ 231,720          | \$ 1,233,341                        | 3902%        |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>          | \$ 379,905        | \$ 30,820          | \$ 231,720          | \$ 1,233,341                        | 3902%        |
| <b>Expenditures</b>            |                   |                    |                     |                                     |              |
| Other Expenses                 | \$ 8,854          | \$ 10,300          | \$ 8,700            | \$ 8,709                            | -15%         |
| Capital                        | -                 | 1,597,830          | 1,600,000           | 1,731,632                           | 8%           |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>      | \$ 8,854          | \$ 1,608,130       | \$ 1,608,700        | \$ 1,740,341                        | 8%           |
| <b>Net Revolving Land Fund</b> | \$ 371,051        | \$ (1,577,310)     | \$ (1,376,980)      | \$ (507,000)                        | -68%         |
|                                |                   |                    |                     | Actual Reserves on June 30, 2014    | \$ 1,883,980 |
|                                |                   |                    |                     | Projected Reserves on June 30, 2015 | \$ 507,000   |
|                                |                   |                    |                     | Projected Reserves on June 30, 2016 | \$ -         |

Revolving Land Fund Budget Summary



Revolving Land Fund Expenditures



## Revolving Land Fund

|                               | FY 2014<br>ACTUAL | FY 2015<br>REVISED    | FY 2015<br>ESTIMATE   | FY 2016<br>PROPOSED | % ▲          |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| <b>Revenues</b>               |                   |                       |                       |                     |              |
| <b>Miscellaneous Revenue</b>  |                   |                       |                       |                     |              |
| Lease Fees                    | \$ 28,022         | \$ 26,620             | \$ 29,820             | \$ 30,500           | 15%          |
| Proceeds from Sale of Land    | 347,598           | -                     | 200,000               | 1,200,000           | 100%         |
| Interest On Investments       | 2,876             | 4,200                 | 1,900                 | 1,841               | -56%         |
| Gain/Loss On Sale of Invest.  | 1,409             | -                     | -                     | 1,000               | 100%         |
| <b>Total Miscellaneous</b>    | <b>\$ 379,905</b> | <b>\$ 30,820</b>      | <b>\$ 231,720</b>     | <b>\$ 1,233,341</b> | <b>3902%</b> |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>          | <b>\$ 379,905</b> | <b>\$ 30,820</b>      | <b>\$ 231,720</b>     | <b>\$ 1,233,341</b> | <b>3902%</b> |
| <b>Expenses</b>               |                   |                       |                       |                     |              |
| <b>Other Expenses</b>         |                   |                       |                       |                     |              |
| Investment Fees               | \$ 1,456          | \$ 300                | \$ 900                | \$ 909              | 203%         |
| Property Taxes                | 249               | 5,000                 | 2,800                 | 2,800               | -44%         |
| Appraisals                    | 7,149             | 5,000                 | 5,000                 | 5,000               | 0%           |
| <b>Total Other Expenses</b>   | <b>\$ 8,854</b>   | <b>\$ 10,300</b>      | <b>\$ 8,700</b>       | <b>\$ 8,709</b>     | <b>-15%</b>  |
| <b>Capital Expenses</b>       |                   |                       |                       |                     |              |
| Land                          | \$ -              | \$ 1,597,830          | \$ 1,600,000          | \$ 1,731,632        | 8%           |
| <b>Total Capital Expenses</b> | <b>\$ -</b>       | <b>\$ 1,597,830</b>   | <b>\$ 1,600,000</b>   | <b>\$ 1,731,632</b> | <b>8%</b>    |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>         | <b>\$ 8,854</b>   | <b>\$ 1,608,130</b>   | <b>\$ 1,608,700</b>   | <b>\$ 1,740,341</b> | <b>8%</b>    |
| <b>Net Fund</b>               | <b>\$ 371,051</b> | <b>\$ (1,577,310)</b> | <b>\$ (1,376,980)</b> | <b>\$ (507,000)</b> | <b>-68%</b>  |

# CDBG Fund

## Community Development Block Grant

**Function:** To promote and support community activities that provide a decent and affordable housing, community-based services, economic development activities, and a suitable environment that directly benefit the low-to-moderate income citizens of Casper.

### Community Development Block Grant Staffing Summary

|                                     | FY 2013 | FY 2014 | FY 2015 | FY 2016 |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| <b>Full Time Positions</b>          |         |         |         |         |
| H & CD Manager                      | 1       | -       | -       | -       |
| Secretary II                        | -       | -       | -       | -       |
| Code Enforcement Inspector          | 1       | -       | -       | -       |
| Community Development Technician    | -       | 1       | 1       | 1       |
| <b>Total</b>                        | 2       | 1       | 1       | 1       |
| <b>Part Time Employees (Budget)</b> | \$ -    | \$ -    | \$ -    | \$ -    |

### CDBG Highlights

This year, CDBG funds will be directed toward projects that support the community transit systems, maintenance and development of emergency and transitional housing at Life Steps Campus, new housing initiatives in partnership with local housing organizations, emergency repairs for low-moderate income homeowners, urban redevelopment in the Old Yellowstone District and the City core, and program administration.

