

Platte County Projects

Positives for Platte County

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Platte County Project Funding

Business Ready Community Projects (two projects)

Business Committed	\$0
Community Readiness (two projects)	\$1,076,690
Community Enhancement	\$0
Total: \$1,076,690	

Community Facilities Projects (one project)

Total: \$196,736

Community Development Block Grants (since 1999)

Community Development (two projects)	\$437,405
Economic Development (eight projects)	\$297,676
Total: \$735,081	

Platte Grants Total: \$2,008,507

Wheatland

BRC Community Readiness Project for Positives for Platte County

Project Description: Wheatland received a \$418,500 BRC Community Readiness grant to purchase a four-acre site including a 14,000 sq. ft. primary building with offices and shop space. One of Wheatland's top priorities identified in a community assessment is development of a business park. Through additional economic development planning, the community fine-tuned that priority into a speculative industrial building designed to suit the needs of targeted industries. Wheatland Area Development Corporation targeted light manufacturing and assembly businesses.

Community Benefits: Proceeds generated through the sale of these properties provided Wheatland Area Development Corporation the opportunity to increase the loan amount on the existing Revolving Loan Fund from \$15,000 to \$25,000 and created a new economic development revolving loan fund.

Status: This project was completed in August 2004. As of February 2005, both buildings were purchased, one by



Grant Funding: \$418,500
Local Contribution: \$46,500
Status: Unconditionally Closed
Project Type: Building
Results: Business expansion and business recruitment

an existing business - Wheatland Fire Equipment, and the other by Whitehead Construction, a business which relocated from Tennessee.

Chugwater

BRC Community Readiness Project for Business Ready Lots & Building

Project Description: Chugwater and the Chugwater Economic Development, Inc., received a \$658,190 BRC Community Readiness grant for the revitalization of First Street, Chugwater's main street. The project involves the purchase of land and installation of water, sewer, access and a 2,400 sq. ft. "business hotel." Ultimately six lots will be made available. About three acres of land will be purchased from the Chugwater Chili Corp., divided into three lots and improved with infrastructure. One of the lots will be occupied by a new 2,400 sq. ft. building that will be owned by Chugwater Economic Development and leased to businesses. The flexible space will accommodate up to three businesses. Revenue generated will go towards other downtown improvements. The six-acre lots already owned by Chugwater Economic Development will be subdivided into three developable lots and marketed as industrial space. These lots are located along a rail spur.

Community Benefits: Currently most of the property on First Street is not suitable for business because it is in disrepair, lacking infrastructure, or not for sale. Chugwater Economic Development has been working with several start-up, relocating, and expanding businesses over a year with difficulty in finding suitable property for these businesses. In 2005, the town adopted a Community Development Block Grant funded community development plan. A goal of that plan was to renovate and/or construct



Grant Funding: \$658,190
Local Contribution: \$52,867
Status: Construction
Project Type: Building
Goals: Business-ready commercial and industrial space

building space to act as an incubator for business and develop a commercial area. Many other pieces of that plan have been implemented and are succeeding, such as the Chugwater homesteading plan and beautification efforts.

Status: The building and sites are currently under design. A marketing plan and business plan for the building are being developed. Construction is expected to begin soon. Several potential new businesses have been interested in renting space.

Glendo

Community Facilities Project for Community Wellness Center

Project Description: Glendo received a \$196,736 Community Facilities Grant to construct a 2,400 sq. ft. building on the west end of the existing high school. The structure will be built on town owned property and have separate entrances, utility and metering systems. The building will house the Glendo Community Wellness Center and contain an exercise equipment area, space for group programs, restrooms and showers.

Project History: The 2002 Glendo community assessment showed the interest for a community recreation area. In conjunction with Platte County Parks and Recreation District, it was determined that expansion to the school gymnasium would best serve both the community and youth. In 2006, Glendo purchased the property adjacent to the gymnasium from the school district. All expansion will occur on the town owned property. The Recreation District worked closely with the town in the planning of this project and will be able to greatly expand their offerings to the community with the construction of this space.

Relation to Quality of Life and Economic Development: The Glendo Community Wellness Center will provide citizens a place to practice wellness, physical therapy and conditioning skills while giving them an opportunity to socialize in a positive, healthy and safe environment. It will



Grant Funding: \$196,736
Local Contribution: \$47,720
Status: Construction
Facility Type: School
Goals: Create community wellness center

complement the existing school facility and expand community recreation programs, offering residents, as well as seasonal visitors, the opportunity to utilize the center. The facility will also provide community members a place for doctor-ordered physical therapy without having to drive to Wheatland, Douglas or other towns for treatment.

Status: Design is nearly complete and construction will occur in 2008.

Community Development Block Grants in Platte County since 1999



Wheatland received a \$300,000 Community Development CDBG for a new building for the Southeast Wyoming Mental Health Center (Peak Wellness Center) in 2004.

Year	Type of CDBG	Recipient	Amount
2000	Community Development - New lagoon/rehab existing	Chugwater	\$137,405
2000	Economic Development - Technical Assistance - Amazing Monographing	Platte County	\$4,650
2001	Economic Development - Infrastructure - J.O. Enterprises	Wheatland	\$150,000
2003	Economic Development - Planning - Community development	Chugwater	\$20,526
2004	Community Development - SEWMHC new building	Wheatland	\$300,000
2006	Economic Development - Planning - Community development	Guernsey	\$22,500
2007	Economic Development - Planning - Land use plan update	Platte County	\$25,000
2007	Economic Development - Planning - Industrial park study	Platte County	\$25,000
2007	Economic Development - Planning - Business park study	Wheatland	\$25,000
2007	Economic Development - Planning - Land use plan update	Wheatland	\$25,000