

# Wyoming Intertie Community Investment Program - Summer 2024

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## *Wyoming Community Foundation*

### *Overview*

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The Wyoming Intertie Community Investment Program (WICIP) was established at the Wyoming Community Foundation by Wyoming Intertie LLC. WICIP supports communities in Albany, Carbon and Platte Counties, where the Wyoming Intertie Project - a transmission line connecting U.S. eastern and western electric grids in Wyoming - will be located. Wyoming Intertie is dedicated to partnering with these communities; as a result, WICIP funds support innovative projects that enhance quality of life while strengthening communities in Wyoming.

**Grant Cycles:**

WICIP has two application cycles each year. In 2024, applications will be due on June 17th and December 16th. If applications are not received by the 11:59 pm deadline, they will be considered during the subsequent application cycle.

**Requirements:**

Applicants must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit or government entity, such as a local government, tribal government, or school district. Non-501(c)(3) nonprofits may be eligible; please contact Allison Renton at (307) 721-8300 or [allison@wycf.org](mailto:allison@wycf.org) to discuss eligibility. Individuals and for-profits are ineligible; however, individuals and for-profits may apply through a fiscal sponsor that is eligible.

Applicants that have applied for previous grant cycles may apply for subsequent grant cycles for different phases of their project. Applicants do not need to be based in Albany, Carbon, or Platte County, however, grants must be used for projects benefiting communities in these counties. Only one application is allowed per organization per cycle.

**Grant Amounts:**

Grants will be up to \$50,000. For funding needs greater than \$50,000, please contact Allison Renton at (307) 721-8300 or [allison@wycf.org](mailto:allison@wycf.org).

**Eligible Projects:**

- Projects that have a broad impact on the quality of life for a significant number of people in Albany, Carbon or Platte County, Wyoming.
- Projects that propose ways to address community issues and problems.
- Projects that leverage other sources of support.

- Projects that encourage others to get involved in addressing community needs.
- Projects that are creative in their approach to solving problems or capturing opportunities.
- Projects that are responsive to changing and emerging needs.
- Projects that support innovative approaches to economic and community development.

**Ineligible Projects:**

- Religious, partisan, or sectarian programs or projects.
- One-time events, such as celebrations or social gatherings, that are not part of longer-term economic and community development goals.

**Reporting:**

A project report will be due within one year of receiving funds. Project reports must be received before additional grants are made.

## *Contact Information*

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**Organization's Legal Name\***

Please provide the legal name of the organization applying for funding. *If you are using a fiscal sponsor, this should be the fiscal sponsor.*

*Character Limit: 250*

*Town of Saratoga, Wyoming*

**Organization's Employer Identification Number (EIN)\***

Please provide the EIN for the organization applying for funding.

*Character Limit: 20*

*83-6000089*

**Primary Contact\***

Please provide the name of the primary contact for the grant request.

*Character Limit: 250*

*Stacy Crimmins*

**Email Address\***

*Character Limit: 250*

*crimminsassociates@gmail.com*

**Phone Number\***

*Character Limit: 20*

*307-329-7150*

**Mailing Address\***

Please provide the mailing address for the organization applying for funding

*Character Limit: 250*

*P. O. Box 486, Saratoga, WY 82331*

## Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement

If using a fiscal sponsor, please attach a fiscal sponsorship agreement.

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## Grant Request

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### Project Name\*

Name of Project.

*Character Limit: 100*

*Never Forget Park in Saratoga, WY*

**Please select the county or counties in which the proposed program/project is located.\***

#### Choices

Albany County

**Carbon**

**County**

Platte County

### Request Amount\*

Please do not request above the \$50,000 maximum request amount.

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*\$50,000*

### Total Project Cost\*

*Character Limit: 20*

*\$1,248,720*

### Other Funding Already Secured (if applicable)

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*Wyoming Community Foundation \$10,000*

## Narrative

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### Organization Impact\*

Briefly describe the organization's mission, history, and major accomplishments.