### Community Development Block Grant Budget Summary

|                           | FY 2014<br>ACTUAL | FY 2015<br>REVISED | FY 2015<br>ESTIMATE | FY 2016<br>ADOPTED | % ▲   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------|
| <b>Revenues</b>           |                   |                    |                     |                    |       |
| Grants                    | \$ 144,722        | \$ 264,192         | \$ 264,919          | \$ 274,262         | 4%    |
| Transfer In               | -                 | 11,385             | 11,385              | 10,000             | -12%  |
| Miscellaneous             | 8,997             | 8,850              | 30,695              | 7,500              | -15%  |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>     | \$ 153,719        | \$ 284,427         | \$ 306,999          | \$ 291,762         | 3%    |
| <b>Expenditures</b>       |                   |                    |                     |                    |       |
| Personnel                 | \$ 53,239         | \$ 56,165          | \$ 56,051           | \$ 59,202          | 5%    |
| Contractual Services      | 1,182             | 1,200              | -                   | -                  | -100% |
| Materials & Supplies      | -                 | -                  | -                   | -                  | 0%    |
| Capital                   | -                 | -                  | -                   | -                  | 0%    |
| Other                     | 106,256           | 242,933            | 250,948             | 232,560            | -4%   |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b> | \$ 160,677        | \$ 300,298         | \$ 306,999          | \$ 291,762         | -3%   |
| <b>Net CDBG Fund</b>      | \$ (6,958)        | \$ (15,871)        | \$ -                | \$ -               | -100% |

Actual Reserves on June 30, 2014 \$ 108,531

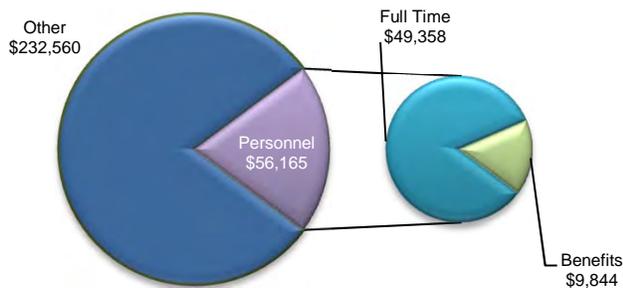
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Projected Reserves on June 30, 2016 \$ 108,531

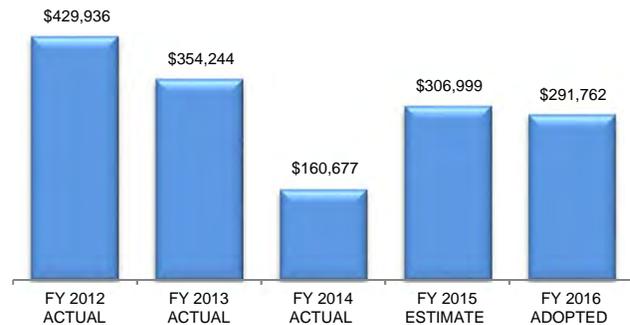
# CDBG Fund

## Community Development Block Grant

**CDBG Budget Summary**



**CDBG Expenditures**



### Adopted Projects with Federal CDBG Funds

The adopted projects for the FY16 Community Development Block Grant are as follows:

| Project Name                              | Adopted Activities   | Allocation        |
|---|--|-------------------|
| Transportation Programs                   | To provide ridership tickets for elderly and disabled to ride the dial-a-ride system and tickets for elderly, disabled, homeless and low-moderate income persons to ride The Bus and CATC. | \$ 35,000         |
| Housing Rehabilitation Assistance Program | To provide assistance to low-moderate income homeowners with emergency repairs and program-related costs.  | 25,671            |
| Lifesteps Campus Care                     | To provide for necessary repairs and capital improvements.   | 75,000            |
| City Core Revitalization Activities       | To provide funding for matching façade grants.   | 27,414            |
| Housing Initiatives                       | To continue to address the housing needs in Casper for emergency, transitional, and market affordable shelters and units.  | 45,000            |
| Clearance and Demolition                  | To provide funding for activities that remove health and safety issues in LMI areas.   | 18,000            |
| Administration                            | To provide for a portion of the salary and benefits for one fulltime employee.   | 64,000            |
| <b>Total</b>                              |  | <b>\$ 290,085</b> |

**2015 Funding Approval/Agreement**

Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act (Public Law 930383)  
 HI-00515R of 20515R

**U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development**

Office of Community Planning and Development  
 Community Development Block Grant Program

