

Wyoming Cultural Trust Fund
Annual Report – July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008

Mission and philosophy

The mission of the Wyoming Cultural Trust Fund Board (WCTF) is to serve the citizens of Wyoming by supporting Wyoming's culture and heritage through grant funding of innovative projects for the enjoyment, appreciation, promotion, preservation, and protection of the state's arts, cultural and historic resources; and to support and invest in Wyoming institutions that help further this mission.

Major accomplishments

In 2007 the Cultural Trust Fund entered into its second year of granting activity. With the June 20, 2007 deadline, the WCTF received 42 applications, with requests exceeding \$1 million. Applications were received from 20 communities and 14 counties for a variety of projects from "brick and mortar" preservation, promotion of cultural tourism, organizational infrastructure development, creation of preservation programs, endowments and special event programming. On July 20, 2007 the WCTF Board awarded \$256,245 to 20 projects from nonprofit organizations and governmental agencies statewide to support the culture and heritage of Wyoming. A complete list of 2007 grants is attached.

In the course of the year, the Cultural Trust Fund Administrator provided oversight to 52 grants (two year total) and technical assistance to constituents throughout the state. Many of the grants given by the WCTF are multi-year grants. However, 21 Final Reports received in 2007 (for projects awarded in 2006 and short-term projects in 2007) indicate that WCTF grant dollars are matched \$9.5 to \$1 (\$7.50 in cash match to every \$1 in WCTF funding, and an additional \$2.15 donated in goods and services).

General Information

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Year established and reorganized:

Established – 1998; Reorganized – 2005

Statutory References

W.S. 9-2-2301 through 2308

Number of authorized personnel

5 – Board members appointed by Governor and confirmed by Senate.

Organizational Structure

Wyoming Cultural Trust Fund Board

Clients Served

Non-profit and governmental cultural, historical and arts organizations in Wyoming.

Grants given in 2008:

Applicant Organization	City	County	Project Title	WCTF Awarded
American Indian Studies Program, University of Wyoming	Laramie	Albany	Informational Film Supporting a UW American Indian Center	\$6,496.00
U.W. Dept. of Theatre and Dance	Laramie	Albany	Upgrade of Main Stage Sound System	\$9,964.00
Laramie Main Street Program	Laramie	Albany	Garfield Street Footbridge Renovation	\$10,000.00
U.W. Art Museum	Laramie	Albany	Excellence in Museum Education: The Master Teacher Pilot Project	\$20,000.00
Ark Regional Services	Laramie	Albany	Arts Equipment for New Creative Arts Center	\$10,000.00
Wyoming Humanities Council	Laramie	Albany	Welcome to Wyoming informational brochures	\$4,000.00
Powder River Symphony	Gillette	Campbell	Expanded 07-08 Concert Season	\$10,000.00
Wind River Development Fund	Fort Washakie	Fremont	Cultural Heritage Tourism -- Wind River Indian Reservation, video and brochure	\$10,665.00
Lander Community Concert Association	Lander	Fremont	LCCA Endowment Challenge	\$20,000.00
Wyoming Public Television	Riverton	Fremont	Wind River Virtual Museum	\$14,000.00

Hot Springs State Park	Thermopolis	Hot Springs	Legend Rock Visitor Center	\$35,000.00
Cheyenne Little Theatre Players	Cheyenne	Laramie	Planning Grant for Historic Atlas Theatre Renovation	\$27,000.00
Friends of Park County History, Inc.	Cody	Park	Park Count Centennial: Photo Exhibit, Walking Tours and Public Programs	\$4,000.00
The Homesteader Museum of Park County	Powell	Park	Homesteader Museum Log Restoration	\$12,700.00
Pinedale Fine Arts Council	Pinedale	Sublette	Mobile Sound and Light Unit	\$10,900.00
Jackson Hole Writers Conference	Jackson	Teton	2008-2009 Development Director	\$12,000.00
Off Square Theatre Company	Jackson	Teton	Wyoming Theatre Outreach	\$5,000.00
Jackson Hole Historical Society and Museum	Jackson	Teton	Museum of Jackson Hole: Building Remodel/Exhibition Design and Production	\$20,000.00
Uinta County Museum Foundation	Evanston	Uinta	Long Range Plan for Uinta County Museum	\$4,520.00
City of Evanston	Evanston	Uinta	Evanston's Chinese Cultural Garden Project	\$10,000.00

Budget information

Legislative appropriation: July 1, 2005	\$5,000,000.00
Legislative appropriation: July 1, 2006	<u>\$5,000,000.00</u>
Total in Corpus	\$10,000,000.00

Maximum Interest Available for Awards as of July 20, 2007:	\$287,810.44
Grant Amount Awarded as of July 20, 2007:	\$256,245.00

Total Grants Awards (2006-2007)	\$709,709.00
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Agency to which group reports

State Parks and Cultural Resources

Meeting frequency

Regularly as called by the Chair of the Board