



News briefs

Health and Human Services (HHS) Capital Construction ARPA Grants

During the 2022 Legislative Session, \$85,000,000 was appropriated to the Office of State Lands and Investment (OSLI) for the ARPA Health and Human Services program. These funds are for the purposes of providing grants to fund qualifying health and human services infrastructure and capital construction investments, community mental health center regional crisis stabilization facilities, women's substance use disorder facilities, rural health clinics, and rural telehealth pilot projects.

Given the number of potential applications expected to be submitted, and the additional due diligence required for vetting the ARPA funding requests, the review process will likely take longer than entities are accustomed to for funding through OSLI/SLIB. Health and Human Services (HHS) applications will be reviewed by either the Department of Health or Department of Family Services depending on the type of project.

The SLIB meeting dates to consider applications have not yet been scheduled. The number and frequency of meetings will depend on the number of applications submitted and the time it takes to review and prioritize the applications.

Eligible projects must be a direct and proportional response to COVID-19 or its negative economic impacts.

Grants awarded from this program may only be used to cover costs:

- Incurred during the period beginning on March 3, 2021, and ending on December 31, 2024 ;
- Incurred as a part of a Qualifying Project; and

- Meet all applicable requirements contained in ARPA and the Final Rule

Each application must contain a justification explaining how the project is eligible under ARPA for funding.

Applicants shall provide fifty percent (50%) match funding for the total project cost, unless modified by the Board. Match funding may come from any source that may legally serve as a match for the Board's funds. All match funding must be committed and verified by OSLI before any grant funds can be disbursed.

The following criteria will be used to prioritize submitted applications for SLIB:

- The applicant's financial ability to assist in funding the project and to support the project in the future to ensure the continued operation and investment into the project for the foreseeable future;
- The amount of match funding;
- The source of match funding;
- The status of match funding;
- The applicant's historical investments into capital assets;
- The availability of similar facilities in the relevant community;
- Whether the applicant provides primary care services, integrated care practices, and/or services on the mental health continuum;
- The relative need of the community; and,
- The availability of other relief funding.

This past week there was a training webinar to give guidance on the grants. If you were not able to attend the webinar, a recording of the webinar and a pdf can be found at <https://lands.wyo.gov/grants-loans/arpa-grants>

There are very strict guidelines for submitting applications. An application check list to comply with all conditions can be found at:

<https://lands.wyo.gov/grants-loans/arpa-grants/health-and-human-services-hhs-capital-construction-arpa-grants>

Questions regarding the grant funds and application process may be directed to OSLI at grantsandloans@wyo.gov

Deadline to submit applications is 5:00 p.m. on August 12, 2022.



2022 PAC Contributions

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NEW PHYSICIAN RECRUITING DATA AND INSIGHTS FROM MERRITT HAWKINS By Kurt Mosley

Every year for the last 29 years, Merritt Hawkins, a division of AMN Healthcare, has released its Review of Physician and Advanced Practice Practitioner Recruiting Incentives. Each Review is based on real-world physician and AP recruiting data Merritt Hawkins derives over a 12-month period from April 1 of a given year through March 31 of the following year.

The recently released 2022 Review is based on a representative sample of over 2,600 recruiting engagements and, like previous reviews, tracks physician and AP starting salaries, signing bonuses, relocation allowances and related incentives. Over the years the Review has provided benchmark data that many hospitals, medical groups and others now use to determine if their recruiting packages offer customary and competitive incentives

The Review includes a wide range of additional data and analysis. Wyoming Hospital Association Members can obtain a copy of the review by contacting Miguel Castroman at miguel.castroman@merrithawkins.com. A copy of the infographic can be found at wyohospitals.com under the Education Tab.

Annual Meeting Update Silent Auction

As you are all aware, advocacy is one of the main responsibilities of the Wyoming Hospital Association. We have done a tremendous job during the past several years in representing you and your organizations. Without your contributions to the PAC, our advocacy efforts will become more difficult.

As such, the WHA will once again be hosting a silent auction. This year we will be holding it both virtually and in person at the Annual Meeting in September.

The funds raised in this campaign will help support candidates who champion the goals and values of Wyoming Hospitals and underscore WHA advocacy efforts at both the state and federal level.

The virtual auction site will allow bidders to see the bidding, how many people are bidding on each item and the current bid. We are also excited to be able to highlight our donors on the auction site. We will add your donations to the selected website as they are provided.

You may help by donating item's for this year's auction. Last year we had a lot of great items donated from all around the state to showcase different Wyoming communities. Items such as a fly fishing rod were donated and then you could buy fishing trips to Monster Lake the Platte River where you could use the new pole. Beautiful art pieces from local artists and photographers were also available for bid. Tickets to the Utah Jazz were up for grabs and sparked a great deal of interest. If adventure and entertainment weren't things of interest, there were gift baskets showcasing Wyoming products and companies that could be enjoyed during our wonderful autumn season. All monies raised will go the Wyoming Hospital Association PAC.

At this time, we are asking for donations for the auction. Take a picture of the item, list it's value and a description and send it to rose@wyohospitals.com.

The silent auction will begin August 15th at 9:00 a.m. and will end Sep-

tember 7th at 6:00 p.m. A link will be sent out for the virtual auction site, as well as reminders to bid as items are added.

Please send all donated items to Rose by August 11th so they can be included on the auction site.

Our first item to bid on is: **"Spring Snow Goose Hunt with Eric Boley"** - The winner of this auction item gets the honor of going on a snow goose hunt with our very own President, Eric Boley. There is a 50 bird limit per person and the hunt includes hotel accommodations in Torrington. Multiple spots in the blind will be available for auction.