OMB Approval No.  
 2506-0193 (exp 1/31/2015)

|   |  |   |  |   |
|---|--|---|--|---|
| 1. Name of Grantee (as shown in item 5 of Standard Form 424)<br><b>City of Casper, Wyoming</b>  |  | 3a. Grantee's 9-digit Tax ID Number:<br><b>83-6000049</b> | 3b. Grantee's DUNS Number:<br><b>152720140</b> | 4. Date use of funds may begin (mm/dd/yyyy):<br><b>07/01/2015</b> |
| 2. Grantee's Complete Address (as shown in item 5 of Standard Form 424)<br><b>Casper City Government<br/>200 North David Street<br/>Casper, Wyoming 82601</b> |  | 5a. Project/Grant No. 1<br><b>B-15-MC-56-0001</b>         |  | 6a. Amount Approved<br><b>\$272,671</b>                           |
|   |  | 5b. Project/Grant No. 2                                   |  | 6b. Amount Approved   |
|   |  | 5c. Project/Grant No. 3                                   |  | 6c. Amount Approved   |

**Grant Agreement:** This Grant Agreement between the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the above named Grantee is made pursuant to the authority of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, (42 USC 5301 et seq.). The Grantee's submissions for Title I assistance, the HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 570 (as now in effect and as may be amended from time to time), and this Funding Approval, including any special conditions/addendums, constitute part of the Agreement. Subject to the provisions of this Grant Agreement, HUD will make the funding assistance specified here available to the Grantee upon execution of the Agreement by the parties. The funding assistance specified in the Funding Approval may be used to pay costs incurred after the date specified in item 4 above provided the activities to which such costs are related are carried out in compliance with all applicable requirements. Pre-agreement costs may not be paid with funding assistance specified here unless they are authorized in HUD regulations or approved by waiver and listed in the special conditions to the Funding Approval. The Grantee agrees to assume all of the responsibilities for environmental review, decision making, and actions, as specified and required in regulations issued by the Secretary pursuant to Section 104(g) of Title I and published in 24 CFR Part 58. The Grantee further acknowledges its responsibility for adherence to the Agreement by sub-recipient entities to which it makes funding assistance hereunder available.

|   |  |
|---|--|
| U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (By Name)<br><b>Aaron Gagné</b>                | Grantee Name<br><b>John C. Patterson</b> |
| Title<br><b>Director, Community Planning and Development</b>                                    | Title<br><b>City Manager</b>             |
| Signature<br>  | Date (mm/dd/yyyy)<br><b>10/05/2015</b>   |
| Signature<br> | Date (mm/dd/yyyy)<br><b>10-09-2015</b>   |

|  |  |  |   |        |
|--|--|--|---|--------|
| 7. Category of Title I Assistance for this Funding Action (check only one)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. Entitlement, Sec 106(b)<br><input type="checkbox"/> b. State-Administered, Sec 106(d)(1)<br><input type="checkbox"/> c. HUD-Administered Small Cities, Sec 106(d)(2)(B)<br><input type="checkbox"/> d. Indian CDBG Programs, Sec 106(a)(1)<br><input type="checkbox"/> e. Surplus Urban Renewal Funds, Sec 112(b)<br><input type="checkbox"/> f. Special Purpose Grants, Sec 107<br><input type="checkbox"/> g. Loan Guarantee, Sec 108 | 8. Special Conditions (check one)<br><input type="checkbox"/> None<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attached | 9a. Date HUD Received Submission<br><b>07/27/2015</b>  | 10. check one<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. Orig. Funding Approval<br><input type="checkbox"/> b. Amendment<br>Amendment Number |        |
|  |  | 9b. Date Grantee Notified<br><b>10/05/2015</b>         |   |        |
| 11. Amount of Community Development Block Grant  |  | 9c. Date of Start of Program Year<br><b>07/01/2015</b> |   |        |
|  |  | FY (2015)  | FY ( )  | FY ( ) |
| a. Funds Reserved for this Grantee   |  |  |   |        |
| b. Funds now being Approved  |  | <b>\$272,671</b>                                       |   |        |
| c. Reservation to be Cancelled (11a minus 11b)   |  |  |   |        |

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|---|---|
| 12a. Amount of Loan Guarantee Commitment now being Approved<br><b>N/A</b>   | 12b. Name and complete Address of Public Agency<br><b>N/A</b>               |
| <b>Loan Guarantee Acceptance Provisions for Designated Agencies:</b><br>The public agency hereby accepts the Grant Agreement executed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development on the above date with respect to the above grant number(s) as Grantee designated to receive loan guarantee assistance, and agrees to comply with the terms and conditions of the Agreement, applicable regulations, and other requirements of HUD now or hereafter in effect, pertaining to the assistance provided it. | 12c. Name of Authorized Official for Designated Public Agency<br><b>N/A</b> |
|   | Title<br><b>N/A</b>   |
|   | Signature<br><b>N/A</b>   |

