

| Half-Cent Community Suggestion Forms       |            |                |
|--------------------------------------------|------------|----------------|
|                                            |            |                |
| Suggestion Topic                           | # mentions | % of mention   |
| Air Service                                | 13         | 18.31%         |
| Ground Transportation                      | 1          | 1.41%          |
| Economic Development Fund                  | 2          | 2.82%          |
| Swimming Pool                              | 23         | 32.39%         |
| Splash Park/Outdoor Pool/Outdoor Waterpark | 3          | 4.23%          |
| Recreation Center                          | 2          | 2.82%          |
| Softball Complex                           | 1          | 1.41%          |
| Park Improvements                          | 1          | 1.41%          |
| Rodeo                                      | 1          | 1.41%          |
| Golf Course                                | 2          | 2.82%          |
| Pathways                                   | 1          | 1.41%          |
| Movie Theater                              | 1          | 1.41%          |
| Outdoor Recreation                         | 3          | 4.23%          |
| Indoor Pickleball                          | 1          | 1.41%          |
| Senior Center                              | 1          | 1.41%          |
| Downtown Corridor                          | 3          | 4.23%          |
| Fire Department                            | 4          | 5.63%          |
| Infrastructure (Roads, Water, Sewer)       | 1          | 1.41%          |
| Housing                                    | 2          | 2.82%          |
| Learning Resource Library                  | 2          | 2.82%          |
| Alcohol Education                          | 1          | 1.41%          |
| Medical Care                               | 2          | 2.82%          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                               | <b>71</b>  | <b>100.00%</b> |
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| Air Service                                | 13         | 18.31%         |
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| Economic Development Fund                  | 2          | 2.82%          |
| Recreation                                 | 43         | 60.56%         |
| Fire Department                            | 4          | 5.63%          |
| Infrastructure (Roads, Water, Sewer)       | 1          | 1.41%          |
| Housing                                    | 2          | 2.82%          |
| Medical/Social Services                    | 5          | 7.04%          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                               | <b>71</b>  | <b>100.00%</b> |



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## Support for the Riverton Airport

1 message

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Amy Andersen [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Sep 16, 2026 at 11:35 PM

To: cityhall@landerwy.gov

Good morning,

I'm writing to register my support for continued funding from the City of Lander for the Riverton Airport service. This service connects Fremont County to the world. I fly at least once a month for a variety of reasons. I've done so for the last 36 years. I initiate my travel through the Riverton airport because it's close, convenient and, thanks to many years of effort by local leaders including Mayor White, it has once again become a reliable option.

I travel for my own medical care. I travel to manage my mother's care in Minnesota (she's in assisted living-she had to leave WY). I travel for pleasure. I travel for conferences and meetings related to my work with the Trillium Family Foundation which over the past 23 years has granted over \$1.7 million to local Lander programs and projects including the Lander Community Center, the City Skatepark, the new Chamber of Commerce building, the Lander Community Foundation and other non-profits in the city. My board members--4 in Fremont County, 4 in Minneapolis/St Paul--also depend on the Riverton airport as they travel for meetings both here and in the Twin Cities.

The community of Lander has clearly communicated its support for accessible air service during the most recent primary election, with 6 out of 6 Lander precincts supporting the 3/4 Cent initiative for ambulance, air service and ground transportation. These are essential services.

As we are looking to create an appealing, amenity-rich community and draw more families to Lander, as we are trying to encourage businesses and economic development in the county, it just doesn't make sense to discontinue support for this vital connection. Many, many local folks and businesses already depend on the Riverton Airport. I urge you all to consider the serious negative impacts of losing this valuable service. How much local revenue will be lost if we decline to invest the (estimated) \$275,000 at this point to support the airport?

Thanks for your time and consideration,

Amy

Amy Andersen  
[110 Carpenter Road](#)  
[Lander, WY 82520](#)



----- Forwarded message -----

From: [REDACTED] >

Date: Thu, Sep 3, 2026 at 2:42 PM

Subject: Unspent 1/2-cent Economic Development Monies

To: Missy White <[mwhite@landerwyoming.org](mailto:mwhite@landerwyoming.org)>, Josh Hahn <[jhahn@landerwyoming.org](mailto:jhahn@landerwyoming.org)>, Dan Hahn <[dhahn@landerwyoming.org](mailto:dhahn@landerwyoming.org)>, Chad Cassady <[ccassady@landerwyoming.org](mailto:ccassady@landerwyoming.org)>, Julia Stuble <[jstuble@landerwyoming.org](mailto:jstuble@landerwyoming.org)>, John Larsen <[jlarsen@landerwyoming.org](mailto:jlarsen@landerwyoming.org)>, Melinda Cox <[mcox@landerwyoming.org](mailto:mcox@landerwyoming.org)>  
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Years ago the City of Lander and School District #1 entered into an agreement to build/maintain/share a pool that has since developed into an aquatics center known to produce Olympic caliber swimmers.

Without going into all the details that most folks should know by now, the City of Lander backed out of that agreement, leaving the School District and, by association, the pool, those Olympic caliber swimmers, and Bruce Gresley's legacy, in the lurch.

As a taxpayer, the group to whom the money belongs, I believe that the pool should receive the entire \$960,680.00 of the remaining 1/2-cent economic development optional sales tax money. This can serve as restored funding and punitive compensation for the betrayal by the city regarding the original agreement. The greed of the private entities circling overhead for yet another piece of the taxpayer pie is astounding and shameless, especially under these circumstances.

C Cline, Forward Fremont County, has a lot of the "facts" confused - intentionally, I would suspect - or misunderstood, as this remaining optional sales tax has nothing to do with the recently passed 3/4-cent optional sales tax. The "essential services" did receive their share of the 1/2-cent during its tenure, as the municipalities chose not to distribute, as was their right under the ballot language. (\*Ever notice how language can be interpreted a myriad of ways when someone wants something?) The City of Lander was more interested in murals, low paying job development and, of course, parties. The voters killed that 1/2-cent optional economic development initiative when the \$45K went out the door. That door was then closed to the "essential services" in that round of taxpayer largesse. They had to move to the "back of the bus."

Unlike murals and a \$45K gift to a multi-million dollar tax exempt non-profit for a party, as well as many other questionable distributions, the pool is an obvious and unquestionable revenue generating machine. I once counted 28 buses in Lander for a swim meet. They were at our hotels, our restaurants, our grocery stores, and our gas stations. With them, of course, were all of the entourage carrying parents, friends and other dedicated "swim team groupies," all spending money in our community. That is what real economic development looks like.

Considering how the 1/2-cent funds were distributed over its life, I find Missy White's comment: "One of the questions I would encourage us all to think about is staying close to fidelity to the original ballot language\* and what that looks like . . ." (Asterisk added.) That ballot language has been so corrupted over the life of the 1/2-cent, to justify questionable distributions, that councilmember Julia Stuble, on defense and on the record, once stated that the city council had the authority, under the ballot language no less, to determine what economic development was.

This is a no brainer. No one has to invent an economic category to justify distributing the remaining 1/2-cent economic development funds to the pool. The positive impact, without even looking at the numbers, is too obvious to ignore. Looking at the numbers would probably shock us all with its magnitude.

Give ALL the money to the pool in a manner that requires investment first, to grow that fund into the future to provide some operating security, with some approved latitude to carefully manage, maintain, repair, and improve the facilities over the course of time while the money grows.

This is how I want my tax dollars invested: into a real and unquestionable economic development venture. Private entities who cannot balance their own books should not even be on the council's radar (show us the financials!!).

Making amends and restoring the pool agreement will also help to restore the credibility of the City of Lander government, which is at an all time low.

Kathleen Averill

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Name: Melissa L. Bautz

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Project or funding suggestion:

I suggest that the \$1M remaining funds from the ½ % Economic Development Tax from 2020 be used to fund the Lander swimming pool. I propose that 100% of the funds to be used for this purpose.

Please explain how your suggestion aligns with the ballot language above:

The swimming pool has numerous full-time + part-time employees of varying ages, including youth. The fees collected by the pool provide money to the community. Additionally, having a functional pool enables swim meets to be held in Lander. The out-of-town visitors who attend swim meets buy food + pay for lodging in Lander.

Estimated Cost (if known): \$1,000,000 (est.)

**Thank you for sharing your ideas and helping the City of Lander gather community input on the use of these remaining funds.**

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From: Kelsey Beck

Date: Thu, Sep 3, 2026 at 5:23 PM

Subject: Investing 1/2% Funds Back Into Lander's Community Facilities

To: [dhahn@landerwy.gov](mailto:dhahn@landerwy.gov) <[dhahn@landerwy.gov](mailto:dhahn@landerwy.gov)>, [jhahn@landerwy.gov](mailto:jhahn@landerwy.gov) <[jhahn@landerwy.gov](mailto:jhahn@landerwy.gov)>, [ccassady@landerwy.gov](mailto:ccassady@landerwy.gov) <[ccassady@landerwy.gov](mailto:ccassady@landerwy.gov)>, [jstuble@landerwy.gov](mailto:jstuble@landerwy.gov) <[jstuble@landerwy.gov](mailto:jstuble@landerwy.gov)>, [jlarsen@landerwy.gov](mailto:jlarsen@landerwy.gov) <[jlarsen@landerwy.gov](mailto:jlarsen@landerwy.gov)>, <[mcox@landerwy.gov](mailto:mcox@landerwy.gov)>

Cc: <[mwhite@landerwy.gov](mailto:mwhite@landerwy.gov)>

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

As you consider how to allocate Lander's share of the 1/2% tax funding, I would encourage the Council to prioritize investments that directly improve community facilities, recreation, and quality of life for Lander residents.