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*The Town of Saratoga (pop. 1700) is creating a new landscaped park: "Never Forget Park".*

*The park project began in 2008 after a local young man, Army SSgt. Tyler Pickett, was killed in action in Iraq and will be a tribute to everyone who serves/served our country to protect our freedoms and rights.*

*Of the 185 veterans who live in Saratoga, ninety-nine of them are over seventy-five years of age. Seventy-seven (or 70%) of Saratoga's veterans served in Vietnam, which is two times greater than any other conflict and greater than the US's 43%. The park will honor veterans (KIA, POW, active duty or deceased) by creating a serene memorial area for remembrance. Recently, the focus of the park expanded to include first responders (firefighters, law enforcement, and medical professionals) for their sacrifices and dedication.*

*The new, dedicated and focused park committee began its work in May 2021 and is comprised of private citizens, veterans, legion post members, and newly elected council members. The committee collaborates with American Legion Post #54, Town of Saratoga, Platte Valley Arts Council, Inc., and Order of the Eastern Star. This committee has developed the park design, created a website, worked with the family of Tyler Pickett, commissioned a memorial sculpture, hired an engineering firm to create documents, and continuously raises funds.*

### Proposed Project\*

Briefly describe the proposed project/program (please be as specific as possible.)

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*"Never Forget Park" will include a memorial sculpture, open-air pavilion, benches, and accessible restrooms and parking. Lush plantings of native species will provide shade to the open space. Light posts installed along the sidewalk will aid those using the park after dark. Flagpoles with each of the five armed forces flags will be*

*installed and lit from dusk to dawn. Volunteers of all ages will fill gabion baskets with river rock and use high-density composite decking for the seats, which will have veteran memorial plates and first responder honorarium plates attached. School children will work with the local conservation district to plant trees and shrubs as part of their school curriculum.*

*Currently, the space is a patch of gravel and weeds and is used for overflow parking to the adjacent Veterans Island Park. The North Platte River flows around the island. This park is the location of numerous events such as family reunions, music festivals, and community picnics. It features a playground, walking path with connection to the free mineral hot springs, barbeque picnic shelter and a skate park. "Never Forget Park" is along a busy street that leads to premier lodging facilities and to Saratoga Lake and will be a source of pride for residents and visitors alike.*

*The committee hopes to install curb and gutter, irrigation and plant trees and shrubs in summer 2024. Light posts and flag poles will also be mounted. By fall, the benches and memorial plates will be installed. The last phase of the park will be restrooms, an amphitheater, and parking lot surfacing. Completing "Never Forget Park" will be a respite and reflects the determination of Saratoga residents.*

### **Project's Impact\***

How will this project/program provide an ongoing benefit to residents in Albany, Carbon or Platte County?

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*A thoughtful memorial park will benefit the community by raising awareness and acknowledging the human sacrifices made by our community members and neighbors.*

*The Park will immediately increase public access to the North Platte River for launching boats, fishing, and wildlife viewing. A paved and striped parking area will provide more organized traffic flow and specific parking spaces for trailers and RVs. All users will benefit from the easy access to the River.*

*The ADA compliant restroom building will serve and benefit everyone who visits either park and allows for one to spend more time enjoying the park. This need has been unmet for years.*

*The new open-air amphitheater provides a place for public programs, music performances, and sun/rain shelter. These activities are new recreation opportunities that will benefit residents and visitors alike.*

*The grassy open area lined with shade and fruit trees is an appropriate area for activities such as playing frisbee, catch with a ball, and practicing yoga. Long term, activities such as identifying tree species, bird watching and picnicking under a shade tree will add comfort.*

*The completion of "Never Forget Park" will be an extension of popular public areas and will encourage more family activities, additional recreational uses and increased exercise time.*

### **Project's Results\***

How will success of this project/program be defined and measured? Please include qualitative or quantitative metrics when possible.

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*While this grant request for a one-time capital improvement to the community, the success of the project will affect tens of thousands of visitors to the area. The committee has set the following goals:*

*Goal 1: Hire an engineer to prepare bid documents for sidewalks, wheelchair ramps, curb and gutter, pavement surface and striping*

*Quantity: one project manual including bid documents, agreement and technical specifications*

*Benefit: well-qualified and experienced construction management ensure professionally executed project*

*Timeline: completed*

*Goal 2: Install new decorative light posts along sidewalks*

*Quantity: 12 posts*

*Benefit: safe use of park after dark*

*Goal 3: Purchase materials to make gabion basket benches with composite decking seats*

*Quantity: 20 benches*

*Benefit: ADA compliant benches for rest and reflection, rocks provided by the town as in-kind*

*Goal 4: Organize volunteers to assemble benches and install them in the park*

*Quantity: 50 volunteers*

*Benefit: community engagement and in-kind donation decreases cash expenses*

*Goal 5: Organize volunteers to compile list of veterans from Saratoga and install memorial plaques*

*Quantity: 12 volunteers*

*Benefit: List does not currently exist and honoring their sacrifices is vital*

*Goal 6: Install signage in the park listing project sponsors and funding agencies*