**HUD Accounting use Only**

| Batch | TAC | Program | Y | A | Reg | Area | Document No. | Project Number | Category | Amount | Effective Date (mm/dd/yyyy) | F |
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|       | 176 |         |   |   |     |      |              |                |          |        |                             |   |
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# Casper, City of

## Platte River Revival Project

### Community Enhancement

#### STATUS

Construction

#### DATE OF AWARD

06/19/2014

#### BRC AWARD

\$500,000

#### PROPOSED MATCH

Cash \$450,208

In-Kind \$60,330

#### INFRASTRUCTURE

13.5 Miles Restored  
Riverbank

#### ANTICIPATED COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION

06/30/2016

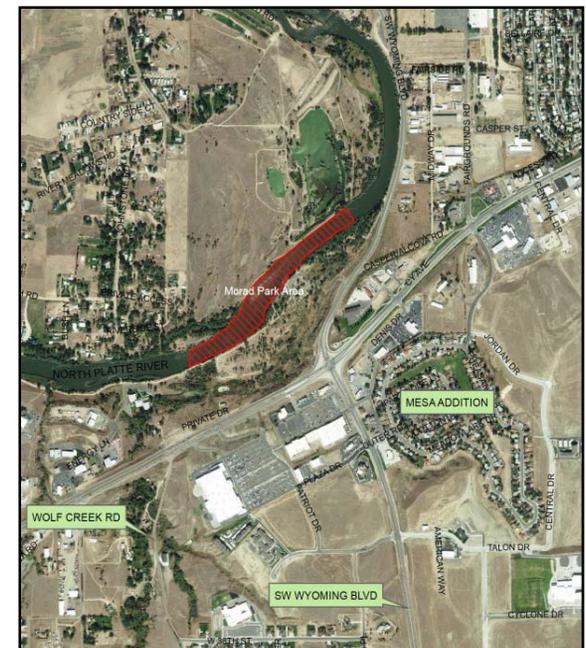
For more information  
about this project, contact  
the Wyoming Business  
Council.

**Project Description:** The city of Casper received a \$500,000 Community Enhancement grant for Phase I of the Platte River Revival. The project is a restoration project for 13.5 miles of the North Platte River and its banks that traverse Casper.

The Two Fly Foundation, a private organization comprised largely of oil and gas related entities, is dedicated to promoting the North Platte as a premier fly fishing venue. It hosts an annual tournament, the proceeds of which assist charities and river rehabilitation projects. In 2006, the Two Fly Foundation and the city of Casper partnered to establish a cleanup day on the North Platte. This public-private partnership has grown to include 18 private companies and organizations and nine governmental agencies working toward the same goal. Annually since 2006, the Platte River Revival Volunteer Day draws over 300 volunteers. They have removed thousands of Russian olives, planted 300 new trees and removed over 1 million pounds of debris. These efforts have revitalized native

vegetation, improved bank stability and enhanced the view of the river corridor.

This grant application was for the Morad Park site, a city owned park. Nearly all strategies and public benefits of the larger project apply to the Morad Park site. Though this is only one portion of the larger project and the first phase, each section can be completed as stand-alone project. The city of Casper will maintain all improvements.





# Casper, City of

## Platte River Revival Phase II

### Community Enhancement

#### **STATUS**

Pending

#### **DATE OF AWARD**

10/01/2015

#### **BRC AWARD**

\$500,000

#### **PROPOSED MATCH**

Cash \$2,615,000

In-Kind \$259,522

#### **INFRASTRUCTURE**

600 Acres Restored

**Project Description:** The city of Casper received a \$500,000 Community Enhancement grant for phase two of the Platte River Revival project. The project is a restoration for 13.5 miles of the North Platte River and its banks that traverse Casper.

This restoration will improve physical, chemical and biological components of the river and downstream waters. At the same time, it will aid in changing the river from an eyesore to an attractive, high value amenity. The improvements will result in increased property values along the river corridor as well as increased commercial development.



For more information about this project, contact the Wyoming Business Council.



# Casper, City of

## Old Yellowstone District Phase II

### Community Readiness

#### STATUS

Construction

#### DATE OF AWARD

01/16/2014

#### BRC AWARD

\$1,000,000

#### PROPOSED MATCH

Cash \$795,076

In-Kind \$237,500

#### INFRASTRUCTURE

12,000 LF Sidewalk

10,500 LF Curb & Gutter

#### ANTICIPATED COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION

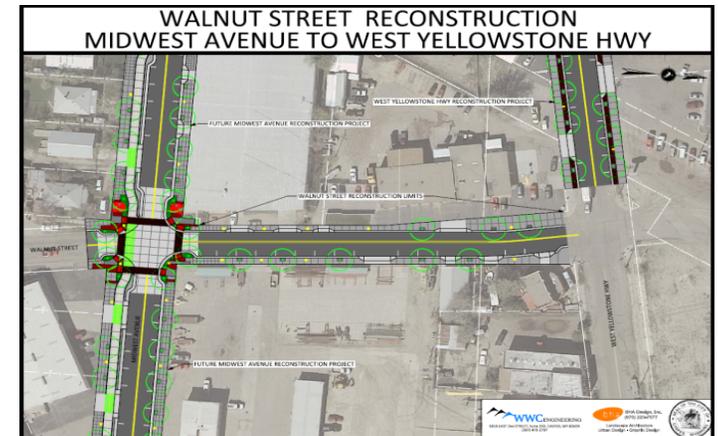
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For more information about this project, contact the Wyoming Business Council.

