

LEDA does not recommend funding any of the applications for the current quarter.

Below is a summary each applicant's request for the quarter.

Salt-Taco & Tequila Bar

Renovation of a deteriorated downtown building in order to create a new restaurant concept and further beautify Lander's Main Street, ultimately employing 12-20 people.

Benessere Clinic

New Cutting Edge Equipment- Benessere Clinic is a premier aesthetic medical spa with two locations in Fremont County. Lander, established in 2017, and Riverton in 2019, play a pivotal role in providing aesthetic services to the local community and Central Wyoming. To further expand capabilities and improve treatment outcomes, the clinic aims to acquire four cutting-edge medical devices: the Alma Opus Fractional Laser, the Diamond Glow device by Allergan, a Pro-Nox Delivery System, and the Avi Clear Acne Device by Cutera. These state-of-the-art devices will enable the clinic to offer innovative and effective treatments, leading to employee retention, increased skills, higher wage-earning potential for staff, and the creation of a new part-time esthetician position. This endeavor aligns with Benessere Clinic's mission to help individuals feel good, look good, and get more out of life by enhancing their physical and psychological health.

Grand Marquee Renovation

This project will renovate the Grand Theater Marquee by the sign company taking down the two current cabinets of the marquee and manufacturing two new cabinets with LED illumination, polycarbonate faces with cut vinyl "Theater" graphics with new neon arrows and new marquee letters.

Lander Performing Arts

Increasing Event Success: If successfully granted funding from this grant (\$18,250), would be used to provide crucial support for half of the base cost of the 2023/2024 season lineup's success. This funding will have a significant impact on LPA's financial outlook as it allows us to redirect internal resources that were initially allocated to cover baseline event costs. Instead, our paid employee's efforts will be laser-focused on targeting long-term marketing campaigns, cultivating sustainable community partnerships, and diversifying revenue streams. The Wyoming Business Council estimated that every dollar in additional sales in the creative and cultural sector generates an additional 44 cents in the economy from other businesses. This ripple effect will serve as a catalyst for expanding our offerings in the future and elevating LPA's overall economic impact. Our ultimate goal is to grow from four shows to six by the 2024-2025 season, thereby increasing our reach and engaging a broader audience. By leveraging the grant to bolster event success and establishing sustainable revenue streams, we position LPA for long-term financial benefits.

Capital Improvements 228 Main

Capital improvements at 228 Main Street are needed to protect and revitalize a building that has survived over 100 years of wear and tear. Most urgent is replacement of the roof, including and removal or replacement of the large uninsulated clerestory structure that is disintegrating. The expense of re-roofing has undoubtedly caused previous owners to put off the job, but patching will no longer solve the problem. A related issue is the two large trees growing against the back wall of the building. They overhang the roof and are growing around the powerlines serving 228 and at least one neighboring building. To remove the trees, various utility companies will have to be involved, the fence around the patio will have to come down, and neighbors will have to agree to the disruption.

Hub for Conservation & Nonprofit

The Wyoming Outdoor Council is in the process of building its 'forever home' in Lander and is requesting support from the LIFT program in part to support its meeting space that will be available to nonprofits in Lander. As Wyoming's oldest, independent, Lander-based conservation organization, our success has depended on two things: our capacity to attract and keep the most effective advocacy staff to work toward our conservation mission; and our ability to bring people together to find solutions to the conservation threats facing our state today. This new building will support both goals while also providing free meeting space for our nonprofit colleagues in Lander and Wyoming at large. This increase in capacity for staff and ability to host partner meetings and summits will lead to increased payroll as well as hotel stays, gas tax, and investment in local businesses by meeting and summit guests. Additionally, it will reduce the cost burden many nonprofits face when seeking to rent meeting and/or small event space.

As a nonprofit organization with a long history in Lander, we know firsthand how difficult it is to find an affordable/free meeting space that can accommodate a range of technological, accessibility, size, timing, food prep, and other needs. We hear regularly from other groups and individuals about their frustration at not having a sufficient "right-sized" space to hold meetings. While there are a handful of venues throughout the community that provide some support—the Community Center, for example, can accommodate food prep and many people, but is not affordable for some groups; the library, while affordable, can't always accommodate after-hours meetings and is not a good option when groups need to serve food and wash dishes—there are very few if any spaces that hit the sweet spot for what the majority of nonprofits and clubs need for meetings. This meeting space works to address that gap in service by providing free, well resourced meeting space for the nonprofit sector in Lander and Wyoming at large.

The Wyoming Outdoor Council's security system will allow us to provide a unique code for users to access the space after hours. Our ideal reservation system will allow groups to create an account, sign a simple waiver and user agreement, be approved for booking, and then access meeting space availability online. We will also have a staff person to help groups manually reserve the space if needed. We'll be available to provide an overview for technology in the meeting rooms as well as written documentation for after-hours help. The technology that we are planning on using will be fairly intuitive, and our current plan is for the Outdoor Council to take responsibility for accidental technology damage. If that becomes an issue in the future we may consider requiring a deposit for the use of more expensive components.

We'll start small and work out any issues by advertising with groups we partner with already. Then we'll expand availability through an announcement with the Lander Community Foundation as well as the Lander Library. All nonprofits that provide services to the community will be welcome to meet in the space. Our liability insurance will cover meeting attendees as long as groups sign the required waiver.

Onsite Laundry & Showers

Renovation of the outside of the entire building with new siding and awning with the installation of a commercial laundromat and shower stalls at 680 Main street.