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**WYOMING BUSINESS COUNCIL RECOMMENDS \$617,483
IN GRANT FUNDING FOR AIRPORT FIBER PROJECT
Project Funding Now Goes To State Loan and Investment Board (SLIB)**

BUFFALO, WY – The Wyoming Business Council Board of Directors approved Natrona County’s request of \$617,483 in grant funding for the installation of approximately 30,000 linear feet of fiber optic cable in and around the Casper/Natrona County International Airport business park. The project will provide high speed connectivity to 30 existing businesses, over 50 residential tenants, with loops strategically run to provide connectivity to future developments. This project will allow the Airport to better market the business and industrial park.

By statute, grant recommendations by the Business Council are forwarded to the State Loan and Investment Board (SLIB) who will take final action on funding June 16th. The SLIB is made up of the five statewide elected officials: Gov. Matt Mead, Secretary of State Max Maxfield, State Treasurer Joe Meyer, State Auditor Cynthia Cloud, and State Superintendent of Public Instruction Cindy Hill. If approved by the SLIB, installation of the fiber is anticipated to be completed by next summer.

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