**Project Description:** The city of Casper received a \$1,000,000 Community Readiness grant for the reconstruction of a two block area along the Yellowstone Highway from Walnut Street to Poplar Street, and Walnut Street from Midwest Avenue to West Yellowstone Highway. The project will include infrastructure upgrades, moving overhead infrastructure underground, street scape improvements including 12,000 square yards of sidewalk with bulb outs at intersections, 10,500 linear feet of curb and gutter, pedestrian and bike lanes, bike racks, trash receptacles, benches, planters and new lighting. The city of Casper will operate and maintain the infrastructure completed with this project.

The awarded project is a small part of a much larger project within the district. The Old Yellowstone District Urban Renewal project consisted of three previous phases. Total cost for the first phase was \$3,427,205, the second phase was \$1,128,757 and cost for the third phase is estimated to be \$250,000. The city is responsible for funding the first three phases.

The current request will fund Phase IV of the overall improvement project.

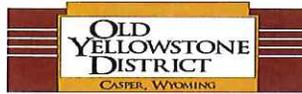


**Appendix D:**  
**Letters of Commitment**  
**From**  
**Community Stakeholders**

**“Old Yellowstone District”**  
**Casper, Wyoming**

**USEPA Brownfield Community-Wide Petroleum  
and Hazardous Materials Assessment Grant**

- 1) Old Yellowstone District Advisory Committee
- 2) Casper Downtown Development Authority
- 3) Platte River Trails Trust
- 4) Wyoming Business Council
- 5) Casper Area Economic Development Alliance
- 6) Montessori School of Casper



Old Yellowstone District Advisory Committee  
November 16, 2016

Dear Mr. McDonald,

As Chairman for the Old Yellowstone District Advisory Committee, I am enthusiastic in providing you with our committee's support for the Brownfields Assessment Grant. Our group was created in 2008 to provide a citizen's perspective into guiding the future of this critical growth area for the City of Casper.

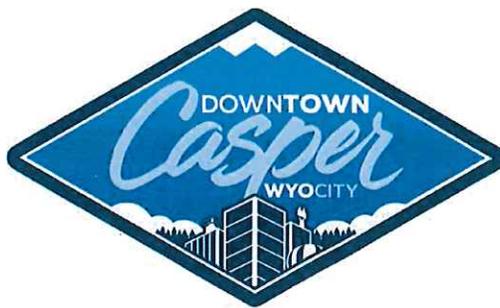
For the past several years, the City leadership, staff, and countless community volunteers have envisioned the redevelopment of the Old Yellowstone District adjacent to downtown Casper. This redevelopment planning effort focuses on establishing a new pattern of land uses and supportive transportation and infrastructure improvements in the approximately 130-acres of the district. Our mission is to help facilitate the successful transformation of the OYD into a mixed-use, mixed-income neighborhood where the people of Casper can live, work and play. We have taken initial steps to nurture the vision, but are in need of additional assistance to help real estate transactions take place. Over the past years, several prospective projects were scrapped due to environmental concerns and a reluctance to even take the first step of analyzing properties.

As a citizen's committee, we represent business owners and property owners in the OYD. We are an active committee who will be engaged in the Brownfield Assessment project and intend to serve as the Grant's Advisory Committee. This means that EPA funds will plug directly into an administrative vehicle that has strong connections with the people, property owners, and businesses in the District. We will also look for strategies to leverage EPA funds with local, state and other federal programs; we recognize that it will take a concerted effort to succeed.

Over the past several months, Casper has been cautiously monitoring economic conditions, noting the significant decrease in sales tax revenues over the past year. Stories of additional job losses ripple through the OYD because as Casper's economy struggles, so do the businesses in our District. Without achieving our vision of creating a vibrant neighborhood, we have little opportunity to diversify our economy, attract new residents, and generate new jobs. For this reason, we request your favorable consideration of Casper's application to help in building a more resilient community rooted in the Old Yellowstone District.

Sincerely,

Monte L. Henrie, Jr.  
Chairman, Old Yellowstone District Advisory Committee  
307-258-0754 and/or [montehenrie@yahoo.com](mailto:montehenrie@yahoo.com).