With the recent passage of the 3/4% tax, which will provide funding for airport and transportation-related needs, I hope the Council will be cautious about using additional tax dollars for many of those same purposes. Rather than effectively "double dipping" into two funding sources for transportation infrastructure, this seems like an opportunity to make meaningful investments in Lander itself, particularly projects residents and families can see, use, and benefit from every day.

A few opportunities I hope you will consider include:

- **Invest in the Lander swimming pool and its infrastructure.** The pool is an important community asset serving children, families, schools, recreation programs, and residents of all ages. Investing now in its long-term viability could protect and improve a facility the community already values and uses.
- **Improve the softball complex playground and public facilities.** The playground and parking area could use significant improvements. Upgrading this space would benefit not only softball families but the broader public and could make the entire complex a more welcoming community recreation area.
- **Repurpose the existing concrete slab near LVHS and the small soccer field.** Rather than allowing an existing piece of infrastructure to remain underutilized, the slab could potentially be rehabilitated into **public restroom facilities or a covered pavilion with picnic tables.** A pavilion could serve soccer and recreation users while also providing LVHS teachers with an outdoor classroom and gathering space. See picture below for reference.



- **Use these dollars as leverage for a larger recreation facility.** Setting aside local funds could make Lander more competitive for grants, private contributions, foundation funding, and other outside resources. A long-term recreation facility could potentially be explored behind the existing pool or as part of the future redevelopment of the North Elementary property.

I recognize there are many competing needs and limited dollars. However, I hope the Council considers the value of using this funding for projects that create a visible, lasting benefit for Lander residents and can potentially leverage additional outside investment.

Transportation infrastructure is important, but we also need to invest in the places that make people want to live, raise families, recreate, and stay in Lander. Our pool, parks, playgrounds, athletic facilities, and community gathering spaces are infrastructure too.

Thank you for considering these ideas and for the time you put into making these funding decisions for our community.

~ Kelsey Beck



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## Support RIW Airport

1 message

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**Rich Brame** [REDACTED] >  
To: "cityhall@landerwy.gov" <cityhall@landerwy.gov>

Wed, Sep 16, 2026 at 10:59 PM

Dear Lander City Council:

Please use the recently approved 3/4 cent tax money to support county-wide transportation services, particularly including the Riverton Airport's function and viability.

My family and I fly in/out of RIW at least a dozen times per year for work and pleasure. RIW is a key piece of local economic development- what businesses would move or stay in Fremont County if their people and families can't reasonably fly in/out?

Remember the bad old days when Riverton was barely serviced? It was a huge burden to tap Rock Springs, or Casper that caused increased expenses and untold logistical heartache for traveling Fremont County citizens. I'm sure those other cities were thrilled to have our travel dollars and ridership.

Please use the voter-approved 3/4 cent tax funds to support the needs as described on the ballot and particularly for the survival and improvement of the Riverton Airport.

Happy to discuss further.

Sincerely,

Rich Brame

MOBILE: + [REDACTED]

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Name: Carol Campbell

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Project or funding suggestion: The Lander Community Swimming Pool (Bruce Gresley Aquatic Center). It certainly supports our community by bringing in events + people who spend money. Also, perhaps, building a water cooling "spray park."

Please explain how your suggestion aligns with the ballot language above: \_\_\_\_\_

Both would bring out of town folks to Lander to enjoy our community and spend money — for lodging, eating + other shopping opportunities

Estimated Cost (if known): ?

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Name: Bralli Clifford Clovis Investments LLC

Phone: [REDACTED]

Project or funding suggestion: Replace failings roofs at 175 and 185 Custer Street, on a 16 unit apartment complex plus the shared laundry facility in Lander (3 buildings). The current roofs have reached the end of their service life, and replacement is needed to keep these units safe, dry, and rentable. Estimated cost is \$60,000, requested in full from the residual 1/2 Percent Economic Development Fund. These dollars would go directly to a Wyoming-based (Lander) roofing contractor and material supplies, putting the full amount back into the local economy.

Please explain how your suggestion aligns with the ballot language above: The project supports the fund's stated purpose-retaining employment and generating a net gain of money into the community-in two direct ways: 1. Retains local workforce housing. These 16 units house working residents employed in and around Lander. 2. Keeps the spending local. A \$60,000 roofing project is 100% labor and materials - money that flows straight into a Lander contractor and supplier, generating a direct net economic gain.

Estimated Cost (if known): \$60,000.00

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Wed, Sep 2, 2026 at 10:47 AM Kim Collins <[REDACTED]> wrote:

I would like to give the Lander City Council a couple of recommendations on how to spend the overflow money from the 1/2 cent tax.

I strongly would like to see the money spent on the Lander Swimming pool. I find it embarrassing that the city hasn't held up their obligation in several years to the swimming pool.

Swimming is such a lifelong valued skill. I wish the swimming pool would have been in Lander when I was growing up here. We did have the outside pool but it was only open a few months in the summer. To me it doesn't matter that the school has control of the pool it still benefits Lander residents.

Please consider giving a large portion of the money to the swimming pool \$25,000.00 that was just given to them isn't even a bandaid fix.

The other proposal that I would like to see happen is please bring the caboose back to the park it was originally in. It would be great if the city turned the old train depot into a Lander History center. I am a 6th generation Landerite and I would like to see more about the history of Lander in a display at the train depot. I remember the train very well and it was such a big part of Lander.

I am against giving any of the money to WRTA or The Riverton Airport. Lander needs to spend this money in Lander. This is a chance to make it right with the community.

Thank you for the chance to have a voice for Lander.

Kim Collins  
[REDACTED]

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Name: Kathleen Crain  
Phone: [REDACTED]  
Email: [REDACTED]

Project or funding suggestion: Without any doubt, it is obvious that the remaining funds should be used to update our pool and pay for staff - including lifeguards. The ceiling is falling apart and locker rooms need to be updated. This would also pay for the maintenance of the pool. Our swim program has proven its value - 30 State Championships. This pool also serves seniors, young children, etc. Swimming is a very important life skill.

Please explain how your suggestion aligns with the ballot language above:

The pool brings an economic boost to our community through hosting swim meets and people of all ages & throughout the county that use our pool. The pool also is a means of employment for staff. Families move to Lander to participate in our swimming program.

Estimated Cost (if known): Don't know what it would cost as I don't

Thank you for sharing your ideas and helping the City of Lander gather community input on the use of these remaining funds. know all the updates that are needed for the pool & salaries for staff.

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Name: Justin Dellinger

Phone:

Project or funding suggestion:

Please explain how your suggestion aligns with the ballot language above: As is well known the city has not held up their end of the agreement with the aquatic center. However, the folks at the aquatic center continue to help many kids realize their full potential if they put in the hard work towards achieving a goal. Additionally, funding the aquatic center will help the coaches and lifeguards retain their employment. Lastly, with all the events the aquatic center hosts, maintaining it only encourages its continued use which inherently benefits all the small businesses in town.

Estimated Cost (if known): 1,000,000

**Thank you for sharing your ideas and helping the City of Lander gather community input on the use of these remaining funds.**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** September 7, 2026 at 8:44:48 PM MDT  
**To:** [ccassady@landerwy.gov](mailto:ccassady@landerwy.gov)  
**Subject:** 1/2 cents

Chad, please do not spend the ½ on WRTA or air service! They have had their share.

Help LOTR lander Old Timers Rodeo. Make a place of community pride again. It will bring in revenue

Help swimming pool /aquatic center Figure it out so it is once again affordable for families.

There are lots of great ideas out there rather than subsidizing private for profit companies.

Thank you for serving!

Juanita Duncan Doug Duncan  
[710 Robbies View](#)  
[Lander Wy 82520](#)

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Project or funding suggestion:

Please financially support the air service available at Central Wyoming Regional Airport. The City of Lander has been in good company with Riverton General Fund, EDGE, and MOVE in understanding that an investment in air transportation is an investment in all of Fremont County.

Lander residents clearly support air service. In 2024, five of the six precincts in Lander repassed support for air service. Clearly, Lander citizens understand and believe in air service. All 6 Lander precincts voted for the 3/4 cent, demonstrating support for air service, ambulance, and ground transportation. The funds have already been collected and are held by Lander that will not burden residents.

Please explain how your suggestion aligns with the ballot language above:

During this year alone, I have used the flights multiple times per year to access medical care, assisting aging and infirm family members, visiting our daughter, and attending work conferences. However, air service is not just about making Lander a liveable community for me; it is also a strong economic investment. For every \$1 of revenue invested in air services, it returns almost \$4. Air service makes businesses such as Maven and NOLS feasible. Air service brings in healthcare expertise. Air service connects Lander citizens to the world.