*Quantity: 3 signs*

*Benefit: Recognition shows wide support of the project*

*Goal 7: Plant trees and shrubs in the park, with help from school children and volunteers*

*Quantity: 150 children, 5 volunteers*

*Benefit: Educational experience demonstrates conservation principals such as water usage and care of native plantings*

*Goal 8: Open the park to the public with a ribbon cutting ceremony*

*Quantity: 1 event with 250-500 attendees*

*Benefit: Celebration of this success propels community to accomplish other projects. Attendees of all ages and sectors of the community brings everyone together for a collective purpose*

*Overall, the park will be successful when it is used all year round (for picnics, rest stops, quiet reflection, Veteran's Day services) and when the family of SSgt. Tyler Pickett feels love and support for them and their sacrifice.*

### **Project's Community Support\***

What other funding sources and/or partnerships do you have for this project. There is a space under Budget and Timeline Attachments to upload letters of support.



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*Since the beginning, a strong partnership between the Town and the American Legion Post 54 was forged. The Legion took on the fundraising role for the Park so that donors could benefit from charitable giving. The local Order of the Easter Star chapter made a substantial donation early in the project planning which solidified the importance and legitimacy of the project. The Platte Valley Arts Council commissioned and underwrote a memorial sculpture that will be one of several located in the new Park. This sculpture was revealed a year ago and gained much publicity.*

*The public is invited to talk at each bi-monthly town council meeting. Conversations between members of the public, the Legion, and town council members and staff are encouraged and resulted in the modification of the Park design. The committee members are accessible and also encourage discussion with the public. A committee member makes presentations every few months at council meetings and provides updates and progress through social media and local news outlets.*

*The committee created a new website ([www.neverforgetpark.com](http://www.neverforgetpark.com)) and Facebook Page (@NeverForgetPark) which has helped to disseminate current designs, upcoming meeting times, and budget status. The newspaper has run several articles, letters to the editor and ads about the Park. The radio station shares information on their community calendar. These marketing efforts have been very successful in increasing public input.*

## Budget and Timeline

### **Project Budget\***

Please attach a detailed budget for the proposed project/program. Please outline which funds will be used for each budget item along with the purpose of each budget item.

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### **Organizational Budget\***

Please attach a current budget for the organization applying for funding.

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### Other Funding Sources\*

Please describe the other funding sources you have explored or secured for the proposed project/program.

*Please note: While not required, projects with other sources of funding will be prioritized in the decision making process.*

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*The American Legion has an account with approximately \$60,000 earmarked for Never Forget Park. The Town of Saratoga has a specific fund for Never Forget Park in the amount of \$186,248 held in a WyoStar account.*

*Never Forget Park has a lengthy list of individual donors and local businesses. Together, the community has raised over \$360,000. This includes a \$10,000 grant from the Wyoming Community Foundation. \$50,000 from the Order of the Eastern Star, \$50,000 from the White Family Foundation and \$10,000 from the Margaret & James Kelley Foundation. As one can see in the attached funding plan, the committee has written over \$530,000 in grant fund requests, albeit unsuccessful.*

*The committee and the Town of Saratoga are in the final stages of review for a Land & Water Conservation Fund grant request in the amount of \$265,700 for the restrooms, amphitheater and parking lot. Notification of the proposal's success will be in the next 60 days.*

### Project Timeline\*

Please attach a detailed timeline for the proposed project/program.

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PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
design engineering (WLC Engineering)
construction engineering (WLC Engineering)
memorial sculpture (Platte Valley Arts Council)
website (Crimmins Associates)
grant writing (Crimmins Associates)
marketing

PHASE 1 CONSTRUCTION (summer 2024)		
curb and gutter, sidewalks		
contingency, bonding, insurance, mobilization		
PHASE 2 LANDSCAPING (summer/fall 2024)		
heavy equipment use (Town of Saratoga)		
fill dirt and hauling		
irrigation		
electrical		
trees, shrubs, wildflowers (SER Conservation Dist)		
seeding/sod		
light posts		
volunteers		
benches		
flagpoles		
fencing		
pea gravel/edging		
PHASE 3 AMENITIES / PARKING (fall 2024)		
restrooms		
amphitheater		
parking lot prep, base, surface		
construction engineering (WLC Engineering)		
contingency, bonding, insurance, mobilization		
grant administration		

## Letters of Support

Please attach 1-3 letters of support if applicable.

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**Title\***

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**Date\***

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