**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT  
AUTHORITY**

November 25, 2015

Mr. V.H. McDonald  
City Manager  
City of Casper  
200 N. David Street  
Casper, WY 82601

Dear Mr. McDonald:

What an exciting opportunity this is to support the next step in revitalizing the Old Yellowstone District!

As Executive Director for the Casper Downtown Development Authority, I have been working on various projects to help Downtown succeed and view the Brownfields Assessment Grant for the Old Yellowstone District as the logical next step to making Downtown Casper the neighborhood of choice for young professionals, families and empty nesters.

Our organization has been working to locate various public facilities in the core of our community, including a new public library and civic auditorium. We see the opportunity to partner with you to assess the environmental status of area properties as a critical step needed to move these important projects forward. We are also working with the private-sector led Friends of the Plaza to raise funds to build a gathering space that will serve as a common gathering space for the Downtown and Old Yellowstone District. Ultimately, the successful redevelopment of vacant lots in the District will enhance the viability of Downtown Casper.

We plan to be actively engaged in the project, and look forward to pushing out project updates to our members. We also will look to help facilitate meeting locations proximate to the District while serving as a sounding board for key decisions.

We are excited to continue our strong relationship with the City of Casper and request favorable consideration by the EPA of this grant request. Should additional information be necessary, please do not hesitate to contact me at (307) 235-6710 or [ceo@downtowncasper.com](mailto:ceo@downtowncasper.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K-Hawley", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Kevin Hawley  
Executive Director



December 1, 2015

**PLATTE RIVER TRAILS TRUST**  
PO BOX 1228  
CASPER, WY 82602  
307 577-1206

Mr. V.H. McDonald  
Manager, City of Casper  
200 North David Street  
Casper, WY 82601

Dear Mr. McDonald,

**Angela Emery**  
Executive Director

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*Wyoming Game & Fish*  
Richard O'Hearn  
*Natrona County*

The Platte River Trails Trust, is a citizen-led non-profit organization incorporated in 1982 with a mission is to develop a river pathway while preserving the scenic, natural and historic value of the North Platte River. We are dedicated to working with community partners to develop a network of trails that enhances our community's economic vitality and quality of life and improves the environmental quality of the river.

To date, we have created a central thread through the heart of the community along the North Platte River. Our non-profit organization has focused on providing recreational opportunities along the river corridor while encouraging riparian conservation and urban development, including the preservation of an historic building that now serves as a riverside venue for weddings and events (the Tate Pump House Trail Center) and a whitewater park. Over the past 32 years, in partnership with the City of Casper, we have created a riverfront non-motorized trail system that is enjoyed by locals and visitors alike. Our group feels strongly that the river trail is also a vital link between the river corridor and surrounding urban areas. We have seen first-hand the powerful changes that have occurred in our community from our efforts to clean-up the river corridor and riverbed and preserve and protect the habitat along and within the river proper while encouraging re-development of commercial and public spaces along the riverfront.

Because environmental stewardship is one of our core values, we enthusiastically support your application for a Brownfields Assessment Grant from the EPA. By merging the cleanup efforts of abandoned industrial sites in the Old Yellowstone District with our organization's efforts to create more links between the river trail and the Old Yellowstone District, the grant will help us to leverage one of our initiatives to develop bioswales along the flow channels that convey surface runoff to the river.

Trails office:  
1775 West First Street | Casper

Web: [platterivertrails.com](http://platterivertrails.com)  
Email: [platteriver@wyoming.com](mailto:platteriver@wyoming.com)

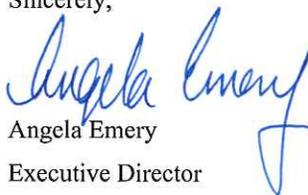
Platte River Trails

We view the revitalization of the Old Yellowstone District, and efforts to connect that area more directly to the river corridor and trail system, as central to enhancing Casper's economic diversification. The Platte River Trails Trust understands the vital link between quality of life, environmental sustainability, and economic development. Further, we feel that providing important quality of life amenities along the riparian corridor will attract a younger and more diverse workforce to help Casper emerge from its roots as a Boom/Bust economy and ultimately make Casper a more resilient community.

We look forward to engaging with the City to lend any resources we can to support this project should the grant be awarded. Additionally, we look forward to the possibility of linking our river cleanup events with any public meetings you might be hosting, as our target audiences will likely overlap. Finally, we commend our valued partner, the City of Casper, for taking this inclusive approach to achieving a more vibrant community.

Should additional information be necessary, please do not hesitate to contact me at, [platteriver@wyoming.com](mailto:platteriver@wyoming.com) or 307-577-1206.

Sincerely,

  
Angela Emery  
Executive Director



November 23, 2015

V.H. McDonald  
City of Casper  
200 N David  
Casper WY 82601

Dear Mr. McDonald,

The Wyoming Business Council's mission is 'Growing a Prosperous Wyoming'. Our job is to combine public and private efforts to build a strong and diversified job base in the new economy with manufacturing and technology as core competencies - while strengthening the existing business and industry groups.