Estimated Cost (if known): \$275,000

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Name: Marilyn Fisher

Phone:

Project or funding suggestion: Invest in our local golf course! Please consider a portion of the sales tax funds for improving and beautifying the grounds, landscaping, and playing conditions. While we have one of the most scenic locations for a golf course, we are known statewide as having one of the worst conditions. Attached are pictures of a green, fairway, and tee box in July of this year (it's a bit better now, but the season is almost over!). Few non-residents would choose to pay to play a course like this.

Please explain how your suggestion aligns with the ballot language above: A well-maintained course would encourage greater participation by local residents of all ages, including youth, families, and seniors. This would definitely enhance the quality of life for ages 5 to 95! Having a quality course would certainly cause tourists to stay another day, and would create opportunities to host state level tournaments that bring hundreds of visiting golfers and their families to Lander to stay for 3 or 4 days.

Estimated Cost (if known): Management could provide a priority list - the need is extensive!

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Name: Travis Foutz

Phone: [REDACTED]

Project or funding suggestion:

I think a significant portion should be used to fund the pool. While a long term funding and operating solution that doesn't involve the city or the school district is likely the best option the pool requires help in the short term. Stabilizing the pool's finances for a couple years will give the community enough time to come up with funding solutions independent of the city and FCSD#1, like fundraising and program grants. For this to work the city must give enough so that the pool can be operated as a community pool rather than just a district one. Also, with a substantial enough contribution the city can enter into an agreement with the school district that ensures public access.

Please explain how your suggestion aligns with the ballot language above:

Based on FCSD#1's budget report approximately \$330,000 of the pool budget is for payroll. Not only are all of these jobs local but the vast majority of the money is spent in the local economy. The money is spent at grocery stores, daycares, car dealerships, and other local businesses. Payroll is around 70% of the pool budget and it is almost entirely a local investment, not only in the money that is spent but in the local residents that work there. Much of the remaining pool budget is paid to local contractors for repair and maintenance as well as local stores for supplies.

Estimated Cost (if known): \$300,000-\$500,000

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Jeff Fowler MD

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Project or funding suggestion:

I support funding Airservice out of Riverton. I use it regularly for Business travel. It make growth here more attractive to

Please explain how your suggestion aligns with the ballot language above:

Have service. Also many people rely on it for business & travel from Lander. It brings more tourism, it also helps my

Estimated Cost (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

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medical Practice

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Name: Therese Fowler  
Phone: [REDACTED]  
Email: [REDACTED]

Project or funding suggestion:

I strongly support funding for the Riverton airport as  
a Lander resident.

We use the Riverton airport several times a year for  
medical appointments, work commitments, visits to family  
and leisure travel. Riverton Riverton Airport makes living  
in a small remote town in Wyoming doable.

Estimated Cost (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: Jesse Grosinger

Phone: [REDACTED]

Project or funding suggestion: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please explain how your suggestion aligns with the ballot language above: \_\_\_\_\_

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Estimated Cost (if known): All

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I believe the City should establish a dedicated economic development investment fund with strong legal protections for its principal. These are public dollars collected for a specific voter-approved purpose, and they should be accounted for and protected accordingly. The principal should remain invested rather than becoming another source of routine spending, while the earnings remain within the fund and are used only for projects that meet the established definition of economic development, including projects that retain or increase employment or result in a net gain of money into our community.

This protection is about both fiscal responsibility and public trust. A future Council should not be able to casually redirect these funds simply because another budget becomes difficult. The City should establish the fund through an appropriate ordinance, with clear restrictions, separate accounting, defined eligible uses, and regular public reporting. We should also have the City Attorney determine what additional legal mechanism is necessary to give the principal the strongest protection allowed under Wyoming law. If we are asking residents to invest in Lander's economic future, we should build safeguards that ensure those dollars continue working for that purpose for generations rather than being consumed in a few budget cycles.

1. **Creating an investment fund fits the ballot's use of “manage and invest.”** Rather than immediately spending Lander's allocation, the City could pursue a policy of preserving capital and generating investment income. The ballot does not require the municipality to immediately expend its entire allocation.
2. **Protecting the principal strengthens the sustainability argument.** The ballot gives municipalities discretion to manage their economic-development allocation. Your proposal adds a Council policy that the principal would be preserved, allowing the fund to become a long-term community asset rather than a series of one-time expenditures. Wyoming's distribution statute confirms that revenues from this particular economic-development tax are distributed to the county, cities, and towns for deposit into their respective treasuries.
3. **The earnings still need to serve economic development.** This is the important limitation. Infrastructure could qualify when it supports employment, business activity, visitor spending, or otherwise produces a net economic gain. Likewise, an event could qualify when it demonstrably brings outside spending into Lander or supports employment. But the phrase **“other needs of the community” is probably too broad** because the ballot did not authorize the tax as unrestricted general-purpose revenue



Anne Even <aeven@landerwy.gov>

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**Fwd: unspent 1/2% funds**

1 message

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**Chad Cassady** <ccassady@landerwy.gov>  
To: Anne Even <aeven@landerwy.gov>

Fri, Sep 18, 2026 at 1:15 PM

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Janelle Hahn [REDACTED]  
**Date:** August 27, 2026 at 8:19:58 AM MDT  
**To:** Missy White <mwhite@landerwy.gov>, jhahn@landerwy.gov, Daniel Hahn <dhahn@landerwy.gov>, Chad Cassady <ccassady@landerwy.gov>, Julia Stuble <jstuble@landerwy.gov>, jlarsen@landerwy.gov, Melinda Cox <mcox@landerwy.gov>  
**Subject:** unspent 1/2% funds

August 27, 2026

RE: unspent 1/2% funds

To: Mayor White and Lander City Council

I wanted to extend my thanks to all of you for tabling the vote upon the unspent 1/2% funds before any input from the citizens. This 70% of the collected funds WAS to be used within the City of Lander for economic development. The airport and WRTA have already been awarded their 30% out of that collected revenue. I do not feel that with this saved amount that those two entities should be awarded any more funds. That would be double dipping on distribution with the wording that was on the ballot and voted upon by the taxpayers. I know citizens are wanting some kind of activity to keep our young ones busy and out of trouble. You might consider forgetting a fishing pond on the Hermansky property, our family had one outside of Riverton and it is extremely difficult to maintain living fish and there is liability for injury and drowning involved. That property might be a place to consider a fenced in Park and Rec monitored outside pool for summer activity. There was one at the park years ago. Also, safety is #1 in a city. The indoor pool has been an asset through the school system in

teaching young children how to swim. Please also consider investing this money and using the interest for City of Lander only economic development projects as was expected by the citizens.

Thank you, Respectfully submitted  
Janelle Hahn

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Name: R KEVIN HART

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Project or funding suggestion: LANDER INFRASTRUCTURE (ROADS, WATER, SEWER)  
SWIMMING POOL

Please explain how your suggestion aligns with the ballot language above: THE MONEY  
WOULD NOT LAST LONG FOR INFRASTRUCTURE, BUT QUALITY  
INFRASTRUCTURE BRING PEOPLE WHO BUY HOMES AND PAY TAXES.  
THE SWIMMING POOL MAY NOT EXACTLY FIT WITH THE DEFINITION,  
BUT IT IS VERY BENEFICIAL TO ALL CITIZENS OF LANDER

Estimated Cost (if known): [REDACTED]

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Name: Ryan Heesch

Phone: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Project or funding suggestion: Use the money for a revolving loan fund with the same purpose as the ballot initiative, taking a second lien on 15-25% of a deal, with a WY CDFI or SBA lender who l  
Done wisely, this will grow the funds for decades and fund many projects that contribute to growth  
repayment income grows, some of it can be used as grant funding for projects with less directly  
tangible returns on investment, such as purpose-built mountain biking trails or other projects  
that drive more recreation tourism, while maintaining solvency of the original fund.

Please explain how your suggestion aligns with the ballot language above: " a net gain of money into th  
community " describes a revolving loan fund well. The funds return with interest to be utalized ag  
Using these funds wisely now, to support growth over decades, will increase revenue for the city ir

Estimated Cost (if known):

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Name: JenniferHudsonSchaff

Phone:

Email:

Project or funding suggestion: Bruce Gresly Aquatic Center:

Funding recreational swimming sessions and learn-to-swim lessons

as well as other types of sessions previously a part of the center's programming  
prior to April 2026. Money should be set aside for repairs to maintain the pool

Please explain how your suggestion aligns with the ballot language above: The Bruce Gresly  
Aquatic Center continues to provide a the general public with a cost-effective  
place to recreate, exercise, and host community events. The current cuts by the  
FCSD#1 could be catastrophic to our local economy as the pool generates tax  
revenue from swim meets, clinics, and lessons. Tourists regularly use the pool for  
recreation, showering especially during the International Climbing Festival and others.

Estimated Cost (if known): \$1,000,000.00 - reserved especially for repairs as needed

**Thank you for sharing your ideas and helping the City of Lander gather community input on the use of these remaining funds.**

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Nick Hudson**

Date: Thu, Sep 10, 2026 at 7:12 AM

Subject: Remaining Economic Development Money

To: [ccassady@landerwy.gov](mailto:ccassady@landerwy.gov) <[ccassady@landerwy.gov](mailto:ccassady@landerwy.gov)>, [mwhite@landerwy.gov](mailto:mwhite@landerwy.gov) <[mwhite@landerwy.gov](mailto:mwhite@landerwy.gov)>, [dhahn@landerwy.gov](mailto:dhahn@landerwy.gov) <[dhahn@landerwy.gov](mailto:dhahn@landerwy.gov)>, [jhahn@landerwy.gov](mailto:jhahn@landerwy.gov) <[jhahn@landerwy.gov](mailto:jhahn@landerwy.gov)>

City of Lander Mayor and Council,

I hope you are all doing well and thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the remaining economic development tax distribution. I fully believe that this money needs to stay in Lander for Lander. I believe that WRTA and the Riverton Airport have received and benefited from their portion of the optional economic development money allocated by the City of Lander.

Here are my 2 cents. The Lander Volunteer Fire Department that is funded by the City of Lander is in desperate need of a new Fire Engine. Engine 6 was purchased in 1989. This engine is 37 years old. It is extremely unreliable and has many issues with it's emergency function. It has been a while for me but ISO doesn't recognize anything that is over 30 years old so this hurts our rating. A little context, Engine 7 is a 1997. It is knocking on the door. These two hits to operations will have an economic impact on every property owner within the city limits of Lander.

This project could be partially funded with economic sales tax money and State Land Investment Board money, either directly from SLIB or FCAG.

The pool is a great possibility but in my opinion only in the short term. I think funding for this should only be allocated if there is a long term goal in mind to include an alternate means of funding, ie. special district (to encompass folks from outside of Lander) bond issue or otherwise.

Thank you for everything you do especially with putting time and asking for public information on what to do with Lander's Economic Development money.

Respectfully,

Nick Hudson

640 N. 5th Street

Lander, WY

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Name: Jim Hutchison

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Project or funding suggestion:

I support the City of Lander funding regional air transportation. I fly from Riverton 3-5 times a year. Access to local air travel has allowed me to be present with family when they are sick, travel for work and travel for enjoyment. Additionally, access to air travel via Riverton is a really important part of many of the business in Fremont County, and those who travel regularly for distant work.

Please explain how your suggestion aligns with the ballot language above:

Regional air service is critically important economically for the City and the county. Oil and gas workers/executives, NOLS students and staff, medical providers, and other critical parts of our economy rely on stable access to air service. I've read that for every \$1 of revenue invested in air services, it returns almost \$4 to the community.

Estimated Cost (if known): \$275,000

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From: Codi Jorgensen

Date: Thu, Sep 3, 2026 at 11:22 AM

Subject: Positive investment for the youth of Lander with extra funds!

To: [mwhite@landerwy.gov](mailto:mwhite@landerwy.gov) <[mwhite@landerwy.gov](mailto:mwhite@landerwy.gov)>, [jhahn@landerwy.gov](mailto:jhahn@landerwy.gov) <[jhahn@landerwy.gov](mailto:jhahn@landerwy.gov)>, [dhahn@landerwy.gov](mailto:dhahn@landerwy.gov) <[dhahn@landerwy.gov](mailto:dhahn@landerwy.gov)>, [ccassady@landerwy.gov](mailto:ccassady@landerwy.gov) <[ccassady@landerwy.gov](mailto:ccassady@landerwy.gov)>  
Cc: Kyle Jorgensen <[kyle.jorgensen@wyo.gov](mailto:kyle.jorgensen@wyo.gov)>

Dear Council Members,

As an educator in the Lander community for the past 18 years, I have seen firsthand the growing need for healthy, positive options for our youth. Our young people need places where they can be active, build relationships, develop new skills, and spend their free time. Currently, there are limited options for youth during evenings and weekends.

A recreation center would be a meaningful investment in our community and provide residents of all ages with opportunities for health, fitness, recreation, youth activities, and community gatherings. The Pinedale rec center has an incredible climbing wall, indoor walking path, a couple of gym spaces, a "fun" pool with a kiddie pool and slides and a competition pool. It is no secret that my kids are big into swimming. Did you know that for summer state there is only one 50 meter pool in the state? Gillette gets to host the state meet every year for several hundred swimmers. What if the rec center could transform from a 25 meter pool to a 50 meter pool? We could put in to host winter and summer state meets and bring lots of revenue (hotels, gas, restaurants, grocery stores) to town for the 3 day meet.

A well-planned facility could strengthen our community, encourage healthy lifestyles, provide positive activities for youth, and create a gathering place that residents can enjoy for years to come. The indoor gym spaces could be rented out during the winter for rec basketball, volleyball, soccer and softball programs for practices. It could also be used for adult activities like racquetball and pickleball during the colder months.

I respectfully ask the Council to consider directing the \$1 million toward this project and exploring what can be accomplished with this investment. I believe a recreation center would be a lasting asset and a worthwhile use of public funds. Fremont county recently passed a 3/4 sales tax which will benefit other businesses like the WRTA and airport in the near future. A community center would benefit the town (and surrounding counties) for years to come!

Here is a look at the fee schedule for the rec center. It is similar to the current rates of our pool but we could offer so much more! If Pinedales can be successful, so can Landers!

**PINEDALE AQUATIC CENTER**

Home | General Info | Events | Fitness | Learn To Swim | Programs

**FACILITY HOURS:**  
Monday - Friday: 5am - 8pm  
Saturday: 10am - 4pm  
Sunday: Closed  
[Click here to see exceptions to our hours](#)

**Climbing Wall:**  
Monday - Friday: 4pm-8pm  
Saturday: 12pm-4pm  
Get today certified to climb outside these hours during a 4hrp certification course. Email Joe at [joe@pinedaleaquatic.com](mailto:joe@pinedaleaquatic.com) for details.

**LEISURE POOL/HOT TUB/COLD PLUNGE HOURS:**  
Monday - Friday:  
6am - 1pm, 4pm-7pm  
Rec Swim starts at 4pm; 10am Sat  
Saturday: 10am - 3:45pm  
Water features not available during swim lessons

**COMPETITION POOL HOURS:**  
Monday - Friday:  
6am - 1pm, 4pm-7pm  
Saturday: 10am - 2pm  
Rec Swim starts at 10am Sat  
Pool may be unavailable during swim practices, staff trainings, and swim meets.

**CHILD CARE HOURS**  
**OPENS SEPTEMBER 8**  
Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday  
8:30am-12pm  
**Childcare Enrollment Form**  
**GOOD TO KNOW INFO:**  
All those ages 7 and over must be accompanied at all times (including in the water) by an actively supervising person, age 15+.  
School-age youth are not allowed at PAC during school hours unless with a parent. Exceptions for ages 15+ with approved parental request. [CLICK to download request](#)

**DAILY ADMISSION**

| <u>SUBLETTE COUNTY RESIDENT</u> | <u>NON-RESIDENT</u>       |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| CHILDREN (0-5) - Free           | CHILDREN (0-5) - Free     |
| YOUTH (6-18) - \$3.00           | YOUTH (6-18) - \$4.00     |
| ADULT (19-59) - \$6.00          | ADULT (19-59) - \$10.00   |
| SENIOR (60-74) - \$4.00         | SENIOR (60-74) - \$6.00   |
| SUPER SENIOR (75+) - FREE       | SUPER SENIOR (75+) - FREE |

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[Facility Rental and Use](#)  
[PAC Policies and Rules](#)  
[2026 FALL Activity Guide](#)

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued service to our community.

Sincerely,

The Jorgensen Family

(Kyle, Codi, Gavin, Bridger and Hadley)

**Codi Jorgensen**  
8th Grade Science Teacher  
MS Ed - NBCT  
[cjorgensen@landerschools.org](mailto:cjorgensen@landerschools.org)  
Lander Middle School -- FCSD #1  
(307)332 - 4040

**LANDER MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**SABERS**

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Name: Scott Kane

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Project or funding suggestion:

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the strategic use of the Economic Development Tax. The Central Wyoming Airport has come so far over the past years. It contributes significantly to quality of life and the vibrancy of our community. Twice-a-day air service and a big improvement in reliability has enabled my travel for work, vacation, medical care, and family emergencies. I love living in Lander, but without reliable air transport, it might be hard to stay here. Thanks for continuing to support the Riverton airport service.

Please explain how your suggestion aligns with the ballot language above:

As a business owner in Lander, with 13 employees in Lander and Riverton, quality air transport is a key piece of the local infrastructure that allows us to stay local.

Estimated Cost (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: Dawn Kearns

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Project or funding suggestion:

Cheryl Wise and I are a part of the Stakeholder Group working on solutions for the Bruce Gresly Aquatics Center. The Stakeholder Group consists of representatives from FCSD1, the City of Lander, the Lander District Recreation Board, the Lander Community Foundation, the Lander Swim Club, Senator Cale Case and Representative Lloyd Larsen. One solution this group has identified is the creation of an endowment to fund ongoing pool operations in perpetuity through a foundation that would be guided by board members and by-laws separate from the city and the school district. Cheryl and I are leading this work and are in the process of reaching out to other interested parties and working towards fundraising. We ask that the Council consider using a portion of the remaining one half-percent economic development sales tax to provide a kick starter.

Please explain how your suggestion aligns with the ballot language above:

Without the pool, jobs will be lost and hundreds of swimming families each year will not come to Lander resulting in the loss of sleeping room nights, fuel purchases, restaurant, grocery and other shopping expenditures. Conversely, with stable funding and broader city and community support, the use of the pool to attract families to Lander will only grow.

Estimated Cost (if known): We will accept whatever Council decides but I would love to see the endowment receive \$250,000-\$500,000.

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From: **Dawn Kearns** [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, Sep 3, 2026 at 10:02 PM

Subject: For Consideration | Half-Cent Economic Development Sales Tax Funds

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Dear Council Members,

We are reaching out in regards to the remaining half-percent economic development sales tax funds. Cheryl Wise and I are a part of the Stakeholder Group working on solutions for the Bruce Gresly Aquatics Center. The Stakeholder Group consists of representatives from FCSD1, the City of Lander, the Lander District Recreation Board, the Lander Community Foundation, the Lander Swim Club, Senator Cale Case and Representative Lloyd Larsen. One solution this group has identified is the creation of an endowment to fund ongoing pool operations in perpetuity through a foundation that would be guided by board members and by-laws separate from the city and the school district. Cheryl and I are leading this work and are in the process of reaching out to other interested parties and working towards fundraising.

The Bruce Gresly Aquatics center is part of the fabric of the Lander community. It improves the quality of life of our citizens young and old. It is home to the LVHS boys (reigning champions for the past 30 years) and LVHS girls swim teams (champions 14 times since 1973), the Lander Swim Club, the Lander Diving club, where families recreate and where countless children have learned water skills that keep them safe. All of these things tug at our heartstrings but the pool is also very important to maintaining and promoting economic development and helping Lander stay a vibrant community. Without the pool, jobs will be lost and hundreds of swimming families each year will not come to Lander resulting in the loss of sleeping room nights, fuel purchases, restaurant, grocery and other shopping expenditures. Conversely, with stable funding and broader city and community support, the use of the pool to attract families to Lander will only grow. The pool matters for so many reasons.

We ask that the Council consider using a portion of the remaining half-percent economic development sales tax funds to provide a kick starter for the endowment. That will go a long way towards getting this effort off the ground and restoring the trust between the city of Lander and its citizens in the city's commitment to the pool.

Thank you for your time and for listening. We would be happy to answer questions or come before the Council to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

Dawn Kearns & Cheryl Wise

## Community Suggestion for Residual ½ Percent Economic Development Funds

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Name: Sarah Keyes

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Project or funding suggestion:

I would like for funds to go to the Bruce Gresly Aquatic Center to maintain and operate the pool for students and the public to use.

In terms of the economic impact of using these funds to support the pool, I see three obvious examples: 1) Age group and high school swim meets bring hundreds of people to Lander each year. Those families spend money in our community on lodging nights, meals in restaurants, groceries, gas, laundromat and gear purchases. Without a pool to host these meets the community would lose a significant amount of money. 2) The pool also provides important jobs for lifeguards, coaches, maintenance and operations staff. Funds could increase capacity for programming and lap and rec swim hours which would add work hours/additional jobs for lifeguards and instructors. not to mention maintenance and operations staff.

Please explain how your suggestion aligns with the ballot language above:

3) I was a competitive swimmer through college and saw economic impact that being on the swim team has in the community. Kids who have the chance to be on the swim team learn discipline, time management, and teamwork; they see how the hard work they put in in the pool pays off - a lesson that they carry with them in school and the workforce. The swim teams I was a member of consistently had among the highest average GPA out of all of the sports teams and student body as a whole and my teammates have gone on to successful careers and to be important contributors to their communities. It is hard to put a dollar amount on the value of offering a safe place for kids of Lander to grow and thrive but I am certain the economic impact is quite high.

Estimated Cost (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

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Name:

Debbie Kline

Phone:

Email:

Project or funding suggestion:

I would like to see money for the pool.  
To start the endowment process and to  
keep the pool funded thru 2027.  
Also to the firedept. for a new truck

Please explain how your suggestion aligns with the ballot language above:

The pool employs several people  
and brings in lots of revenue  
for swim meets and other events.  
The Fire truck is essential for public  
safety

Estimated Cost (if known):

Thank you for sharing your ideas and helping the City of Lander gather community input on the use of these remaining funds

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From: **Debbie Kline** <[REDACTED]>  
Date: Mon, Aug 31, 2026 at 4:40 PM  
Subject: economic development fund  
To: [mwhite@landerwy.gov](mailto:mwhite@landerwy.gov) <[mwhite@landerwy.gov](mailto:mwhite@landerwy.gov)>, [jhaun@landerwy.gov](mailto:jhaun@landerwy.gov) <[jhaun@landerwy.gov](mailto:jhaun@landerwy.gov)>, [dhaun@landerwy.gov](mailto:dhaun@landerwy.gov) <[dhaun@landerwy.gov](mailto:dhaun@landerwy.gov)>, [ccassady@landerwy.gov](mailto:ccassady@landerwy.gov) <[ccassady@landerwy.gov](mailto:ccassady@landerwy.gov)>

I am writing this to encourage you to use this fund for the pool. I have used the pool since it opened in my high school days. Now as a senior citizen I continue to use the pool for exercise and socialization. The pool is an important part of the Lander community for old and young alike. With the reduced hours the pool cant generate income to keep going I am hopeful we can find solutions. Thank you Debbie Kline

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Missy White  
Lander City Mayor  
[307-332-2870](tel:307-332-2870), ex 112

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Name: Jennifer Lamb

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Project or funding suggestion:

As a resident of Lander for 25 years, I can't imagine living without airport service at the Riverton airport. In the early days of my time in Fremont County, prices at the airport were high and I was not able to afford travel from Riverton frequently. Over time, service has improved, flights have become more affordable, and the planes are FULL! It has made travel from Lander SO much easier -- the airport is an enormous asset to rural Fremont County. Without the airport, winter travel would be so much more difficult and treacherous. I can't imagine having to drive to Casper, Jackson, SLC or Denver to get on a flight in the middle of January. I so appreciate being able to fly from Riverton -- it makes living in a place like Lander doable and reduces stress on my life. Please provide financial support to the Riverton airport!

Please explain how your suggestion aligns with the ballot language above:

As an employee of NOLS for ten years, I saw first hand the importance of the Riverton airport to sustaining NOLS' Fremont County programs and the business travel NOLS employees made through the airport. This is just one small example of the economic importance of the airport. I know there are many more, from hunting and fishing businesses, to the oil and gas industry, to the tourism our County relies on. The airport is a critical cog in the wheel of Fremont County's economy.

Estimated Cost (if known): 250,000

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Name: Lander Golf Course

Phone: [REDACTED] (Duane Kaiser)

Email: landergolcourse@gmail.com

Project or funding suggestion: Rebuild the existing irrigation pumps and motors and replace the outdated pump station computer and control system. The current system is not operating reliably, and these improvements would help prevent irrigation failures and protect the golf course.

Please explain how your suggestion aligns with the ballot language above: A reliable irrigation system helps keep the golf course open and in good condition for local players, tournaments, and visitors. This supports golf course jobs and helps bring money into Lander through golf, restaurants, lodging, fuel, and other local spending.

Estimated Cost (if known): \$190,000

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**Project or funding suggestion:**

Allocate Residual ½ Percent Economic Development Funds to improve the condition, infrastructure, equipment, and long-term sustainability of the Lander Golf Course. Funding would help protect this heavily used community asset, improve the visitor experience, support tournaments and youth programs, and allow the course to continue attracting golfers and events to Lander.

**How this aligns with the ballot language:**

The Lander Golf Course is an active economic engine for our community. More than 33,000 rounds of golf were played last year, demonstrating both strong demand and the course's importance to residents and visitors.

Golf tournaments, youth events, leagues, and daily play bring people into Lander who spend money at local restaurants, hotels, gas stations, stores, and other businesses. At one recent youth event alone, the course hosted more than 90 children, along with their parents, coaches, and buses. These visitors purchased food at the course and also traveled into town, creating additional spending throughout the community.

Investing in course conditions and needed improvements would help Lander retain and attract tournaments, increase participation, protect existing employment, create opportunities for additional work, and generate more revenue for both the course and surrounding businesses. A well-maintained municipal golf course also strengthens Lander's quality of life and helps make the community an attractive place to live, work, visit, and do business.

This request directly supports the purpose of the economic-development funds by helping retain employment and producing a net gain of money within the community.

**Short statement for the council meeting**

We are asking the council to view funding for the Lander Golf Course as an investment in economic development—not simply as money for recreation. More than 33,000 rounds were played at the course last year. That is significant activity flowing through a city-owned facility.

The course brings tournaments, youth programs, families, and visitors to Lander. At one recent youth event, we hosted more than 90 children, plus their parents, coaches, and buses. They purchased food at the course, bought fuel, ate in town, and supported other Lander businesses.

Course conditions directly affect whether people return, whether tournaments choose Lander, and whether we can grow participation and revenue. Funding improvements would protect jobs, support local businesses, keep our community involved, and help the course bring even more outside dollars into Lander.

This is not an investment that benefits only golfers. It benefits our restaurants, hotels, stores, families, young people, employees, and the larger Lander community.

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Name: Griffin Lawrence

Phone: [REDACTED]

Project or funding suggestion:

I would propose improving the alley between Main Street and Lincoln Street downtown, with the goal of making it comfortable for pedestrian traffic (likely by paving it and adding trees/plants). This could be paired with incentivizing or encouraging local businesses to make improvements to their spaces on the alley that encourage pedestrians.

If this exact project isn't feasible, I would simply encourage anything that improves the walkability of town and makes it more comfortable to be on foot. A good example would be more trees/greenery to extend the comfortable walking area, either onto Lincoln Street (which currently feels very hot, dry, and industrial), or down Main Street toward 7th Street.

Please explain how your suggestion aligns with the ballot language above:

The alley is in a prime downtown location and could be a great spot for local businesses to put outdoor patios, etc, similar to those used by the Middle Fork and Pushroot. It would also provide high quality space for art events, etc, and for pedestrian traffic that has minimal conflict/exposure to vehicles. It could be a perfect place for pedestrians to walk around downtown, but it's currently very dry, dusty, and unpleasant, which is a shame given it's location. Increasing comfort and pedestrian-friendliness of our downtown area even a little bit would expand tourist traffic, encourage residents and visitors to spend time (and money) downtown, and make the town feel like a more desirable place to live.

Estimated Cost (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

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On Sep 17, 2026, at 7:44 AM, Mike Lilygren [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Mayor and Lander City Council Members,

I wanted to reach out as one of the owners of Maven Optics to voice my support for continuing commercial air service at Central Wyoming Regional Airport.

Having reliable air service is important to our business and to the broader Lander business community. At Maven, it is key that our team can travel in and out of this area. Good air service makes it much easier to do business from Lander and helps keep our community connected to the rest of the country.

I understand there is a funding gap between the end of the existing funds and when the new transportation funding starts coming in. It seems to me that maintaining uninterrupted air service during that period is a worthwhile investment in Lander and Fremont County.

I encourage the City Council to consider using a portion of the remaining transportation funds to help bridge that gap and keep our commercial air service running without interruption.

Thanks for considering it, and thank you for all the work you do for Lander.

Best,

Mike Lilygren  
Maven Optics  
Lander, Wyoming

**Mike Lilygren**

MAVEN • Co-Owner / CFO / Admin

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Project or funding suggestion: The swimming pool - Hours have been cut, reasons cited include not having staff which coincided with the reduction of funding announced previously. This also includes the funding of a new pool/community facility which Lander needs which has the

Please explain how your suggestion aligns with the ballot language above: With a reduction in hours, the lifeguards, teachers, and other staff are at risk of being lost so increasing funding to the pool operations would help to retain them. Additionally, some of the lifeguard staff has been teens working, with reduced hours of the pool outside of school time, we lose providing them the opportunity to work as well. Increased hours furthers the opportunity for more revenue, I do not be supply is keeping with demand when a pool is closed on Saturdays of all days.

Estimated Cost (if known): Unknown to me

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Name: Paula McCormick

Phone:

Email:

Project or funding suggestion:

Air service from Riverton, which significantly benefits Lander residents.

Please explain how your suggestion aligns with the ballot language above:

Flight service results in economic development through business development and recruitment, workforce attraction and retention, tourism support. ]

Estimated Cost (if known):

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city hall <cityhall@landerwy.gov>

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## Our regional airport

1 message

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[REDACTED]  
To: cityhall@landerwy.gov

Thu, Sep 17, 2026 at 10:01 AM

Dear Folks

I am writing to voice my support for the Riverton airport - OUR airport.  
It is imperative that air service in and out of Fremont County be a number one priority for our tax dollars. The financial support pays for itself in spades.

Thank you for your consideration

Maggie Miller  
64 Golden Willow Rd  
Lander

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Phone:

Please financially support the air service available through Central Wyoming Regional Airport. Together with Riverton General Fund, EDGE, and MOVE, the City of Lander the investment in air transportation supports all of Fremont County.

Returning to Lander, I have already used the flight three times in the 1.5 months I've lived here. In the 17+ years we lived here before, we used it countless times. These flights allow me and my family members to access aging family members, and family visits. My husband and I chose to move back to Lander for many reasons - but the flight service allows us to make that choice. We both work from home and rely on the access for work travel. This service allows us to invest in Lander and Fremont County as community members, but continue our work obligations outside of the immediate area. We couldn't do this without air service. I believe there are many others who work remotely - and rely on this service to maintain work. This air service is a strong economic factor and investment. I've heard, please confirm, that for every \$1 of revenue invested in air

Estimated Cost (if known):

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## Support air flight

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**Dot Newton**

To: cityhall@landerwy.gov

Thu, Sep 17, 2026 at 8:29 AM

Attached, please find my completed form, in support of air travel in Fremont County.

Text also below:

Please financially support the air service available through Central Wyoming Regional Airport. Together with Riverton General Fund, EDGE, and MOVE, the City of Lander the investment in air transportation supports all of Fremont County.

As a returning resident of Lander, it is my knowledge that Lander residents clearly support air service. In 2024, five of the six precincts in Lander repassed support for air service. All 6 Lander precincts voted for the 3/4 cent, demonstrating support for air service, ambulance, and ground transportation. The funds have already been collected and are held by Lander and will not burden residents. Clearly, Lander citizens understand and believe in air service.

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**Newton 2 Percent Economic Development Funds (updated fillable form).pdf**

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**Name:** Jeff Patterson

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Project or funding suggestion:** I would like to see a outdoor Community Swimming pool or "water park". Dillion Park would be a great place since city owns land already. There isn't much here for the whole family to do and participate in. you can charge for admission and concession stand that will pay for it and then some. It would need people to work there and clean it it. It works in all areas/cities i have been to.

Please explain how your suggestion aligns with the ballot language above:

The outdoor Swimming Pool or Water park would need Employees, maintenance, etc. It would generate income by charging entrance fees and or family passes for the summer. There would be a concession stand as well for generating income.  
\* Concession works, maintenance, life guards, and some company to build it

**Estimated Cost (if known):** Not Known

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From: **Amanda Shade** <[REDACTED]>  
Date: Wed, Aug 26, 2026 at 12:32 PM  
Subject: 1/2 Cent Discussion  
To: <[mwhite@landerwy.gov](mailto:mwhite@landerwy.gov)>, <[jhahn@landerwy.gov](mailto:jhahn@landerwy.gov)>, <[dhahn@landerwy.gov](mailto:dhahn@landerwy.gov)>, <[ccassady@landerwy.gov](mailto:ccassady@landerwy.gov)>, <[jstuble@landerwy.gov](mailto:jstuble@landerwy.gov)>, <[jlarsen@landerwy.gov](mailto:jlarsen@landerwy.gov)>, <[mcox@landerwy.gov](mailto:mcox@landerwy.gov)>

Dear Council Members,

I see that the 1/2 Cent funds came up at the last council meeting, and that youth focussed projects were discussed. I am the director of the Learning Resources Library, in connection with the non-profit Project Carpe Diem here in Lander which lends beautiful books and creative hands-on learning resources, and provides educational classes and community events like our upcoming Free Family Movie in City Park. We are currently serving 148 Lander families, and managed nearly 6,000 visitors during the 10 months of service we provided in 2025 (3 afternoons per week). We are simply bursting at the seams, and are undertaking a building fund campaign beginning in September. I would be honored to give you all an in person tour of our little facility so that you can better understand how we are serving Lander children and families as you begin to consider options for the use of the 1/2 Cent funds, either during or after operational hours.

Thank you for your time,  
Amanda Shade  
LRL Director

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Missy White  
Lander City Mayor  
[307-332-2870](tel:307-332-2870), ex 112

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Name: Janine Turnington

Phone:

Email:

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Estimated Cost (if known): all of it to the pool/endowment

*Janine Turnington*  
9-14-26

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# Suggestion for 1/2% Economic Development Fund

Marianne Vinich

1. The Senior Citizen Center could use another driver(s), and they are in need of new vehicles for transportation.
2. The City of Lander needs to assist with funding for a new firetruck(s), as this is vital for all citizens of the community and also for the safety of our volunteer firemen. What is more important than a human life?
3. The city should use this money as an incentive for a contractor to build duplexes, condominiums, and townhouses within the city. Upon completion of an agreed-upon number of dwellings, then the contractor should be rewarded with a monetary stipend. These new dwellings would also entice older community members to move from their single-family homes, opening up new living spaces in Lander.
4. The city could use the money to bring in new physicians to Lander. In Riverton, a group of devoted citizens believed in their ability to build and staff a new, very needed hospital in Riverton. They succeeded through dedication and hard work by the community. They worked as a cohesive unit for the GOOD OF ALL!

This can also be done in Lander. Our community has extremely intelligent devoted citizens who can work together to bring in most needed physicians. IT CAN BE DONE!!!!!! LOOK AT RIVERTON 24 MILES AWAY!!!

NEVER TAKE NO AS THE CORRECT ANSWER!

5. The city could build a devoted walking path in Lander, similar to all the magnificent walking paths in Bozeman, Montana. These paths are not blacktopped but graveled. They are such a draw to the city of Bozeman. WE NEED A WALKING PATH IN LANDER!!!!

6. The city could use these funds to dedicate parts of Lander as a city center, allowing only for-profit businesses to have space. Over the years, our beloved Main Street has been swallowed up by nonprofits. The money could be used as an incentive to draw new businesses to downtown. If a vendor puts in a new business, then a monetary incentive could be offered.

7. The theater in town is for sale, a historic old building. Monies could be used as an incentive for a partnership with the city to develop a tremendous fine arts center where plays, art festivals, concerts, etc-etc-etc.. are put on. THE CREATIVE ECONOMY IS A HUGE FINANCIAL DRAW FOR COMMUNITIES! I would be happy to provide the exact amount that the Creative Economy provides for Wyoming, as I sit on the Wyoming Arts Council Board.

\*Most of all, what I would like to express to all members of the City Council and the Mayor is this: YOU FOLKS ALL NEED TO BE BLATANTLY TRANSPARENT as to where this money will go and how it will be spent, who applied, and how folks will be chosen to receive the monies.

\*You need to set up a citizen advisory panel who can and will give direct input to the city council and the Mayor.

\*These meetings need to be ADVERTISED—WITH AMPLE NOTICE FOR ALL, and OPEN to all members of the community, held at the Community Center.

\*\*By advertising, I mean sending out a flyer in the monthly water bill, inviting all community members to attend and let their voices be heard. The meeting should also be put on County 10 and in the newspaper. You must be open and upfront with folks.

\*\* When a member of the community volunteers to help, you need to accept all hands on deck! As the old saying goes, two heads are better than one!

There are hundreds and hundreds of community members in Lander with EXCELLENT and KNOWLEDGEABLE skills, talents, and ideas. PUT US TO GOOD USE!

Lander is a family; we all need to bind together for the good and prosperity of all our citizens.

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Name: Terri Watson

Phone:

Project or funding suggestion: I am wanting to use this funding as a bridge for air travel and WRTA support. While I am a staunch supporter of the community pool, I can't in good conscience prioritize this use above the air travel and WRTA given the wording on the ballot initiative. I would support a small allocation of these funds to provide a study and business plan to determine how the

Please explain how your suggestion aligns with the ballot language above: Air service is fundamental to the success of businesses in Central Wyoming and Fremont County. Everything from short term transportation of customers and employees to longer term willingness of businesses and skilled employees to relocate or remain here. Similiarly, WRTA provides vital transportation for employees and customers to access their jobs and their shopping. While the community pool

Estimated Cost (if known):

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## ½ Percent Economic Development Tax Suggestion

1 message

Stacy Wells <[REDACTED]>  
To: "cityhall@landerwy.gov" <cityhall@landerwy.gov>

Thu, Sep 17, 2026 at 10:19 AM

### ½ Percent Economic Development Tax Suggestion

Name: Stacy Tostrup Wells  
Phone: 307-349-2565  
Email: [4stacywells@gmail.com](mailto:4stacywells@gmail.com), [admin@landercycling.org](mailto:admin@landercycling.org), [swells@cw.edu](mailto:swells@cw.edu)

#### Project or funding Suggestions:

1. Lander Regional Mountain Bike Park & Skill Course (*Modeled after Laramie, WY*)
2. Lander Via Ferrata Construction (*Modeled after Vernal, UT*)
3. Multi-Court Indoor Pickleball Facility
4. High Ropes Challenge Course (*Partnered with CWC / Alpine Science Institute*)

### Please explain how your suggestion aligns with the ballot language above:

#### Project Descriptions & Strategic Value

- **Mountain Bike Park:** Mountain biking is one of the fastest-growing recreation sectors in Wyoming and nationwide. Drawing inspiration from Laramie's recently constructed bike park, a modern, expanded bike facility in Lander—complete with pump tracks, jump lines, and skills courses—would serve as a major regional draw. Lander already has a thriving trail system; adding a dedicated park creates an anchor destination for traveling riders, youth programs, and state events.
- **Via Ferrata Route:** Based on the successful municipal tourism model in Vernal, Utah, establishing a Via Ferrata route in the Lander area will expand our climbing infrastructure. It opens vertical recreation to casual tourists and families, extending visitor stays and generating direct spending at local hotels, restaurants, and shops.
- **Indoor Pickleball Courts:** Constructing a dedicated indoor pickleball venue enables Lander to host year-round sports tournaments. As the fastest-growing sport in the country, indoor courts will draw players and families from surrounding Wyoming towns during the shoulder and winter months, driving year-round hospitality revenue.
- **CWC / ASI High Ropes Course:** Partnering with Central Wyoming College's Alpine Science Institute (ASI) to manage a high ropes course creates an asset for youth camps, corporate retreats, and tourism. Leveraging CWC's existing administrative and educational capacity ensures sustainable, professional oversight without burdening city staff.

#### Economic Benefit & Alignment with Ballot Language

1. **Net Gain of Money into the Community:** Lander's central geographic location makes it an ideal meeting ground for statewide events. Combining a premier bike park, Via Ferrata, indoor racquet facility, and ropes course positions Lander as Wyoming's central hub for multi-sport tourism, youth competitions, and adventure travel. Visitors traveling to Lander for weekend tournaments or riding trips generate significant overnight spending in lodging, food, gas, and retail.

2. **Job Retention & Economic Growth:** These projects support local outdoor gear shops, bike mechanics, guiding services, and hospitality businesses. Increasing year-round visitation provides steady revenue to small businesses, helping retain local jobs and creating new management and maintenance opportunities (particularly in collaboration with CWC).

#### Estimated Cost (best guess)

| Project                     | Estimated Capital Cost | Notes & Scope                                                                                                                                                       |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Via Ferrata Route           | \$300,000 – \$650,000  | Covers site engineering, anchor installation, safety cables, hardware, and route commissioning. <i>Vernal's Ashley Gorge Via Ferrata cost approx. \$640K total.</i> |
| Indoor Pickleball Facility  | \$500,000 – \$1.5M+    | A modest retrofit or temporary fabric structure runs \$300K–\$500K; building a new 4–6 court steel-frame building runs \$1.5M+.                                     |
| High Ropes Challenge Course | \$200,000 – \$500,000  | Covers pole/tree platforms, auto-belay systems, zip line finishes, and safety harness inventory. Training                                                           |

## Bike Park

### Cost Breakdown for Laramie's \$1.4M Facility

- **Paved Asphalt Pump Track:** ~\$250,000 – \$400,000 (allows year-round, low-maintenance use for bikes, skateboards, and scooters)
- **Progressive Jump Lines & Slopestyle Course:** ~\$300,000 – \$450,000 (dirt/wooden features designed from beginner to advanced skill levels)
- **Skills Development Area:** ~\$150,000 – \$250,000 (technical features like skinny beams, rock gardens, and drop lines)
- **Site Preparation, Infrastructure & Signage:** ~\$200,000 – \$300,000 (fencing, water/irrigation, earthwork, signage, and engineering)

### How Laramie Funded It (Model for Other WY Towns)

Laramie paid for the facility using a grant-matching strategy:

- **\$700,000:** Wyoming Outdoor Recreation Grant (State Grant)
- **\$700,000:** Local Specific Purpose Tax funds

### Funding Options & Strategy

- **Phase or Hybrid Funding:** Lander's \$1 million residual tax fund could fully cover the Via Ferrata (\$500K) and High Ropes Course (\$200K) with \$300K left over to seed an indoor pickleball facility.
- **Grant Matching:** Municipal recreation projects are prime candidates for matching grants (e.g., Wyoming State Parks, Land and Water Conservation Funds, and Outdoor Recreation grants). Using \$250K of Lander's tax money as a local match can turn into \$1M+ in total project funding.

## Lander City Council Public Comment

Given September 8, 2026

Municipalities chose at the time to NOT give any additional ½ money to these entities. They had already received their cut. Now here they are again, just like they are every year with their arms outstretched, asking for more- more- more.

What happened to all the money the taxpayers have already given them? Maybe we should audit?

Why are they entitled to more money? They will be getting more money from the ¾ that recently passed. When is enough – enough? These are private entities who come back year after year wanting more of our tax dollars. What other entity does that? None that I can recall.

The people of Lander should decide how our money is spent. Riverton has no need to be involved or included in how Lander spends our money. They have already received their money. Lander residents should have the only say. As mayoral candidate Michelle Motherway stated in a recent Facebook post – “Let the people decide”, not as a former city council member stated in November 2020 – that they (the council) WERE the people.

Put this money toward the pool fund that the city backed out of. Help the Lander Learning Resource Center, a wonderful enterprise helping children be children. Purchase a much needed new fire truck.

Enough has already been doled out to the Airport and WRTA. Enough is enough!

Additionally, we already have a transport company in Lander – the senior center bus, and you do not need to be a senior to use that service.

Karen Wetzel

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Name: Cheryl Wise

Phone: [REDACTED]

Project or funding suggestion:

Please consider using some of the residual 1/2 percent economic development funds to support the creation of an endowment to support aquatics in Lander, WY. Dawn Kearns and I are in the process of forming a non-profit foundation that will remain independent of the school district and the city of Lander to create and manage this endowment. Our goal is have a central point for fundraising proceeds, donations, and grants to support swimming in Lander. Funding from the residual money would help kick start the endowment and demonstrate the city's support of the pool as both a community resource and economic driver.

Please explain how your suggestion aligns with the ballot language above:

Financial support for the Bruce Gresly Aquatic Center can help maintain current employment and may allow for additional job creation in the future for expanded hours, hosting events, etc. The pool currently serves as an economic driver for Lander through the 20 or more meets that are held throughout the year, attracting overnight guests from out of town, requiring food and lodging for athletes and their families, and creating business for local vendors. Plus more future possibilities! Please contact me if you have questions or need further information!

Estimated Cost (if known): The total endowment would need to be \$6-12 million dollars to support pool operations.

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Name: Randy Wise

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Project or funding suggestion:

I would strongly encourage using at least some of this fund to support the Lander Community Pool and/or help create an endowment to help fund the pool in the future. Lander has a history of support for public pools dating back to at least 1914, and since the Bruce Gresley Aquatic Center has been built, Lander has a swim program (public and school based) that is the envy of the state.

Please explain how your suggestion aligns with the ballot language above:

The pool is a proven economic driver in this community. Between multiple swim meets throughout the year, ( by the High School, Middle School and Swim Club), use of the pool by visitors to town, which could certainly increase with more pool availability, and extensive use by the local community, the pool is a community asset we would be wise to support. The pool employs Lander residents, and there is room for growth there if there is a stable base of support for hte pool.

Estimated Cost (if known): \$500,000

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Delivered to City

11 AM, Sept 7, 2026

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**Name:** Charles Woolwine

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Project or funding suggestion:** Each year, alcohol abuse costs the state of Wyoming 843.3 million dollars:

206.3 million in health-care costs

589.2 million in lost productivity

30.4 million in crime costs

17.4 million in other costs, including things such as crashes and fires

The project idea is to spend some of the 1 million dollars on ending alcohol abuse... thus saving 843.3 million dollars spent every year on alcohol abuse.

Roughly speaking, with 23 Wyoming counties, this is tantamount to a realization of 36.6 million dollars per county. If the saved 36.6 million dollars was split between Riverton and Lander (the two cities in Fremont county) this would result in a windfall profit of 18 million for each city.

The project would involve a campaign to eliminate as much alcohol as possible and end alcohol abuse. Ideas would include, but not be limited to:

- 1- At every legal opportunity, encourage the city council to eliminate liquor licenses and to never approve new/additional liquor licenses,
- 2- Encourage Lander's Chamber of Commerce to put a permanent end to the annual alcohol festival held in June every year,
- 3- In the light of #2 above, encourage the Chamber of Commerce to maintain the idea of a festival, but to simply replace the drug consuming facet of the festival with a "*Lander Has Talent*" competition which will most certainly bring in more money than the current fifty thousand dollars or so which is currently being generated by their drug festival,
- 4- Implement an anti-alcohol curriculum in the public schools (elementary, middle school and high school),
- 5- Implement a "sign campaign" pointing out the destructive nature of alcohol and encouraging people not to consume alcohol,
- 6- Encourage Lander's grocery stores, that currently sell alcohol, to end the practice and replace the alcohol sales with other creative ideas to replace the money currently being made off of the sales of alcohol,
- 7- Encourage local restaurants to model restaurants such as McDonald's and Taco Johns and provide *tasty food* that people will be drawn to without the need to have the drug alcohol. McDonalds and Taco Johns do a thriving business without having to sell a drug.

The ideas/strategies for implementing this idea are virtually endless.

**Please explain how your suggestion aligns with the ballot language above:** This suggestion aligns perfectly with the ballot language:

**"Economic Development shall be defined as any project that retains or increased (sic) employment, and/or results in a net gain of money into the community"** Truly, this idea could not align more perfectly with the ballot language.

This innovation, when adopted and implemented properly, will not only retain and increase employment, but, in addition, will quickly result in a net gain of millions of dollars for the community.

**Estimated Cost (if known):** Instead of a cost, this project would eventually result in a windfall profit of millions of dollars. Initially, the city might spend \$75,000 to implement #1-7 above, but as alcohol abuse became a thing of Lander's dark past, the city would begin to realize 18 million dollars annually as a result of ending Lander's current alcohol abuse.

Examples of Lander's current alcohol abuse:

- 1- "Hey Woolwine~ in the last two weeks, I lost ten family members and friends..... and all ten deaths were alcohol related."
- 2- On a child's 15th birthday: "I don't really like my birthday. Last year on my 14th birthday, in the morning, I went into my dad's bedroom and found him face down on his bed...asphyxiated...drowned in his own vomit... drunk...dead."
- 3- Testimony of a 15 year old boy: "I am 8 months out of a 10 month alcohol rehab program. At the age of six, my uncle began taking me to the alcohol festival.... he would give me sips of his alcohol."
- 4- A Lander father and son who were NOT using alcohol, were struck and almost killed by a driver who was under the influence of alcohol.
- 5- I could offer another 100 examples.

**What do you think it cost to put that boy through a ten month alcohol rehab program? What do you think treatment of cirrhosis of the liver costs? How about lost productivity?**

**In essence, alcohol abuse can cost a community far more than the money spent on alcohol itself. The costs are spread across taxpayers, businesses, families, hospitals, law enforcement, and the courts:**

**1. Police and emergency services:**

1. DUI arrests and investigations
2. alcohol related assaults and domestic violence
3. police calls involving intoxicated people
4. Jail costs and emergency responses

**2. Courts and corrections**

1. prosecutors, public defenders, judges and court staff

2. DUI and other alcohol-related cases
  3. Probation and treatment programs
  4. Jail and incarceration expenses
3. **Healthcare**
1. Emergency room visits
  2. Ambulance services
  3. Treatment of alcohol poisoning
  4. Liver disease, cancers, heart disease and other alcohol-related illnesses
  5. Mental health and substance abuse treatment
4. **Lost productivity**
- 1- Employees missing work because of drinking and hangovers
  - 2- reduced productivity while at work
  - 3- Workers leaving the workforce because of alcohol-related disability
  - 4- premature deaths of working-age residents
5. **Traffic crashes**
- medical treatment and ambulances
  - police investigations
  - fire/rescue responses
  - property damage
  - lost wages
  - insurance costs
  - costs associated with people killed or permanently disabled
- 6- **Businesses**
- employee absenteeism
  - workplace accidents
  - theft or misconduct
  - employee turnover
  - higher insurance and workers' compensation costs
- 7- **Families and children**
- child protective services
  - foster care
  - domestic violence services
  - lost household income
  - children educational and social services needs

## 8- Property and public infrastructure

- vandalism
- property damage from alcohol related incidents
- clean-up of public places
- damage resulting from crashes and fights

**For example:** suppose a small city receives \$500,000 annually in alcohol-related taxes and fees. If alcohol-related police work, healthcare, crashes, courts, jail, lost productivity and social services cost the community \$2 million, the community has a **net economic cost of \$1.5 million.**

In conclusion, if you are serious about wanting to spend your **Residual ½ Percent Economic Development Funds** wisely, and realize an increase in revenue of some 18 million dollars per year, then spend a healthy portion of the 1 million dollars you have to end alcohol abuse in Lander. Needless to say, those physiologically addicted to this drug...as well as those addicted to the isolated pile of money they are selfishly enjoying, will be against this project. I know that.

**Thank you,**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles Woolwine". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Charles Woolwine, EdD

Veteran ~ 101st Airborne Division

Public school teacher 1976-present ~ Wyoming Certification math, science, principal~ valid until October 4, 2027...then renewable until October 4, 2032

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Name: Audrey Zanetti

Phone:

Email:

Project or funding suggestion: I suggest we help fund operations at the Lander Free Clinic. We are losing nearly \$60k of funding for FY 2027, and our patient care has noticeably increased since the EPTC were not renewed (Wyoming is among the states most negatively impacted). We have successfully partnered with Dept. of Voc. Rehab for a single employee in 2026. Now, we look to further develop and invest this partnership now that we know the in's and out's. This would funnel those looking to join/rejoin the workforce into the clinic where we would provide job training and professional development while they earn minimum wage paid by DVR for up to 400 hours before being hired on by the clinic for part-time hours with a raise increase at program completion.

Please explain how your suggestion aligns with the ballot language above: This would directly increase the total # of work ready individuals in Lander at an incredible discount to both the state, clinic and local community. These are folks that have difficulty maintaining or even getting a job. Through the program they become effective, efficient, employable members of community. And because we offer flexibility in our workspace, it's perfect for those seeking assistance acclimating to a professional work environment. The lower end of the estimated cost would fund our DVR program for 4 years with up to 60 participants. The higher end includes funding a full time coordinator during the 1st year, ensuring this partnership is streamlined for future years.

Estimated Cost (if known): \$50,000-\$90,000

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