We support the City of Casper's proposal for two USEPA Brownfields Assessment Grants of \$200,000 each, one for Hazardous Substances Assessment and one for Petroleum Assessment, targeted for addressing issues in the Old Yellowstone District (OYD). As a partner to local governments in Wyoming, we have been an active participant in supporting Casper's efforts to revitalize the OYD.

One of the biggest hurdles Wyoming faces is retaining and attracting young professionals. Governor Matt Mead has implemented efforts to bring our brightest back home. For this reason, the Wyoming Grown program seeks to promote the best of what our state has to offer to folks who have roots in the Cowboy State, and to encourage them to return. The revitalization of the OYD will result in the type of unique and vibrant neighborhood that these individuals seek.

Our organization is committed to participating in this revitalization project and anticipate that our strong partnership with the City of Casper will continue as you seek state funding for implementation initiatives over the coming years. We also look forward to participating on the ADVISORY COMMITTEE to help support a brighter future for the Old Yellowstone District and all of Casper.

Additionally, our role as economic developers for the State of Wyoming means that we are regularly in discussions with project developers and employers who are looking to expand. We have the inside track on up and coming corporations and will be a strong ally in helping direct attention to the Old Yellowstone District to spur redevelopment. The Brownfields Redevelopment grant will help us in marketing the potential for investment in the district and the broader Downtown Casper area.

We are excited to partner with the City of Casper and respectfully urge the EPA to fund these grant requests. If more information is needed, please do not hesitate to contact me at 307-577-6012.

Sincerely,

Kim Rightmer  
East/Central Regional Director



Mr. V.H. McDonald  
City Manager, City of Casper  
200 N. David Street  
Casper, WY 82601

December 11, 2015

Dear Mr. McDonald,

Thank you for your initiative in pursuing this EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant. Our organization, the Casper Area Economic Development Alliance (or CAEDA) has seen the benefit firsthand that converting former brownfield sites into productive job centers can have in advancing Casper's economic vitality. We have watched as the Amoco Refinery has transformed into an economic development show piece, including our business incubator, the Wyoming Business Technology Center – Casper Area. CAEDA assists companies who are relocating, expanding or starting a business in Casper achieve success by providing economic data and coordinating partnerships among private businesses and government to leverage local economic development initiatives.

In partnering with the AMOCO Reuse Agreement Joint Powers Board (ARAJPB) we received two grants from the Wyoming Business Council to create the Casper Area Business Innovation Center: a \$1.5 million Community Readiness grant, and a \$3 million Business Committed grant. These funds were used to renovate and remodel the old AMOCO administration building and constructed a 30,000 square foot addition to establish a mixed-use business incubator; supporting development of start-up and growth of early-stage companies.

We are also familiar with wrapping other federal grants into community development initiatives. The Wyoming Technology Business Center received \$2 million dollars from the Economic Development Administration, \$500,000 from the Housing and Urban Development Administration and over \$3 million in public and private donations. The University of Wyoming manages the facility and has experienced great success with approximately 70% of the building occupied by clients and tenants.

We see similar potential for the Old Yellowstone District. While it is located outside of the original Amoco Refinery Site, this area of Casper has experienced significant distress with the closure of the refinery. Yet, the City of Casper's vision and ongoing support to revitalize the area provides CAEDA with an opportunity to attract and retain a new and diverse employment base to the community.

CAEDA supports the City of Casper's proposal for EPA Brownfields Assessment Grants of \$200,000 each, for Hazardous Substances Assessment and for Petroleum Assessment, targeted to address issues in the Old Yellowstone District. We are committed to facilitating partnerships that will lead to increased employment and economic investment in Casper and look forward to participating on any committees that will help to shape this project. This assistance includes providing information to our members so that the business community in Casper is aware of the project and how they can participate. Additionally, the proximity of the Platte River Commons project to the OYD may provide opportunities to share meeting space in the Wyoming Technology Business Center should the need arise.

Thank you for initiating this grant application and we sincerely hope the EPA will favorably review this request and fund the project for the full \$400,000 award.

Sincerely,



Bill Edwards  
President and CEO



Christopher Lorenzen  
CAEDA Board Chairman



P.O. Box 684 ■ Casper, WY 82602 ■ 265.0249 ■ [montessoriofcasper.com](http://montessoriofcasper.com)

Montessori School of Casper  
417 S. Elm St.  
Casper, WY 82601

December 8, 2015

Dear V.H. McDonald,

The Montessori School of Casper provides for an educational environment where children are free to explore areas of interest in a calm environment thereby becoming self-motivated and taking ownership of their own education. Based upon the research of Dr. Maria Montessori, the philosophy is based upon the premise that children develop themselves according to what is in their environment.

This tenant is why we are strong supporters of the Old Yellowstone District application for an EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant. Founded in 1975, we recently constructed our new facility in the OYD on Elm Street. And just like Dr. Montessori believes that education should be about uncovering children's "unique potential", we see the same opportunities unfolding before us as the neighborhood around us emerges through revitalization.

Although the Old Yellowstone District might not typically fit what you think of when siting a new school location, we saw the importance and value of supporting community change through our actions and words. We understand that our students absorb information from the environment around them and wish to help them explore new skills.

As a typical part of our curriculum, we address environmental issues, including providing students with information about the world around them. We see opportunities to work with the City to include discussions about the restoration of the neighborhood during our annual Arbor Day lesson or Earth Day lessons. We see this as a great opportunity for the students to return home with information about how our neighborhood is changing and improving.

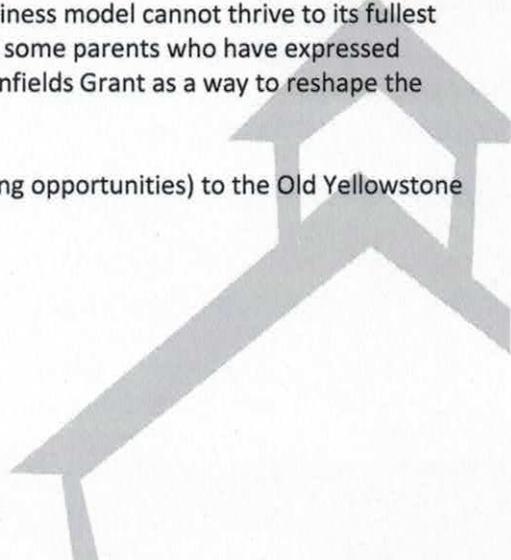
From a more technical perspective, it is critical for the Montessori School's future success to see redevelopment take place. While our school offers a unique and sought after curriculum, our business model cannot thrive to its fullest extent absent revitalization of the neighborhood. We have also experienced some parents who have expressed concern regarding the industrial uses adjoining the school. We see the Brownfields Grant as a way to reshape the neighborhood into an even greater learning environment.

We are excited to partner with the City of Casper to bring change (and learning opportunities) to the Old Yellowstone District and respectfully urge the EPA to fund your grant request.

Sincerely,

Deborah J. Savini  
Administrator  
Montessori School of Casper

Nurturing a Love of Learning to Last a Lifetime



**Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**

\* 1. Type of Submission:

- Preapplication  
 Application  
 Changed/Corrected Application

\* 2. Type of Application:

- New  
 Continuation  
 Revision

\* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):

\* Other (Specify):

\* 3. Date Received:

12/15/2015

4. Applicant Identifier:

City of Casper, WY

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

**State Use Only:**

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

**8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:**

\* a. Legal Name:

City of Casper, WY

\* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):

83-6000049

\* c. Organizational DUNS:

1527201400000

**d. Address:**

\* Street1:

200 North David Street

Street2:

\* City:

Casper

County/Parish:

\* State:

WY: Wyoming

Province:

\* Country:

USA: UNITED STATES

\* Zip / Postal Code:

82601-1815

**e. Organizational Unit:**

Department Name:

Community Development

Division Name:

**f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:**

Prefix:

\* First Name:

Liz

Middle Name:

\* Last Name:

Becher

Suffix:

Title:

Community Development Director

Organizational Affiliation:

City of Casper

\* Telephone Number:

(307) 235-8241

Fax Number:

(307) 235-8362

\* Email:

lbecher@cityofcasperwy.com

**Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**

**\* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:**

C: City or Township Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

\* Other (specify):

**\* 10. Name of Federal Agency:**

Environmental Protection Agency

**11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:**

66.818

CFDA Title:

Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Cooperative Agreements

**\* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

EPA-OSWER-OBLR-15-04

\* Title:

FY16 Guidelines for Brownfields Assessment Grants

**13. Competition Identification Number:**

Title:

**14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):**

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**\* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

The Petroleum and Hazardous Materials funds will support brownfield redevelopment in our Old Yellowstone District to reduce threats of resident's health and improve access to economic stability.

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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**Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**

**16. Congressional Districts Of:**

\* a. Applicant

\* b. Program/Project

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

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**17. Proposed Project:**

\* a. Start Date:

\* b. End Date:

**18. Estimated Funding (\$):**

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**\* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on

b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.

c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

**\* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**

Yes  No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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**21. \*By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications\*\* and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances\*\* and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)**

\*\* I AGREE

\*\* The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

**Authorized Representative:**

Prefix:  \* First Name:

Middle Name:

\* Last Name:

Suffix:

\* Title:

\* Telephone Number:  Fax Number:

\* Email:

\* Signature of Authorized Representative:  \* Date Signed: