

## **THE WYOMING RURAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

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- Assist rural communities in visioning and strategic planning
- Serve as a resource for assisting communities in finding and obtaining grants for rural projects
- Serve and be recognized as a neutral forum for identification and resolution of multi-jurisdictional issues
- Promote, through education, the understanding of the needs, values, and contributions of rural communities.

The Council seeks to assist rural Wyoming communities with their needs and development efforts by matching the technical and financial resources of federal, state, and local governments and the private sector with local development efforts.

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## **PROCESS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS REPORT**

The Wyoming Rural Development Council (WRDC) has provided a Resource Team to assist the community of Alcova, Wyoming in evaluating the community's assets and liabilities and in developing suggestions for improving the environment, social and economic future of Alcova.

The community of Alcova requested a community assessment from the Wyoming Rural Development Council. Kay Eichorn served as the community contact and took the lead in agenda development, logistics and publicity in for the assessment. Resource team members were selected to visit, interview citizens, business and community leaders; and develop a plan of recommended action for the town. The team members were carefully selected based on their fields of expertise that Alcova officials indicated would be needed to respond to the problem areas identified.

The Resource Team toured the town and interviewed approximately 40 people over a two-day period on April 27-28, 2005. In addition we received written comments from 20 individuals. The team interviewed representatives from the following segments of Alcova: the Alcova Community Foundation, Agriculture and area businesses, school staff, students and ABC Club, retirees and senior citizens, government officials and utilities and the public. Each participant was asked to respond to three questions designed to begin communication and discussion and to serve as a basis for developing the action plan. The three questions were:

- What do you think are the major problems and challenges in Alcova?
- What do you think are the major strengths and assets in Alcova?
- What projects would you like to see completed in two, five ten and twenty years in Alcova?

Upon completion of the interviews, the team met to compare notes and share comments following the two days of intense study. The team then agreed that each team member would carefully analyze what was said, synthesize what they heard with their knowledge of programs and resources, prepare their notes and suggestions, and forward these items to be combined into the Wyoming Rural Development Council's final report to Alcova.

An oral report was presented to the people of Alcova on April 28<sup>th</sup> and many of the citizens of Alcova who participated in the interviews were in attendance. Following the oral report, a formal written report is prepared and presented to Alcova.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

On behalf of the Alcova Resource Team, I would like to thank the community of Alcova and specifically the Alcova Community Foundation who worked so hard to coordinate the Alcova Community Assessment. It was nice to visit a community with such natural beauty surrounding it and warm, friendly people who really care about one another. The team really appreciated all of the delicious homemade food and hospitality that we received in Alcova.

While reading this report, you will find a wide variety of recommendations made by the team members on the issues that were identified during the listening sessions. We encourage the town to use these recommendations to build a plan for the future of Alcova.

What you do with the recommendations is your choice and will be accomplished by the dedicated citizens of Alcova. There are many opportunities for change identified in the major themes, which are: Beautification, Infrastructure and Quality of Life.

Members of our team will return to Alcova to facilitate a follow-up meeting in the near future. The meeting will help determine the priorities and develop strategies for implementation in Alcova. We encourage everyone from the town to attend this meeting, even if they were unable to attend the community assessment. This follow-up goal setting meeting will identify both short term and long term goals for Alcova.

We hope that you will find great value in this report and remember that any team member is available for you to contact for more information or assistance!

Sincerely,



Ashley Camp  
Team Leader



## ALCOVA COMMUNITY PROFILE

The Wyoming town of Alcova is located on the banks of the Alcova Reservoir along the Platte River some 30 miles southwest of Casper, Wyoming. Planning to turn it into a health resort, an eastern company named the town for the hot springs, located in some coves nearby. The resort never came to pass, even though the water was considered very medicinal, because people in Wyoming were thought to bathe only on Saturday nights. The Alcova Reservoir covered the springs in 1933, but the heated water can still be enjoyed in an artesian well below the dam.

The Alcova Reservoir and its surrounding lands provide excellent water oriented recreational facilities and is the primary recreation area for Casper and the surrounding region. Sailboating and water skiing in summer and ice fishing in winter are very popular. The Alcova Reservoir covers 2,470 surface acres, and attracts more than 185,000 people each year.

Alcova Statistics	
County	Natrona
Zip Code	82620
Elevation	5,122 feet above sea level
Latitude	42.53° north of the equator
Longitude	106.72° west of the prime meridian
Area	0.282799 square miles
	Land Area: 0.282799 square miles
	Water Area: 0.0 square miles
<b>City Distances:</b>	
Red Butte, WY	23 miles
Mountain Vies, WY	27 miles
Mills, WY	27 miles
Casper, WY	30 miles
Evanston, WY	32 miles
Cheyenne, WY	210 miles

Population by Age (2004 Estimate)	
Population Estimate	22
Median Age	40.1
0 to 4 years	5.9%
5 to 14 years	10.8%
15 to 19 years	6.7%
20 to 24 years	7.3%
25 to 34 years	12.1%
35 to 44 years	14.4%

45 to 54 years	19.1%
55 to 64 years	13.0%
65 to 74 years	6.5%
75 to 84 years	3.3%
85+ years	1.0%

Marital Status (2004 Estimate)	
Age 15+ Population	18
Married, Spouse Present	57.4%
Married, Spouse Absent	2.8%
Divorced	5.5%
Widowed	14.0%
Never Married	20.3%

Household Status (2004 Estimate)	
Total Households:	8
1 Person	25.1%
2 Person	39.4%
3 Person	15.2%
4 Person	12.8%
5 Person	4.8%
6 Person	2.0%
7+ Person	0.8%

Housing Units (2004 Estimate)	
Total Housing Units:	14
Owner Occupied	46.3%
Renter Occupied	8.0%
Vacant	45.8%

Households by Income (2004 Estimate)	
Total Households:	8
\$0 - \$14,999	8.5%
\$15,000 - \$24,999	13.8%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	16.8%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	16.5%

\$50,000 - \$74,999	23.7%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	12.1%
\$100,000 - \$149,999	8.2%
\$150,000+	0.4%

Income (2004 Estimate)	
Median Household Income	\$44,630
Per Capita Income	\$18,847

Vehicles Available (2004 Estimate)	
Average Vehicles Per Household:	2.3
0 Vehicles Available	1.3%
1 Vehicle Available	23.9%
2+ Vehicles Available	74.8%

Educational Attainment (2004 Estimate)	
Age 25+ Population	15
Grade KG - 08	2.1%
Grade 09 - 12	11.9%
High School Graduate	32.6%
Some College, No Degree	28.4%
Associates Degree	9.3%
Bachelor's Degree	11.9%
Graduate Degree	3.7%

Employment and Business (2004 Estimate)	
Age 16+ Population	18
In Labor Force	62.1%
Employed	89.3%
Unemployed	10.0%
In Armed Forces	0.7%
Not in Labor Force	37.9%

Education (Estimate)	
<b>Public Primary/Middle Schools:</b>	
Alcova Elementary	Students: 12; Grades: KG – 06

## Alcova Demographic Report (Estimate)

### Population

The estimated population for Alcova in 2004 was 22. The population in 1990 was 17 representing a 29.41% change. It is estimated that the population in Alcova will be 24 in 2009, representing a change of 9.09% from 2004. The 2004 population was 55.06% male and 44.94% female. The median age of the population was 40.1, compared to the U.S. median age which was 36.2. The population density was 76.4 people per square mile.

### Households

In 2004, there were 8 households in Alcova. The Census revealed household counts of 6 in 1990, representing an increase of 33.33%. It is estimated that the number of households in Alcova will be 9 in 2009, representing a change of 12.50% from 2004.

The median number of years in residence was 2.47. The average household size was 2.59 people and the average family size was 3.07 people. The average number of vehicles per household was 2.3.

### Income

In 2004, the median household income for Alcova was \$44,630, compared to the U.S. median which was \$45,660. The Census revealed a median household income of \$27,139 in 1990 representing a change of 64.45%. It is estimated that the median household income will be \$49,789 in 2009, which would represent an increase of 11.56% from 2004.

The per capita income in 2004 was \$18,847, compared to the U.S. per capita, which was \$24,583. The 2004 average household income was \$47,690, compared to the U.S. average which was \$63,396.

### Race & Ethnicity

The racial makeup of Alcova in 2004 was as follows: 95.10% White; 0.32% Black; 1.62% Native American; 0.28% Asian/Pacific Islander; and 0.88% Other. Compare these to the U.S. racial makeup which was: 75.05% White, 12.29% Black, 0.89% Native American, 3.66% Asian/Pacific Islander and 5.53% Other.

People of Hispanic ethnicity are counted independently of race. People of Hispanic origin made up 2.40% of the 2004 population, compared to the U.S. makeup of 14.27%.

### Housing

The median housing value for Alcova was \$58,257 in 1990, compared to the U.S. median of \$78,382 for the same year. The 2000 Census median housing value was \$90,325, which is a 55.05% change from 1990. In 1990, there were 4 owner occupied housing units in Alcova versus 7 in 2000. Also in

1990, there was 1 renter occupied housing unit versus 1 in 2000. The average rent in 1990 was \$187 versus \$354 in 2000.

### **Employment**

*In 2004, there were 18 people over the age of 16 in the labor force in Alcova. Of these 89.25% were employed, 10.02% were unemployed, 37.86% were not in the labor force and 0.73% were in the armed forces. In 1990, unemployment in this area was 3.22% and in 2000 it was 6.17%. There were 12 employees (daytime population) and there was 1 establishment.*

In 1990, 31.90% of employees were employed in white-collar occupations and 68.1% were employed in blue-collar occupations. In 2000, white collar workers made up 59.37% of the population, and those employed in blue collar occupations made up 40.63%. In 1990, the average time traveled to work was 14 minutes and in 2000 it was 23 minutes.

# Natrona County Profile

PERSONAL INCOME	2000	2001
Total Personal Income (000s \$)	\$2,216,219	\$2,223,711
Per Capita Income	\$33,301	\$33,274
Per Capita Transfer Payment	\$3,540	\$3,771
Per Capita Dividend, Interest, and Rent	\$8,073	\$8,246

RACE AND HISPANIC ORIGIN	2002 Estimate	% of Total
TOTAL	67,336	100.0%
White alone	64,757	96.2%
Black or African American alone	600	0.9%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	787	1.2%
Asian alone	317	0.5%
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander alone	21	0.0%
Two or More Races	854	1.3%
Race alone or in combination with one or more races:		
White	65,611	97.4%
Black or African American	814	1.2%
American Indian and Alaska Native	1,261	1.9%
Asian	469	0.7%
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	56	0.1%
Ethnic Origin:		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	3,340	5.0%
Non-Hispanic or Latino	63,996	95.0%
White alone	61,707	91.6%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census

LANDOWNERS	Acres	Square Miles
United States Government		
National Park Service	0	0.0
Forest Service	5,598	8.7
Fish and Wildlife	13,971	21.8
Bureau of Land Mgt.	1,447,661	2,262.0
Bureau of Reclamation	28,570	44.6
Wyoming		
State Lands Comm.	212,095	608.5
Recreation Comm.	528	0.8
Game and Fish	113	0.2
Local Govt.		
County	4,325	6.8
City	7,532	11.8
School Dist. & Colleges	450	0.7
Other Lands	3,746	5.9
Total Public	1,901,951	2,971.8
Total Private	1,655,169	2,586.2
Surface Water	33,933	53.0
TOTAL LAND	3,557,120	5,558.0

Source: University of Wyoming, Department of Geography & Recreation

SALES TAX COLLECTIONS	FISCAL 02	FISCAL 03
Agriculture Sector	\$153,126	\$172,484
Mining Sector	\$2,337,987	\$2,374,497
Construction Sector	\$1,832,458	\$1,500,940
Manufacturing Sector	\$2,648,212	\$2,647,975
Transportation (TCPU) Sector	\$5,251,474	\$5,374,406
Wholesale Trade Sector	\$5,280,784	\$5,100,869
Retail Trade Sector	\$29,303,632	\$30,493,950
Finance (FIRE) Sector	\$41,638	\$35,755
Service Sector	\$7,364,116	\$7,457,718
Government Sector	\$7,709,908	\$7,022,651
TOTAL	\$61,923,336	\$62,181,247

Source: State of Wyoming, Department of Revenue

POPULATION BY AGE: 2002	
Population under 5 years	4,213
Population 5 to 17 years	12,542
Population 18 to 24 years	7,169
Population 25 to 34 years	7,967
Population 35 to 44 years	9,692
Population 45 to 64 years	17,256
Population 65 years and over	8,497
TOTAL	67,336

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census

COUNTY EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS	
Labor Force (Dec 2004) <i>p</i>	37,116
Employed (Dec 2004) <i>p</i>	35,836
Unemployed (Dec 2004) <i>p</i>	1,280
Unemployment Rate (Dec 2004) <i>p</i>	3.4%
Ave Weekly Wage - Covered Emp (Q4_03)	\$629

Source: State of Wyoming, Department of Employment

*p* = preliminary

CRIME INDEX OFFENSES BY CONTRIBUTOR: 2003	
Murder	5
Rape	16
Robbery	17
Assault	118
Burglary	676
Larceny	2,622
Motor Vehicle Theft	224
Personal Crime	156
Property Crime	3,522
Crime Index Total	3,678

Source: State of Wyoming, Attorney General's Office, DCI

SELECTED STATISTICS SCHOOL YEAR 2001 - 2002	
Number of School Districts	1
Number of Schools	38
Fall Enrollment, 2001	11,835
High School Graduates, 2002	733
Average Daily Membership (ADM)	11,617
Average Daily Attendance (ADA)	10,797
Certified Teachers	796
Certified Staff	173
Classified Staff	733
Administration	65
Students Transported Daily	3,374
Bonded Indebtedness, 6/30/2002	\$5,890,000
Total General Fund Revenues	\$85,757,685
Total General Fund Expenditures	\$85,046,874
Operating Cost Per ADM	\$8,264

Source: State of Wyoming, Department of Education

COUNTY FINANCE	
Assessed Valuation (FY2002)	\$565,937,435
Total Taxes Levied (FY2002)	\$41,656,748
Sales and Use Tax Distribution (FY2002)	\$28,083,329
Bank Deposits (12/31/2002)	\$1,401,083,000
FY2002 Ave. County Levy (mills)	73.607

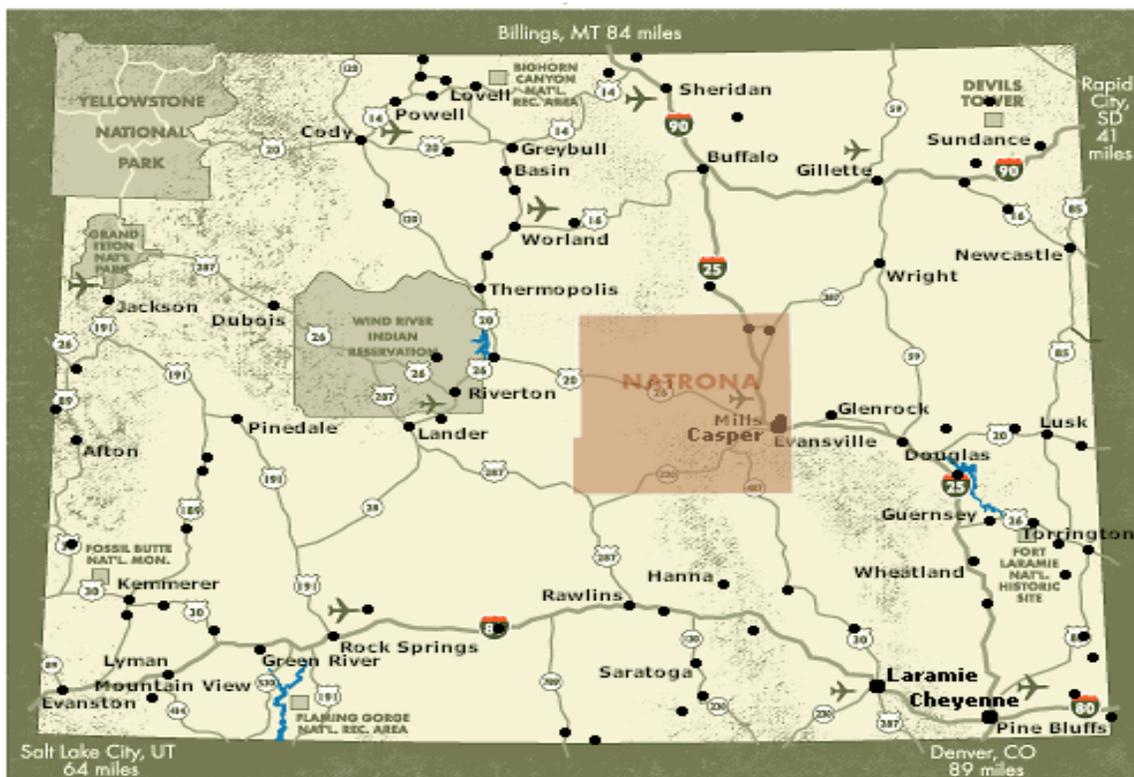
Source: State of Wyoming, Department of Revenue, Audit Department/Banking Division

FULL AND PART TIME EMPLOYMENT	2001
Wage and Salary	35,911
Proprietors	10,022
Farm	462
Forestry, fishing, related activities	(D)
Mining	3,437
Utilities	(D)
Construction	2,915
Manufacturing	1,842
Wholesale trade	2,571
Retail Trade	6,004
Transportation and warehousing	(D)
Information	699
Finance and insurance	1,838
Real estate and rental and leasing	1,906
Professional and technical services	2,378
Management of companies and enterprises	33
Administrative and waste services	2,536
Educational services	292
Health care and social assistance	5,180
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	866
Accommodation and food services	3,056
Other services, except public administration	2,582
Government and government enterprises	5,713
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>45,933</b>

EARNINGS (000s of \$):	2001
Wage and salary	\$1,016,125
Proprietors	\$352,966
Other Labor Income	\$107,530
Farm	\$2,509
Forestry, fishing, related activities	(D)
Mining	\$279,629
Utilities	(D)
Construction	\$95,966
Manufacturing	\$76,495
Wholesale trade	\$121,081
Retail Trade	\$114,166
Transportation and warehousing	(D)
Information	\$25,789
Finance and insurance	\$50,430
Real estate and rental and leasing	\$29,397
Professional and technical services	\$88,608
Management of companies and enterprises	\$1,167
Administrative and waste services	\$51,141
Educational services	\$2,751
Health care and social assistance	\$165,766
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	\$9,438
Accommodation and food services	\$45,392
Other services, except public administration	\$47,188
Government and government enterprises	\$202,872
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,476,621</b>

(D) - not shown to avoid disclosure of confidential information.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), Regional Economic Information System



## Workforce Training

1. Wyoming Department of Workforce Services offers employers up to \$2,000 per employee for training. (<http://www.wyomingworkforce.org/programs/wdtf/index.asp>).
2. Quick Start

Wyoming is the first state approved to license the State of Georgia's Quick Start program. The Wyoming Business Council and the Wyoming Community Colleges are partnering to provide training in:

- Customer Service
  - Manufacturing
  - Warehousing and Distribution
- ([http://www.wyomingbusiness.org/workforce/Quick\\_Start\\_Programs/index.cfm](http://www.wyomingbusiness.org/workforce/Quick_Start_Programs/index.cfm)).

## State incentives

1. No corporate state income tax.
2. No personal state income tax.
3. Community Development Block Grants administered by Wyoming Business Council. (<http://www.wyomingbusiness.org/communities/programs/cdbg.cfm>).
  - Provides grants to local governments for community and economic development projects.
  - Provides convertible loans to grants based on job creation.
4. Partnership Challenge Loan Program administered by Wyoming Business Council.
  - Provides low interest loans to community development organizations.
  - Provides gap financing for projects with the Wyoming Business Council participating with a commercial lender.
5. Industrial Development Revenue Bonds. Cities and counties may issue tax-exempt bonds to provide financing for manufacturing.

## Taxes

1. No corporate state income tax.
2. No personal state income tax.
3. No inventory tax.
4. Natrona County has a 5% sales and use tax (statewide base of 4% plus 1% optional county tax).  
*Source: Wyoming Department of Revenue, Excise Division (January 2005)*
5. Unemployment Insurance - taxable base rate of \$16,400. Tax rates by industry grouping - WY Dept. of Employment. (<http://wydoe.state.wy.us/doe.asp?ID=617>).
6. Workers' Compensation - rates vary by occupation and can be found at: (<http://wydoe.state.wy.us/doe.asp?ID=480>).
7. Property taxes. Average tax rate in Natrona County is 7.9517%.  
*Source: Wyoming Department of Revenue, Ad Valorem Division (September 2004)*

**Tax computation:**

Fair Market Value of Property \* Level of Assessment (9.5% for Residential and Commercial Property) \* Tax Rate

**Example:** Tax on a commercial facility valued at \$1,000,000 is as follows:

$$\$1,000,000 \times 0.095 = \$95,000 \times 0.079517 = \$7,554.$$

State assesses agricultural lands at 9.5% of agricultural value, residential and commercial at 9.5% and Industrial at 11.5% of fair market value.

## Telecommunications

### Available Services:

**All West Communications**

P.O. Box 588  
Kamas, UT 84036

Phone: (435) 783-4361  
Fax: (435) 783-4928  
Website: [www.allwest.net](http://www.allwest.net)

*Services offered:* (Bar Nunn, Casper, Edgeton, Evansville, Midwest, Mills) Web Hosting

**AT&T**

7979 East Tufts Avenue, Suite 900  
Denver, CO 80237

Phone: (877) 593-2087  
Fax: (303) 265-8338  
Website: [www.att.com](http://www.att.com)

*Services offered:* (Casper only) 56 & 64 Data Connections, ATM, Centrex, Frame Relay, ISDN-BRI, ISDN-PRI, PBX, Redundancy (central office), T-1, Web Hosting

**Contact Communications**

937 West Main Street  
Riverton, WY 82501

Phone: (307) 856-0980  
Fax: (307) 856-1499  
Website: [www.contactcom.net](http://www.contactcom.net)

*Services offered:* (Alcova, Bar Nunn, Casper, Edgerton, Evansville, Mills, Natrona) 56 & 64 Data Connections, DSL, Frame Relay, ISDN-BRI, ISP, Network Security, PBX, T-1, Web Hosting, Wireless Data

**Net Wright LLC**

P.O. Box 1747  
Riverton, WY 82501

Phone: (307) 857-5800  
Fax: (307) 857-1053  
Website: [www.netwright.net](http://www.netwright.net)

*Services offered:* (Bar Nunn, Casper, Evansville, Mills) 56 & 64 Data Connections, ATM, DS3, DSL, Frame Relay, T-1, Web Hosting

**New Edge Networks**

3000 Columbia House Blvd., #106  
Vancouver, WA 98661

Phone: (360) 693-9009  
Fax: (360) 737-0828  
Website: [www.newedgenetworks.com](http://www.newedgenetworks.com)

*Services offered:* (Casper only) DSL

**PYXIS Communications**

130 South Ninth Street  
Worland, WY 92130

Phone: (307) 347-7770  
Fax: (307) 347-6366  
Website: [www.pyxiscom.com](http://www.pyxiscom.com)

*Services offered:* (Bar Nunn, Casper, Evansville, Mills) Wireless Data, Wireless Telephone

**Qwest Communications**

103 North Durbin, Room 1

Phone: (307) 234-1107  
Fax: (307) 235-2618

Casper, WY 82601 Website: [www.qwest.com](http://www.qwest.com)  
*Services offered:* (Bar Nunn, Casper, Evansville, Mills) 56 & 64 Data Connections, ATM, Centrex, DSL, Digital Switched Services, Frame Relay, ISDN-BRI, ISDN-PRI, PBX, Private Line, Redundancy (Interoffice), T-1, Web Hosting

**RT Communications** Phone: (307) 347-7000  
 130 South Ninth Street Fax: (307) 347-6366  
 Worland, WY 82401 Website: [www.rtcom.net](http://www.rtcom.net)  
*Services offered:* (Midwest/Edgerton only)

**Visionary** Phone: (888) 682-1884  
 P.O. Box 2799 Fax: (307) 682-2519  
 Gillette, WY 82717 Website: [www.vcn.com](http://www.vcn.com)  
*Services offered* (Casper only): Dial Up, DSL, 256k Residential Wireless, 512k Business Wireless, Reach DSL, T-1 & Frame, Web Design, Web Hosting. (Edgerton/Midwest only): Dial Up, T-1 & Frame, Web Design, Web Hosting. (All other incorporated communities): Web Hosting.

Source: Wyoming Interactive Business Center, Wyoming Business Council

## Power Cost

2001

### Weighted Average Cost per kWh of Power

Cents per kWh of industrial power	3.24
Cents per kWh of commercial power	5.19
Cents per kWh of residential power	6.51

	Industrial	Commercial	Residential
High Plains Power Company (2001) 5608 Old W Yellowstone Casper, WY 82601 (307) 473-1525	3.54	6.19	7.21
PacifiCorp (2001) 825 NE Multnomah Portland, OR 97232 (888) 221-7070	3.24	5.14	6.44

Source: ACN (U.S. Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration)

## Cost of Living Index (Prices as of July 7, 8, and 9, 2004, Statewide Average = 100)

Food	Housing	Apparel	Transportation	Medical	Recreation & Personal Care
102	94	104	99	93	100

Source: State of Wyoming, Economic Analysis Division (<http://eadiv.state.wy.us/wcli/NewsRelease-4Q04.pdf>).

## Average Price of Single-Family Home (2003)

\$130,446

Source: A Profile of Wyoming ([http://www.wyomingcda.com/PDFfiles/Database\\_12\\_2005/Profile04b\\_Fnl.pdf](http://www.wyomingcda.com/PDFfiles/Database_12_2005/Profile04b_Fnl.pdf)).

## Higher Education

## Transportation

### 1. Airports:

#### Natrona County International (CPR)

7 miles northwest of Casper

Commercial Service: Great Lakes (United Express), Sky West

Daily flights to: Salt Lake City, Denver

Fixed Base Operators: Casper Jet Center

Runways: 10,600 x 150 ft., asphalt

8,679 x 150 ft., asphalt

8,686 x 60 ft., asphalt

7,696 x 60 ft., asphalt

### 2. Highways:

Interstate 25

U.S. 20

U.S. 26

### 3. Railroad:

Burlington Northern Santa Fe

Union Pacific

## Natrona County Business Report (Estimate)

Daytime Population: Total Employees 35,663

Business Counts: Total Establishments 4,286

<b>Employees By Occupation</b>	<b>2004 Estimate</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
<b><i>"White Collar" Employees</i></b>	20,597	57.75%
Administrative Support Workers	6,367	17.85%
Executive Managers & Administrators	3,668	10.29%
Professional Specialty Occupations	4,903	13.75%
Sales Professionals	966	2.71%
Sales Workers & Clerks	3,728	10.45%
Technical Sales & Administrative	18	0.05%
Technologies & Technicians	947	2.66%
<b><i>"Blue Collar" Employees</i></b>	14,908	41.80%
Construction, Repair & Mining	1,581	4.43%
Farming, Forestry & Fishing	1,130	3.17%
Handlers, Helpers & Laborers	961	2.69%
Machine Operators, Assemblers & Inspectors	698	1.96%
Other Services Field Based	284	0.80%
Other Services Site Based	5,444	15.27%
Precision Craft & Repair	3,154	8.84%

Private Household Service	1	0.00%
Protective Services	456	1.28%
Transportation & Materials Moving Workers	1,199	3.36%

<b>Establishments: Size</b>	<b>2004 Estimate</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
1 - 4 Employees	2,713	63.30%
5 - 9 Employees	772	18.01%
10 - 19 Employees	415	9.68%
20 - 49 Employees	276	6.44%
50 - 99 Employees	63	1.47%
100 - 249 Employees	40	0.93%
250 - 499 Employees	5	0.12%
500 - 999 Employees	1	0.02%
1,000+ Employees	1	0.02%

<b>Major Industry: Employees</b>	<b>2004 Estimate</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
Agricultural, Forestry, Fishing	296	0.83%
Construction	2,082	5.84%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	1,960	5.50%
Manufacturing	1,966	5.51%
Mining	2,231	6.26%
Public Administration	2,177	6.10%
Retail Trade	7,724	21.66%
Services	13,234	37.11%
Transportation & Communications	1,700	4.77%
Unclassified	158	0.44%
Wholesale Trade	2,135	5.99%

<b>Major Industry: Establishments</b>	<b>2004 Estimate</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
Agricultural, Forestry, Fishing	79	1.84%
Construction	292	6.81%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	364	8.49%
Manufacturing	153	3.57%
Mining	164	3.83%
Public Administration	170	3.97%
Retail Trade	737	17.20%
Services	1,776	41.44%
Transportation & Communications	180	4.20%
Unclassified	91	2.12%
Wholesale Trade	277	6.46%

<b>Retail Trade: Employees</b>	<b>2004 Estimate</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
Auto Dealers & Gas Stations	1,054	13.65%
Bars	342	4.43%
Building Materials Hardware & Garden	763	9.88%
Catalog and Direct Sales	41	0.53%
Clothing Stores	238	3.08%
Convenience Stores	184	2.38%
Drug Stores	81	1.05%
Electronics & Computer Stores	93	1.20%
Food Markets	422	5.46%
Furniture Stores	123	1.59%
General Merchandise Stores	1,090	14.11%
Home Furnishings	190	2.46%
Liquor Stores	88	1.14%
Music Stores	25	0.32%
Other Food Service	147	1.90%
Other Food Stores	104	1.35%
Restaurants	2,041	26.42%
Specialty Stores	698	9.04%
Total Retail Trade	7,724	100.00%

<b>Retail Trade: Establishments</b>	<b>2004 Estimate</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
Auto Dealers & Gas Stations	107	14.52%
Bars	18	2.44%
Building Materials Hardware & Garden	57	7.73%
Catalog & Direct Sales	8	1.09%
Clothing Stores	42	5.70%
Convenience Stores	31	4.21%
Drug Stores	5	0.68%
Electronics & Computer Stores	26	3.53%
Food Markets	10	1.36%
Furniture Stores	23	3.12%
General Merchandise Stores	11	1.49%
Home Furnishings	28	3.80%
Liquor Stores	15	2.04%
Music Stores	6	0.81%
Other Food Service	18	2.44%
Other Food Stores	31	4.21%
Restaurants	119	16.15%
Specialty Stores	182	24.69%
Total Retail Trade	737	100.00%

<b>Service: Employees</b>	<b>2004 Estimate</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
Advertising	71	0.54%
Auto Repair/Services	549	4.15%
Beauty and Barber Shops	259	1.96%
Child Care Services	260	1.96%
Colleges & Universities	113	0.85%
Computer Services	120	0.91%
Dry Cleaning & Laundry	140	1.06%
Entertainment & Recreation Services	472	3.57%
Health & Medical Services	1,430	10.81%
Hospitals	2,122	16.03%
Hotels & Lodging	391	2.95%
Legal Services	475	3.59%
Membership Organizations	464	3.51%
Miscellaneous Repair Services	311	2.35%
Motion Pictures	85	0.64%
Museums & Zoos	348	2.63%
Other Business Services	1,349	10.19%
Other Education & Library Services	97	0.73%
Other Personal Service	88	0.66%
Primary & Secondary Education	2,043	15.44%
Professional Services	933	7.05%
Social Services	1,114	8.42%
Total Services	13,234	100.00%

<b>Service: Establishments</b>	<b>2004 Estimate</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
Advertising	11	0.62%
Auto Repair/Services	130	7.32%
Beauty and Barber Shops	81	4.56%
Child Care Services	37	2.08%
Colleges & Universities	7	0.39%
Computer Services	26	1.46%
Dry Cleaning & Laundry	22	1.24%
Entertainment & Recreation Services	71	4.00%
Health & Medical Services	291	16.39%
Hospitals	34	1.91%
Hotels & Lodging	36	2.03%
Legal Services	161	9.07%
Membership Organizations	147	8.28%
Miscellaneous Repair Services	76	4.28%

Motion Pictures	22	1.24%
Museums & Zoos	9	0.51%
Other Business Services	134	7.55%
Other Education & Library Services	20	1.13%
Other Personal Service	42	2.36%
Primary & Secondary Education	46	2.59%
Professional Services	242	13.63%
Social Services	131	7.38%
Total Services	1,776	100.00%

### Natrona County Consumer Expenditure Report (Estimate)

	2004 Estimate	2009 Projection	% Change 2004 - 2009
Total Households	28,287	30,014	6.1%
Total Average Household Expenditure	\$42,726	\$46,109	7.9%
Total Average Retail Expenditure	\$18,157	\$19,587	7.9%

### Consumer Expenditure Detail (Average Household Annual Expenditures)

	2004 Estimate	2009 Projection	% Change 2004 - 2009
Airline Fares	\$296.16	\$319.93	8.0%
Alcoholic Beverages	\$407.30	\$439.67	7.9%
Alimony & Child Support	\$124.48	\$133.82	7.5%
Apparel	\$2,292.80	\$2,474.98	7.9%
Apparel Services & Accessories	\$302.51	\$327.24	8.2%
Audio Equipment	\$64.33	\$69.59	8.2%
Babysitting & Elderly Care	\$246.45	\$266.14	8.0%
Books	\$78.64	\$84.94	8.0%
Books & Supplies	\$114.45	\$123.31	7.7%
Boys Apparel	\$120.25	\$129.55	7.7%
Cellular Phone Service	\$68.88	\$74.25	7.8%
Cigarettes	\$349.50	\$376.86	7.8%
Computer Hardware	\$334.80	\$361.21	7.9%
Computer Information Services	\$34.71	\$37.64	8.4%
Computer Software	\$43.74	\$47.20	7.9%
Contributions	\$1,263.36	\$1,366.09	8.1%
Coolant & Other Fluids	\$9.78	\$10.56	8.0%
Cosmetics & Perfume	\$93.72	\$101.38	8.2%
Deodorants & Other Personal Care	\$31.15	\$33.55	7.7%

Education	\$739.28	\$796.65	7.8%
Electricity	\$1,255.59	\$1,353.14	7.8%
Entertainment	\$2,180.58	\$2,354.93	8.0%
Fees & Admissions	\$559.40	\$604.73	8.1%
Finance Chgs Exc Mort & Veh	\$189.55	\$204.53	7.9%
Floor Coverings	\$70.31	\$76.11	8.2%
Food & Beverages	\$6,981.85	\$7,531.37	7.9%
Food At Home	\$4,109.61	\$4,428.95	7.8%
Food Away From Home	\$2,464.94	\$2,662.75	8.0%
Footwear	\$421.06	\$454.38	7.9%
Fuel Oil & Other Fuels	\$80.00	\$86.19	7.7%
Funeral & Cemetery	\$100.40	\$107.73	7.3%
Furniture	\$418.14	\$452.80	8.3%
Gasoline & Oil	\$1,496.56	\$1,617.33	8.1%
Gifts	\$1,273.48	\$1,374.36	7.9%
Girls Apparel	\$145.17	\$156.43	7.8%
Hair Care	\$59.82	\$64.50	7.8%
Hard Surface Flooring	\$12.42	\$13.38	7.7%
Health Care	\$2,709.30	\$2,917.71	7.7%
Health Care Insurance	\$1,279.82	\$1,377.82	7.7%
Health Care Services	\$821.44	\$884.20	7.6%
Health Care Supplies & Equip	\$608.04	\$655.69	7.8%
Household Services	\$330.30	\$356.08	7.8%
Household Supplies	\$654.91	\$710.19	8.4%
Household Textiles	\$100.01	\$108.08	8.1%
Housewares & Small App	\$892.59	\$964.07	8.0%
Indoor Plants & Fresh Flowers	\$69.27	\$74.73	7.9%
Infants Apparel	\$105.83	\$114.07	7.8%
Jewelry	\$106.30	\$115.21	8.4%
Legal & Accounting	\$95.09	\$102.69	8.0%
Magazines	\$47.56	\$51.29	7.8%
Major Appliances	\$196.79	\$212.71	8.1%
Mass Transit	\$91.55	\$98.87	8.0%
Men's Apparel	\$427.47	\$461.32	7.9%
Mortgage Interest	\$2,583.85	\$2,793.61	8.1%
Natural Gas	\$392.95	\$423.40	7.7%
New Car Purchased	\$1,070.36	\$1,152.62	7.7%
New Truck Purchased	\$797.63	\$859.38	7.7%
New Vehicle Purchase	\$1,867.99	\$2,012.00	7.7%

Newspapers	\$100.04	\$107.86	7.8%
Oral Hygiene Products	\$28.02	\$30.21	7.8%
Other Lodging	\$731.00	\$780.25	6.7%
Other Miscellaneous Expenses	\$97.62	\$105.38	7.9%
Other Repairs & Maintenance	\$85.36	\$92.06	7.8%
Other Tobacco Products	\$37.32	\$40.28	7.9%
Other Transportation Costs	\$711.83	\$767.22	7.8%
Other Utilities	\$363.62	\$392.80	8.0%
Paint & Wallpaper	\$42.47	\$45.89	8.1%
Personal Care Products	\$165.46	\$178.71	8.0%
Personal Care Services	\$469.10	\$506.83	8.0%
Personal Insurance	\$499.44	\$539.38	8.0%
Pet Supplies & Services	\$232.71	\$251.11	7.9%
Photographic Equip & Supplies	\$107.48	\$116.07	8.0%
Plumbing & Heating	\$54.80	\$59.23	8.1%
Property Taxes	\$439.86	\$476.22	8.3%
Public Transportation	\$468.62	\$506.11	8.0%
Records/Tapes/CD Purchases	\$110.98	\$119.71	7.9%
Recreational Equip & Supplies	\$812.52	\$877.85	8.0%
Rental Costs	\$3,431.81	\$3,703.77	7.9%
Roofing & Siding	\$68.78	\$74.08	7.7%
Satellite Dishes	\$6.96	\$7.54	8.3%
Shaving Needs	\$12.57	\$13.57	8.0%
Shelter	\$7,871.84	\$8,493.63	7.9%
Telephone Svc Excl Cell	\$1,076.20	\$1,161.19	7.9%
Televisions	\$95.46	\$103.10	8.0%
Transportation	\$8,839.72	\$9,543.33	8.0%
Tuition	\$624.83	\$673.34	7.8%
Used Car Purchase	\$1,241.07	\$1,343.47	8.3%
Used Truck Purchase	\$717.91	\$775.74	8.1%
Used Vehicle Purchase	\$1,958.98	\$2,119.21	8.2%
VCRs & Related Equipment	\$42.59	\$45.97	7.9%
Vehicle Insurance	\$1,006.64	\$1,087.55	8.0%
Vehicle Repair	\$967.74	\$1,043.28	7.8%
Vehicle Repair & Maintenance	\$977.52	\$1,053.84	7.8%
Video & Audio Equipment	\$808.66	\$872.35	7.9%
Video Game Hardware & Software	\$27.57	\$29.71	7.8%
Watches	\$22.39	\$24.26	8.4%
Women's Apparel	\$770.51	\$831.99	8.0%

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# Agenda for the Alcova Community Assessment

<b>Wednesday April 27, 2005</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>
1:00-2:00	Resource Team Meeting	Church
2:00-3:00	Alcova Community Foundation	Church
3:00-?	Tour of Alcova	
5:00-6:30	Resource Team Supper	Church
6:45-7:45	Agriculture & Area Business Snack	Church

<b>Thursday April 28, 2005</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>
7:30-8:30	Resource Team Breakfast	Church
8:30-9:30	School Staff, Students, ABC Club	School
9:30-10:30	Retiree's and Senior Citizens	Church
10:30-11:30	Government Officials & Utilities	Church
11:30-1:00	Resource Team Lunch	Church
1:00-2:00	Open Session	Church
2:00-5:00	Team Prep for Community Meeting	Church
5:00-6:00	Resource Team Supper	Church
6:45-7:45	Community Meeting Refreshments	School

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## **Alcova Major Themes**

### **Beautification**

- Clean up the community
- Remove dilapidated buildings and fix buildings in disrepair
- Improve the tourists respect to the area
  - Create an enforceable river use and river access policy
  - Improve trash management
- Clean up the park
  - Add roping arena
  - Picnic tables
  - Plant more trees and water the current ones
  - Mow the grass

### **Infrastructure**

- Determine accountability for land use
- Improve the roads and bridge
- Address water and sewer concerns
- Improve law enforcement presence in Alcova and surrounding area

### **Quality of Life**

- **Walking path**
  - improve and expand the walking path
- **Senior/community center**
  - community programs for kids, seniors, and families
- **Leadership**
  - Encourage new community leaders
  - Expand upon the current community assets

## **Team Member Recommendations**

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**Introduction:**

I would like to say what a pleasure it was to visit your community. The Alcova Community Foundation is a real asset to Alcova and did an excellent job of planning the assessment. The community assessment was extremely well publicized and done so in very unique and creative ways. The residents of Alcova really made the team feel welcome and we enjoyed spending a couple of days in a community with "old time" values. It was clear that the residents of Alcova really care about one another and go the extra mile to help each other out. It is not hard to see why you have so many visitors to your beautiful community, I certainly plan to come and go boating and camping around Alcova in the future!

**Theme: Beautification**

**Challenge:** Clean up the community, remove dilapidated buildings and fix buildings in disrepair, improve the tourists respect to the area, clean up the park: add roping arena, picnic tables, plant more trees and water the current ones, mow the grass.

**Solution:**

Beautification is a challenge that so many rural communities face. In Alcova, you already have a major asset, the surrounding geography. It was brought up in the listening sessions that the residents would like the entire community cleaned up. One idea that may work is to have a community cleanup day, maybe quarterly or just once or twice a year. You could probably clean up the whole community in a couple of hours then have a picnic or ice cream social (the ice cream in Alcova was delicious!!!!) at the park or the school, or church. It would be a great way to bring all of the residents together and could be fun for the community. At the picnic you could also give out awards for the best looking yard. This may become a way for the residents of the community to clean up their own property in order to win the award. The Town of Dayton, WY does this and it has been successful for their community. A good example of a community that is close to Alcova that has seen successful clean up efforts since their community assessment is Mills. They hired a person to be in charge of enforcing clean up rules and may have some good tips for Alcova.

It was also brought up that the tourists that visit Alcova are not respectful, specifically about the area along the river. I would encourage you to put up signs that state such things at Pack it In-Pack it Out, and also to add trash cans to the area. Also adding in

some interpretive signs to the area may help to reduce tourist disrespect. Another way to beautify Alcova would be to place signs at the entrances and exits of the community, maybe saying something about its history or the corn festival or the dam. Alcova really has a very fascinating history that if it were marketed, I imagine many tourists would stop to learn more.

Another big issue with beautification was to clean up the park. The park is already beautiful with the road that winds around and the trees that line, so you already have something nice to work with. It was brought up that it would be nice to add a roping arena to the park so that you could have ropings, rodeos, horse shows, etc. This is a great idea and would be a good way to get people who live in the country around Alcova into town. I would recommend contacting your local 4-H Club to see if they would be willing to help with this project, then they would also have use of the arena whenever needed. I have listed below the contact information for the State 4-H office and the Cooperative Extension Service which may be of help as well! It was also brought up that you would like picnic tables added to your park. The easiest way to achieve this would be to find a person to volunteer to make them. I would recommend talking with the one of high schools in Casper since students from Alcova attend school in Casper to see if maybe their wood shop class would make the tables for a school project. The other issues with the park entail watering the trees, planting new ones and mowing the grass. I recommend contacting the Natrona County Conservation District to see how they can help you obtain more trees and manage them correctly. I would also recommend contacting Wyoming State Forestry as they have programs that can help to obtain trees for rural communities in Wyoming and to manage them correctly. Another option to purchase trees cheaply is to join the National Arbor Day Foundation. It is only \$10 to join and with the membership you get 10 free trees and a book on how to care for them. As for the mowing of the park it may be possible to gather 4-5 volunteers to mow the grass and water the trees at the park on a rotating basis so that not one person is stuck doing it every week.

### **Resources:**

#### **State 4-H Office**

Cooperative Extension Service  
University of Wyoming  
Dept. 3354  
1000 E. University Ave.  
Laramie, WY 82071  
1-307-766-5170

#### **Natrona County Conservation District**

2020 Fairgrounds Road, Suite 101  
Casper, WY 82604  
Phone: 234-4022  
Fax: 261-5436  
[deena.hood@wy.nacdnet.net](mailto:deena.hood@wy.nacdnet.net)

**Wyoming State Forestry District Division 2**  
2020 Fairgrounds Road, Suite 203  
Casper, WY 82604  
307-234-6116

**Town Of Mills**  
Mayor, Joe Dill  
P.O. Box 789  
Mills, WY 82644  
307-234-6679

**National Arbor Day Foundation**  
100 Arbor Avenue  
Nebraska City, NE  
68410  
Toll Free: 1-888-448-7337  
[www.arborday.org](http://www.arborday.org)

**Theme: Infrastructure**

**Challenge:** Address water and sewer concerns in Alcova currently and as the community grows.

**Solution:**

Once again, Alcova is definitely not alone with its needs to improve the water and sewer systems, especially with how close you are to two water areas the lake and the river. I recommend that you contact the Midwest Assistance Program. For 25 years, Midwest Assistance Program has been providing technical assistance and training to small, rural communities. MAP focuses on improving, constructing and managing water and wastewater facilities and enhancing solid waste management. MAP staff tailor technical assistance and training to each community by agreeing on goals and objectives with community leaders. MAP helps these local leaders build their capacity to maintain basic services for their residents, thereby improving the quality of life.

**Resources:**

**Midwest Assistance Program**  
Dan Coughlin  
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Casper, WY 82601  
307-265-0855  
307-265-0824 fax

**Theme:** Quality of Life

**Challenge:** Improve and expand the walking path, senior/community center, community programs for kids, seniors, and families, leadership, encourage new community leader and expand upon the current community assets.

**Solution:**

Many residents young, old and in-between stated that they want an improved and expanded walking path in Alcova. The team was shown the current one and it is very nice to have a beautiful location along the river to walk next to. Improving and expanding the walking path could be great for the community in so many ways. It would be a great spot for everyone to get some exercise, explore nature, for school kids to learn more about natural resources and to make the tourists respect the area more. Having a clear walking path with interpretive signs and trash cans along the river could really lessen the damage made by tourists and fisherman. If visitors notice that the area is managed, hopefully they will respect it more! The Wyoming Department of Transportation has grants available to create walking paths in communities that may be helpful to you. I have listed their contact information below.

Another program that may be helpful in expanding your walking path is the Foundation for Rural Education and Development Ethyl Grant Program. The Ethyl Grant program focuses on improving economic conditions and the quality of life in rural communities. The Foundation for Rural Education and Development (FRED) was established by the Organization for the Promotion and Advancement of Small Telecommunications Companies. Now in its fourth year, the Ethyl Grant program provides matching grants to organizations that partner with OPASTCO member telephone companies for community projects. The grants, ranging from \$500 - \$2,500 are awarded bi-annually in October and May.

Another option for funding the expansion of a walking path may be through the Union Pacific Railroad's Community Based Grant Program. Information about this program is online at the address listed below, and the contact information for the foundation is also listed below.

The need for a community/ senior center in Alcova was brought up frequently. It seems that currently the church and school serve that function. Also brought up during the listening sessions was the need for community programs for kids, families and seniors. There is a federally funded grant program that is administered by the Wyoming Department of Education called the Wyoming 21st Century Community Learning Center Program. Goals of the program include:

- Ensure community-wide collaboration in planning and implementation efforts
- Implement and evaluate effective, research-based programs and strategies
- Provide a range of services across a broad continuum of care
- Enhance sustainability in community efforts beyond the three-year funding cycle.

The program can offer a broad array of additional services such as, drug and violence prevention programs, art, music and recreation programs, technology education programs, each designed to reinforce the regular academic program of the participating students. The contact information to learn more about this program is listed below.

I would also suggest contacting some civic organizations to learn more or to volunteer your time to your community. Some organizations that may be a good fit include (but are not limited to): 4-H, Girl and Boy Scouts, and the Boys and Girls Clubs.

The need for new leadership was brought up, specifically from the younger generations. Alcova already has great leadership from the Alcova Community Foundation, but it was stated that there is a need for younger people to step up and participate. I would recommend looking at the civic organizations that I discussed earlier as they really help to build leadership skills in young people and maybe have some that would like to volunteer but just did not know that there was a need for it!

**Resources:**

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**Girl Scout Council of Wyoming**

P O Box 50307 Casper, WY 82605  
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**Boy Scouts of America National Council**

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Irving, Texas 75015-2079

**Central Wyoming Council**

3939 Mountain Rd.  
Casper, WY 82602-1506  
Tel 307-234-7329  
Web site: <http://www.wyoscouts.org>

**Foundation for Rural Education and Development Ethyl Grant Program**

FRED  
21 Dupont Circle NW, Suite 700 ·  
Washington, DC · 20036 ·

Phone: 202/659-5990 ·  
Fax: 202/659-461  
To download the application please visit:  
<<http://www.fred.org/FREDBrEthylSide1218B.pdf>.>

**Union Pacific Foundation**

1400 Douglas St., Stop 1560  
Omaha, NE 68179  
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Union Pacific's website: <http://www.up.com/>  
Union Pacific's grant information pages: <http://www.up.com/found/grants.shtml#how>

A subtheme of the quality of life theme was to expand upon the current community assets. I really believe that the biggest community asset in Alcova was the people. Everyone that the team met during the community assessment was very friendly, and I really enjoyed getting to know the people of Alcova. So my recommendation for this is to never forget what you already have: great people who really care about one another and help each other out in good times and bad. It is easy to often dwell on what you do not have, but you can accomplish much more by building on your current strengths! Best of luck to you in accomplishing your goals!

*It's time for all us cheer for the doer, the achiever-  
the one who recognizes the challenge and does something about it.  
- Vince Lombardi*

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**Introduction:**

The community of Alcova is rich in natural resources and more importantly in community pride. The citizens of this small community have a great deal of passion to make their community a more vibrant place to live. Their community pride and spirit shows. I am impressed by the town's services as a food bank, elementary school, community plays, nature trail, small park and numerous recreational opportunities.

**Challenge: Beautification**

**Solution:**

We were repeatedly told that that community wanted to clean up their town. They discussed this in terms of cleaning up the town and the lake area, removing or fixing up dilapidated buildings, creating an enforceable river use and river access policy, improved

trash management, and cleaning up the town park. Here are some ideas for these identified needs:

1. **Community clean up-**

- a. Organize a community clean up day. The citizens and the tourists could be invited to clean up the town, the river and lake area. Persons participating for a minimum of half a day could be given a coupon for a pot luck supper at the local park or Church. Funds for the supper could be raised through a community raffle which might include items from the local store, hotel nights, fishing trips, or foundation support as the McMurry Foundation. Local residents and persons with a lake home could contribute to this fund as well. **The McMurry Foundation contact information is: 1701 East E Street; Casper, WY 82601; Tel. 307-261-9953.**
- b. Some communities have worked hand in hand with the local County Park Service. The park service provides youth jobs during summer months to clean up community parks. This would be an excellent idea. It provides some part time work to youth who might be unemployed and helps the County's Parks stay in good shape.
- c. The community could increase the number of trash receptacles. The Community families program with USDA Rural Development can purchase these through either loans or possibly grants. **Contact information is: Jerry Tamlin, Community and Business Program Director; 200 E. B. St; PO Box 820; Casper, WY 82602; Tel. 307-233-6720; e-mail: jerry.tamlin@wy.usda.gov.**
- d. The community needs to find out the county ordinances for property maintenance. Then ask the local township officials to send letters to those in noncompliance with zoning and ordinance laws that outlines the penalties for noncompliance. I realize this is a sticky issue since many of the residents know the persons owning these properties. The community, however, should not have to suffer for the neglectful ownership habits of a few.
- e. Homes can be repaired with 504 funds. These funds provide very low income rural homeowners an opportunity to make essential repairs to their homes. **Types Of Assistance:** Direct Loans; Project Grants. **Uses And Use Restrictions:** To assist very low-income owner occupants in rural areas to repair or improve their dwellings. Grant funds may only be used to make such dwellings safe and sanitary and to remove health and safety hazards. **Applicant Eligibility:** Applicants must own and occupy a home in a rural area, own the land the home is on, and the house must be on a permanent foundation or placed on a permanent foundation after the proposed loan and grant. Applicants be a citizen of the United States or reside in the United States after having been legally admitted for permanent residence or on indefinite parole. Loan recipients must have sufficient income to repay the loan. *Grant recipients* must be 62 years of age or older and be unable to repay a loan for that part of the assistance received as a grant. **Information Contacts: The contact person is Billie**

**Kirkham in the Riverton Area Office at 307-856-7524 Ext. 4; 508 N. Broadway; Riverton, WY 82501-3597.**

- f. The community needs to find out the County's policy on river maintenance and stream bank encouragement. The penalties for inappropriate and illegal use can be posted near the River Banks. This should defer many and make these laws more enforceable. Signage could be paid for by either the county or the landowner including Federal landowners.
2. **Clean up the Park-** We heard numerous residents talk about the need to revitalize the town park. They do NOT want it available for overnight camping but would like to expand the services offered and protect the assets already in the park as the trees and picnic areas. Many residents expressed they would like a walking path or trail. Both of these needs have many of the same potential funding sources so they are listed together.
- a. Add a roping or multi-use and equestrian outdoor arena- **15.916 Outdoor Recreation Acquisition, Development And Planning (Land And Water Conservation Fund Grants); Federal Agency: National Park Service, Department Of The Interior; Objectives:** To provide financial assistance to the States and their political subdivisions for the preparation of Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plans (SCORPs) and acquisition and development of outdoor recreation areas and facilities for the general public, to meet current and future needs. **USES AND USE RESTRICTIONS:** Acquisition and development grants may be used for a wide range of outdoor recreation projects, such as picnic areas, inner city parks, campgrounds, tennis courts, boat launching ramps, bike trails, outdoor swimming pools, and support facilities such as roads, water supply, etc. Facilities must be open to the general public and not limited to special groups. Development of basic rather than elaborate facilities is favored. Fund monies are not available for the operation and maintenance of facilities. Applicant Eligibility: For planning grants, only the State agency formally designated by the Governor or State law as responsible for the preparation and maintenance of the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan is eligible to apply. **For acquisition and development grants, the above designated agency may apply for assistance for itself, or on behalf of other State agencies or political subdivisions, such as cities, counties, and park districts.** **Formula and Matching Requirements:** The Land and Water Conservation Fund Act specifies that not more than 50 percent of the project cost may be federally financed. Regional Office: Intermountain Region; National Park Service; 12795 Alameda Pkwy; Denver, CO 80225; tel. (303)-969-2500. Chief, Recreation Programs, National Park Service, (2225), Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240. Telephone: (202) 354-6900. (FAX: (202) 371-5179). Contact: Wayne Strum. **I suggest asking the County to apply on behalf of Alcova.**
  - b. **15.918 Disposal Of Federal Surplus Real Property For Parks, Recreation, And Historic Monuments** (Surplus Property Program;

Federal Lands-to-Parks Program; Historic Surplus Property Program)  
**Federal Agency: National Park Service, Department Of The Interior.**  
**Objectives:** To transfer surplus Federal real property for public park and recreation use, or for use of historic real property. **Uses And Use Restrictions:** Surplus real property may be conveyed for public park and recreation use at discounts up to 100 percent of fair market value and for historic monument purposes without monetary consideration. **Applicant Eligibility:** Only State or local units of government are eligible to apply for surplus real property for public park and recreation and historic monument purposes, and must agree to manage the property in the public interest and for public use (in the case of park and recreation purposes). **Information Contacts:** Intermountain Region- Regional Director, National Park Service; 12795 Alameda Pkwy; Denver, CO 80225; Tel.: (303) 969-2500. Applicants for park and recreation purposes are requested to communicate with their regional National Park Service Offices. The Area Excess Property Manager is Mandy White at Fort Laramie National Historic Site; 965 Gray Rocks Road; Fort Laramie, WY 82212, tel.: 307-837-2221 or Fax 307-837-2120.

- c. **15.921 Rivers, Trails And Conservation Assistance (RTCA), Federal Agency: National Park Service, Department Of The Interior.**  
**Objectives:** To provide staff assistance to support partnerships between government and citizens to increase the number of rivers and landscapes protected and trails established nationwide. **Applicant Eligibility:** Private nonprofit organizations and Federal, State and local government agencies. **Information Contacts:** Intermountain Region- Regional Director, National Park Service; 12795 Alameda Pkwy; Denver, CO 80225; Tel.: (303) 969-2500. **Examples Of Funded Projects:** Develop new trails and greenways; protect and restore river resources, access and views; convert abandoned railways to multi-purpose trails; promote and develop systems of trails and greenways; conserve open space; establish new conservation organizations and alliances. Examples of RTCA projects include: (1) In Ivins, Utah, RTCA facilitated a series of day-long planning charettes for the Santa Clara River Reserve Trail which brought together diverse interests including ranchers and environmentalists and forged consensus.
- d. **20.219 Recreational Trails Program, Federal Agency: Federal Highway Administration, Department Of Transportation.** **Objectives:** To provide funds to the States to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both nonmotorized and motorized recreational trail uses. **Uses And Use Restrictions:** Funds from this program may be used for: (1) Maintenance and restoration of existing trails; (2) development and rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities and trail linkages; (3) purchase and lease of trail construction and maintenance equipment; (4) construction of new trails (with restrictions for new trails on Federal lands); (5) acquisition of easements or property for trails; (6) State administrative costs related to this program (limited to 7 percent of a State's funds); and (7) operation of educational programs to

promote safety and environmental protection related to trails (limited to 5 percent of a State's funds). **Applicant Eligibility:** The Governor of each State must designate the State agency or agencies responsible for administering this program. **Information Contacts:** Philip E. Miller, Division Administrator; 2617 E. Lincolnway Suite D; Cheyenne WY 82001-5662; tel. 307-772-2101 Ext 40; Fax: 307-772-2011.

- e. **15.225 Recreation Resource Management. Federal Agency: Bureau Of Land Management, Department Of The Interior. Objectives:** To manage recreational resource values on the public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management and to increase public awareness and appreciation of these values. **Types Of Assistance:** Project Grants; Use of Property, Facilities, and Equipment; Provision of Specialized Services; Advisory Services and Counseling; Dissemination of Technical Information; Training. **Uses And Use Restrictions:** All projects are restricted to lands administered by BLM. Assistance can be used for managing and/or upgrading recreational resources and related facilities, and public contact/education opportunities. No regular discretionary fund is available but is highly variable each fiscal year. **Information Contacts:** Casper Field Office; 2987 Prospector Drive; Casper, WY 82604-2968; Phone: 307-261-7600; Fax: 307-261-7587; E-mail: [casper\\_wymail@blm.gov](mailto:casper_wymail@blm.gov). Field Manager: Jim Murkin. **Examples Of Funded Projects:** (1) Development of recreation facilities. (2) Cooperative visitor services to the general public. (3) Agreements to manage public land resources cooperatively. (4) Assistance agreement to promote more effective management of caves on Public Lands.
- f. **Community Tree Planting and Education Grants.** Objective: To encourage tree planting, volunteer involvement and community forestry education in communities. **Types of Assistance:** 50/50 cash grant match. **Applicant Eligibility:** Cities, towns, and civic groups are eligible. Volunteers must be involved in the project and all trees must be planted in public land. **Information Contacts:** Mark Hughes, State Forestry Division; 1100 W. 22<sup>nd</sup> St.; Cheyenne, WY 82002; tel. 307-777-7586; e-mail: [mhughe@state.wy.us](mailto:mhughe@state.wy.us)
- g. **Land and Water Conservation Program.** Objective: To acquire and or develop or renovate public outdoor recreational lands and facilities. **Types of Assistance:** 50/50 match. **Applicant Eligibility:** Local tax-based entities, therefore I suggest you request the county apply on Alcova's behalf. **Information Contacts:** Mary Moore; Grants Specialist; 2301 Central Av; Cheyenne, WY 82002; tel. 307-777-5598; e-mail: [mmoore@state.wy.us](mailto:mmoore@state.wy.us)
- h. **Motorboat Grant.** Objective: To expand opportunities for motorboat use through facilities development and enhancement. **Types of Assistance:** 50/50 match including in-kind. **Applicant Eligibility:** Local or County Governments, therefore I suggest you request the county apply on Alcova's behalf. **Information Contacts:** Mary Moore; Grants Specialist;

2301 Central Av; Cheyenne, WY 82002; tel. 307-777-5598; e-mail:  
[mmoore@state.wy.us](mailto:mmoore@state.wy.us).

**Challenge: Infrastructure**

**Solution:**

Many residents in the town and in the lake area are frustrated over not knowing who had jurisdiction over various land areas. We repeatedly heard that there was a lack of accountability for land and river use which is exasperated over the fact no one seems to know who owns which pieces of land, and who is responsible. Sometimes it seems the ownership and the maintenance of land is questionable which makes no one accountable. There is a real feeling among the community that the County, Bureau of Land Management and the Bureau of Reclamation need to work together. It was unfortunate that the County chose not to have a representative present at the assessment. We appreciate the Bureau of Reclamation taking time to be present. The last Reservoir Area Management Plan was done in 1984 and is a 20 year plan. I recommend that the community gain access to this plan and the one that should be in the process of being written to replace the existing plan. The community needs to have input into the new plan. All Federal Agencies make plans available through the Freedom of Information Act. I recommend that the community develop a land use plan with input from the following key parties:

**Natrona County Roads, Bridges and Parks**

**Mike Haigler, Roads and Bridge Director**

538 SW BLvd.  
Mills, WY 82644  
Tel. 307-235-9311

**Bureau of Reclamation**

Wyoming Area Office  
705 Pendell Av.  
Mills, WY 82644  
Tel. 307-261-5628

**Bureau of Land Management**

Casper District Office  
2987 Prospector Dr.  
Casper, WY 82604  
Tel. 307-261-7600

1. Perhaps the community could ask for assistance on planning and land use from USDA Natural Resources Conversation Service, RC&D Division. **10.901 Resource Conservation And Development Federal Agency: Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department Of Agriculture. Objectives:** To encourage and improve the capability of State and local units of government and local nonprofit organizations in rural areas to plan, develop and carry out programs for resource conservation and development. **Uses And Use**

**Restrictions:** Technical and limited financial assistance is available only to RC&D sponsors within areas authorized by the Secretary of Agriculture for assistance. Technical and limited financial assistance is available for the planning and installation of approved projects specified in RC&D area plans, for land conservation, water management, community development and environmental enhancement elements. **Applicant Eligibility:** State and local governments and nonprofit organizations with authority to plan or carry out activities relating to resource use and development in multi jurisdictional areas **Contact Information: Historic Trails RC&D; Jody Walker, Area Coordinator; P.O. Box 33124; 100 East B Street; Casper, WY 82602; Tel. (307) 233-6765; e-mail: [jody.walker@wy.usda.gov](mailto:jody.walker@wy.usda.gov)**

Numerous citizens discussed the problems with the road, street and bridges in and around Alcova. This has numerous negative affects including grey water run off in both the town and the Platte River; dust from cars which is worse with increased tourist traffic; poor roads make it harder for the ranchers to get supplies and to get products to market; and the danger of poorly maintained bridges and roads. Listed below are several possible funding sources.

1. USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Program. This program provides funds through loans and grants for community facilities as roads, bridges, curb cuts, etc. Contact information is: Jerry Tamlin, Community and Business Program Director; 200 E. B. St; PO Box 820; Casper, WY 82602; Tel. 307-233-6720; e-mail: [jerry.tamlin@wy.usda.gov](mailto:jerry.tamlin@wy.usda.gov).
2. Wyoming Department of Transportation has a Highway Safety Program. Grants are due May 31 each year. The packet is available on-line at: <http://www.dot.state.wy.us/generic/safety/index.html>.
3. Transportation Enterprise Grant and Loan has a program to invest in transportation projects that benefit the general public in Wyoming. Public entities are the eligible applicant and there are no match requirements. Projects can be funded up to 90% with loans or grants or a combination. Applications are due by September 15 of each year. **Contact information: State Lands and Investment Board; Brad Miskimins, Grant and Loan Program Manager; Herschler Bldg.; Third Floor West; 122 W. 25<sup>th</sup> St.; Cheyenne, WY 82002; Tel. 307-777-7309; e-mail: [bmiski@state.wy.us](mailto:bmiski@state.wy.us).**
4. Transportation Enhancement Activities Local (TEAL)- to fund projects that are off state highways that will add community and environmental value to the transportation systems. Eligible applicants are public agencies, cities, towns, country or state and school districts. There is a 20% local cash minimum match and applications are due June 30<sup>th</sup> each year. **Contact information: Rich Douglas or Dave Young, Department of Transportation; 5300 Bishop Blvd.; Cheyenne, WY 82009-3340; Tel. 307-777-4384.**

## **Sewer and Water concerns**

The residents of Alcova expressed concern over the sewage and water situation. There is no central water or sewage system. The community and the lake area have many on-site systems that are old and in many cases the effluent could be going into the reservoir and the river. There is an obvious concentration of summer homes near the reservoir which may be negatively affecting the water quality and safety. Long term this could have an effect on tourism which is one of the back bones of the local economy. There is also what appears to some residents an inequitable requirement for sewage permits, as some residents need different land mass for sewage requirements. For this, I recommend that the residents obtain a copy of the on-site sewage and well requirements from the county. I strongly recommend Alcova make sure they utilize good planning prior to any new system being designed or any existing system being modified.

- 1. 66.418 Construction Grants For Wastewater Treatment Works, Federal Agency: Office Of Water, Environmental Protection Agency. Objectives:** To assist and serve as an incentive in construction of municipal wastewater treatment works which are required to meet State and/or Federal water quality standards and improve the water quality in the waters of the United States. **Uses And Use Restrictions:** For construction of municipal wastewater treatment works including privately owned individual treatment systems, if a municipality applies on behalf of a number of such systems. **Applicant Eligibility:** Any municipality, intermunicipal agency, State, or interstate agency, or Federally-recognized Indian tribal government, having jurisdiction over waste disposal. **Information Contacts:** Information regarding appropriate waste treatment requirements and State and Federal assistance may be obtained from the State water pollution control agency. DEQ/Water Quality Division; 122 West 25th Street; Herschler Building, 4th Floor-West; Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001; Water Quality Division's main telephone number: 307-777-7781; DEQ/WQD fax machine number: 307-777-5973
- 2. 66.808 Solid Waste Management Assistance, Federal Agency: Office Of Solid Waste, Environmental Protection Agency. Objectives:** To promote use of integrated solid waste management systems to solve municipal solid waste generation and management problems at the local, regional and national levels. **Uses And Use Restrictions:** Available for the allowable direct cost expenditures incident to program performance plus allocable portions of allowable indirect costs of the institution, in accordance with established EPA policies. Projects can include the following types of activities: training, surveys, education materials and programs, studies, and demonstrations; assistance to such projects shall not include any element of construction, or any acquisition of land or interest in land, or any subsidy for the price of recovered resources. **Applicant Eligibility:** These funds can be awarded to the following types of nonprofit entities: public authorities (Federal, State, interstate, intrastate and local), public agencies and institutions; private organizations and agencies, institutions and individuals; and Indian Tribes. **Information Contacts:** By Phone-303-312-6312 or 800-227-8917. Grant index: <http://www.epa.gov/ogd/> and for non-profits: <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/nonprof.htm>.

- 3. 10.760 Water And Waste Disposal Systems For Rural Communities, Federal Agency: Rural Utilities Service, Department Of Agriculture. Objectives:** To provide basic human amenities, alleviate health hazards and promote the orderly growth of the rural areas of the nation by meeting the need for new and improved rural water and waste disposal facilities. **Types Of Assistance:** Project Grants; Direct Loans; Guaranteed/Insured Loans. **Uses And Use Restrictions:** Funds may be used for the installation, repair, improvement, or expansion of a rural water facility including distribution lines, well pumping facilities and costs related thereto, and the installation, repair, improvement, or expansion of a rural waste disposal facility including the collection, and treatment of sanitary, storm, and solid wastes. **Applicant Eligibility:** Municipalities, counties, and other political subdivisions of a State, such as districts and authorities, associations, cooperatives, corporations operated on a not-for-profit basis, Indian tribes on Federal and State reservations and other federally recognized Indian tribes. Facilities shall primarily serve rural residents and rural businesses. **Information Contacts:** The contact person is Jerry Tamlin, Community and Business Program Director; 200 E. B. St; PO Box 820; Casper, WY 82602; Tel. 307-233-6720; e-mail: jerry.tamlin@wy.usda.gov.
- 4. 10.761 Technical Assistance And Training Grants, Federal Agency: Rural Utilities Service, Department Of Agriculture. Objectives:** To identify and evaluate solutions to water and waste disposal problems in rural areas; to assist applicants in preparing applications made in accordance with 7 CFR 1780; to improve operation and maintenance of water and waste disposal facilities in rural areas. **Uses And Use Restrictions:** Funds may be used to pay expenses associated with providing technical assistance and/or training (TAT) to identify and evaluate solutions to water problems relating to source, storage, treatment, and distribution, and to waste disposal problems relating to collection, treatment, and disposal; assist applicants that have filed a preapplication with RUS in the preparation of water and/or waste disposal loan and/or grant applications; and to provide training that will improve the management, operation and maintenance of water and waste disposal facilities. **Applicant Eligibility:** Private nonprofit organizations that have been granted tax exempt status by the Internal Revenue Service of the United States. **Information Contacts:** Jerry Tamlin, Community and Business Program Director; 200 E. B. St; PO Box 820; Casper, WY 82602; Tel. 307-233-6720; e-mail: jerry.tamlin@wy.usda.gov.
- 5. 10.762 Solid Waste Management Grants, Federal Agency: Rural Utilities Service, Department Of Agriculture. Objectives:** To reduce or eliminate pollution of water resources and improve planning and management of solid waste disposal facilities in rural areas. **Uses And Use Restrictions:** Funds may be used to: Evaluate current landfill conditions to determine threats to water resources in rural areas; provide technical assistance and/or training to enhance operator skills in the maintenance and operation of active landfills in rural areas; provide technical assistance and/or training to help associations reduce the solid waste stream; and provide technical assistance and/or training for operators of landfills in rural areas which are closed or will be closed in the near future with the development/implementation of closure plans, future land use plans, safety

and maintenance planning, and closure scheduling within permit requirements. **Applicant Eligibility:** Entities eligible for grants are nonprofit organizations, including: Private nonprofit organizations that have been granted tax exempt status by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS); and public bodies including local governmental-based multi-jurisdictional organizations. **Information Contacts:** The contact person is Jerry Tamlin, Community and Business Program Director; 200 E. B. St; PO Box 820; Casper, WY 82602; Tel. 307-233-6720; e-mail: [jerry.tamlin@wy.usda.gov](mailto:jerry.tamlin@wy.usda.gov).

6. **Nonpoint Source Pollution Control** to address identified nonpoint source pollution problems through education, technical assistance or implementation of best management practices. Funds are 60% DEP or Federal funds and 40% recipient funding. Any local, state or Federal Agency, individual or group can apply. **Contact information:** DEQ, Water Quality Division; Jack Smith; 250 Lincoln St.; Lander, WY 82520; tel. 307-332-3144; e-mail: [jsmith@state.wy.us](mailto:jsmith@state.wy.us).
7. **Water Quality Planning and Assessment** which is to assess water quality problems at the local level and develop implementation plans for addressing such problems. Towns, counties and conservation districts are eligible entities. There is a 75% DEQ or other Federal funding and 25% recipient funding requirement. **Contact information:** DEQ, Water Quality Division; Jack Smith; 250 Lincoln St.; Lander, WY 82520; tel. 307-332-3144; e-mail: [jsmith@state.wy.us](mailto:jsmith@state.wy.us)
8. **The MidWest Assistance Program** provides communities some loan funds and technical assistance in preparing applications for rural utilities programs and studies. **Contact Information:** Dan Coughlin; PO Box 1350; Casper, WY 82601 Tel. 307.265.0855; Fax: 307-265-0824.
9. **Wyoming Water Development Program-** for water supply projects. The applicant is a municipal entity, irrigation district or a special district. Applications are due by September 15 each year. **Contact Information:** Lawrence Besson; Herschler Bldg.; Fourth Floor West; 122 W. 25<sup>th</sup> St.; Cheyenne, WY 82002; Tel. 307-777-7626.

## **Challenge: Improve Law Enforcement**

### **Solution:**

**Lack of law enforcement-** There was a repeated discussion over the fact that the town has no full time law enforcement. We heard that it could take an hour or more to respond to a call. In addition, there is a problem with people speeding through the town, leaving trash, and having late night, loud parties near the river or lake.

1. **USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Program.** This program provides funds through loans and grants for community facilities as police cars or other security type equipment as fire trucks, or radio equipment. **Information Contacts:** Jerry Tamlin, Community and Business Program Director; 200 E. B. St; PO Box 820; Casper, WY 82602; Tel. 307-233-6720; e-mail: [jerry.tamlin@wy.usda.gov](mailto:jerry.tamlin@wy.usda.gov).
2. **16.710 Public Safety Partnership And Community Policing Grants ("Cops" Grants) Through Office Of Community Oriented Policing Services, Department Of Justice. Objectives:** Grants are to be made to increase police

- presence, to expand and improve cooperative efforts between law enforcement agencies and members of the community to address crime and disorder problems, and otherwise to enhance public safety. **Applicant Eligibility:** States, units of local government, Indian tribal governments, other public and private entities, and multi jurisdictional or regional consortia thereof. **Information contacts through Headquarters Office:** Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, 1100 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20530. Telephone: Department of Justice Response Center: 1-800-421-6770, or (202) 307-1480. Direct applications to: COPS, 1100 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20530.
3. **20.600 State And Community Highway Safety, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration/Federal Highway Administration, Department Of Transportation. Objectives:** To provide a coordinated national highway safety program to reduce traffic accidents, deaths, injuries, and property damage. **Uses And Use Restrictions:** Formula grant funds may be used for problems identified within the nine national priority program areas of Alcohol and other Drug Countermeasures, Police Traffic Services, Occupant Protection, Traffic Records, Emergency Medical Services, Motorcycle Safety, Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety, Speed Control and Roadway Safety. **Applicant Eligibility:** States, federally recognized Indian tribes, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, Northern Marianas, and the Virgin Islands. **Information Contact: Northwest Mountain Region,** 1601 Lind Avenue, S.W.; Renton, Washington 98055-4056; tel. 425-227-2000; <http://www.nw.faa.gov/>
  4. **Wyoming Department of Transportation has a Highway Safety Program. Grants are due 5/31 and the packet is on-line at:** <http://www.dot.state.wy.us/generic/safety/index.html>.
  5. **Office of State Lands & Investments:** The objectives of this section are to work with grant and loan applicants to give them the greatest benefit for the funds available with the least amount of “red tape” and to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of Wyoming citizens by providing necessary public infrastructure throughout the state. The government grant and loan programs described below are used primarily for public water and sewer projects; streets, roads, and bridges; public health, safety, and medical facilities; jails and law enforcement facilities; and school districts. **Contact:** Office of State Lands & Investments; 122 W. 25th Street Herschler Bldg. 3W; Cheyenne, WY 82002; tel. 307-777-7331 Fax: 307-777-5400

There was some talk about increasing the amount of fire and rescue service. It was mentioned that Lifeflight does a very good job in this area. It would be nice to have some kind of volunteer rescue service.

1. **Fire and Ambulance:** USDA Rural Development can provide funds through loan and grants for community facilities as police cars or other security type equipment as fire trucks, or Radio equipment. **Information Contacts:** Jerry Tamlin, Community and Business Program Director; 200 E. B. St; PO Box 820; Casper, WY 82602; Tel. 307-233-6720; e-mail: [jerry.tamlin@wy.usda.gov](mailto:jerry.tamlin@wy.usda.gov).

2. **93.952 Improving EMS/Trauma Care In Rural Areas (Rural EMS/Trauma Care): Health Resources And Services Administration, Department Of Health And Human Services. Objectives:** To make grants to public and private nonprofit entities for the purpose of carrying out research and demonstration projects with respect to improving the availability and quality of emergency medical services in rural areas. **Uses And Use Restrictions:** Funds received under a grant are to be used for the following purposes: (1) Developing innovative uses of communications technologies and the use of new communications technology; (2) developing model curricula for training emergency medical services personnel, including first responders, emergency medical technicians, emergency nurses and physicians, and paramedics; (a) In the assessment, stabilization, treatment preparation for transport, and resuscitation of seriously injured patients, with special attention to problems that arise during long transport and to methods of minimizing delays in transport to the appropriate facility; and (b) in the management of the operation of the emergency medical services system; (3) making training for original certification, and continuing education, in the provision and management of emergency medical services more accessible to emergency medical personnel in rural areas through telecommunications, home studies, providing teachers and training at locations accessible to such personnel, and other methods; (4) developing innovative protocols and agreements to increase access to pre-hospital care and equipment necessary for the transportation of seriously injured patients to the appropriate facilities; and (5) evaluating the effectiveness of protocols with respect to emergency medical services and systems. **Applicant Eligibility:** Any public or private nonprofit entity which has as its primary objective improving the availability and quality of emergency medical services in rural areas. **Information Contacts through Headquarters Office:** Chief, Injury/EMS Branch, Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration, Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, Parklawn Building, Room 18A-38, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Telephone: (301) 443-0324.
3. **83.010 National Fire Academy Educational Program Federal Agency: National Fire Academy, United States Fire Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency. Objectives:** To increase the professional level of the fire service and others responsible for fire prevention and control. **Types Of Assistance:** Training. **Uses And Use Restrictions:** Training is provided at the resident facility in Emmitsburg, Maryland, and in the field in cooperation with State or local fire training agencies on specific subjects to specific audiences. The program is not open to the general public or to individuals who do not have a need for the information as part of their normal responsibilities. **Applicant Eligibility:** Any individual who is a member of a fire department or has significant responsibility for fire prevention and control. **Information Contacts: Headquarters Office:** National Emergency Training Center, Educational and Technology Services Branch, 16825 S. Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD 21727. Telephone: (301) 447-1000. **Examples Of Funded Projects:** Students are provided an opportunity to attend courses at the National

- Fire Academy resident facility or at a convenient off-campus location with a minimal cost to the individual or the fire department represented.
4. **93.259 Rural Access To Emergency Devices Grant (Rural Access To AEDs)**  
**Federal Agency: Health Resources And Services Administration, Department Of Health And Human Services. Objectives:** To help community partnerships within States to purchase and obtain training on use of Access to Emergency Devices (AEDs). A limited amount of funds may also be used for medical dispatcher training addressing the use of AEDs for the layperson until EMS arrives, maintenance costs and data reporting costs. **Uses And Use Restrictions:** All funds awarded are to be expended solely for the purposes outlined in the approved projects. **Applicant Eligibility:** Grantees applying as a community partnership may apply. These grantees must be located in rural areas as defined in the grant guidance may include local first response entities such as fire, EMS and police as well as for and nonprofit entities concerned with cardiac arrest survival rates. Statewide or regional offices may apply as part of the community partnership, but such participation must be documented in the grant application and clearly delineate how funds would be disseminated to local rural entities within the community partnership. **Contacts Headquarters Office:** Office of Rural Health Policy, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 9A-55, Rockville, MD 20857. Telephone: (301)443-0835.
  5. **Federal Mineral Royalty Capital Construction Account-** to municipal, county and special district purposes for planning, construction, improvement or acquisition of emergency vehicles. Eligible applicants are incorporated towns, counties or joint power boards so I recommend that Alcova have the country apply on their behalf. Typically grants are up to 75%. **Contact Information:** State Lands and Investment Board; Brad Miskimins, Grant and Loan Program Manager; Herschler Bldg.; Third Floor West; 122 W. 25<sup>th</sup> St.; Cheyenne, WY 82002; Tel. 307-777-7309; e-mail: [bmiski@state.wy.us](mailto:bmiski@state.wy.us).

### **Challenge: Community Center**

Numerous citizens said they would like a community center. The community is very active for its size. They already have community plays and a food bank. There is no real center of the community. They expressed an interest in a community center which could provide services for seniors, families, individuals and act as a real focal point for the community. I have broken this part of the report into three sections. The first lists sources of potential sources of feasibility studies for a community center. The second lists sources of funds for a community center. The third lists activities Alcova would like to have in its center with potential funding for those activities.

### **Solutions:**

#### **Sources for Feasibility Studies for a Community Center.**

1. **10.773 Rural Business Opportunity Grants (RBOG). Federal Agency: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Department Of Agriculture. Objectives:** To promote sustainable economic development in rural communities with exceptional needs. **Uses And Use Restrictions:** Grant funds may be used to assist in the economic development of rural areas by

providing technical assistance, training, and planning for business and economic development. **Applicant Eligibility:** Grants may be made to public bodies, nonprofit corporations, Indian tribes on Federal or State reservations or other Federally recognized tribal groups, and cooperatives with members that are primarily rural residents and that conduct activities for the mutual benefit of the members. **Contact Information:** The contact person is Billie Kirkham in the Riverton Area Office at 307-856-7524 Ext. 4; 508 N. Broadway; Riverton, WY 82501-3597.

2. **USDA Natural Resources Conversation Service, RC&D Division. 10.901 Resource Conservation And Development Federal Agency: Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department Of Agriculture. Objectives:** To encourage and improve the capability of State and local units of government and local nonprofit organizations in rural areas to plan, develop and carry out programs for resource conservation and development. **Uses And Use Restrictions:** Technical and limited financial assistance is available only to RC&D sponsors within areas authorized by the Secretary of Agriculture for assistance. Technical and limited financial assistance is available for the planning and installation of approved projects specified in RC&D area plans, for land conservation, water management, community development and environmental enhancement elements. **Applicant Eligibility:** State and local governments and nonprofit organizations with authority to plan or carry out activities relating to resource use and development in multi jurisdictional areas **Contact Information:** Historic Trails RC&D; Jody Walker, Area Coordinator; P.O. Box 33124; 100 East B Street; Casper, WY 82602; Tel. (307) 233-6765; e-mail: [jody.walker@wy.usda.gov](mailto:jody.walker@wy.usda.gov).

#### **Sources of Funds for a Community Center:**

1. **USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Program.** This program provides funds through loans and grants for community facilities as roads, bridges, curb cuts, etc. **Contact information is:** Jerry Tamlin, Community and Business Program Director; 200 E. B. St; PO Box 820; Casper, WY 82602; Tel. 307-233-6720; e-mail: [jerry.tamlin@wy.usda.gov](mailto:jerry.tamlin@wy.usda.gov).
2. **Federal Mineral Royalty Capital Construction Account-** to municipal, county and special district purposes for planning, construction, improvement or acquisition of emergency vehicles. Eligible applicants are incorporated towns, counties or joint power boards so I recommend that Alcova have the country apply on their behalf. Typically grants are up to 75%. **Contact Information:** State Lands and Investment Board; Brad Miskimins, Grant and Loan Program Manager; Herschler Bldg.; Third Floor West; 122 W. 25<sup>th</sup> St.; Cheyenne, WY 82002; Tel. 307-777-7309; e-mail: [bmiski@state.wy.us](mailto:bmiski@state.wy.us).
3. **Community Development Block Grant Program-** to assist communities with housing, community and economic development needs. Eligible applicants are cities, towns, counties. These can apply on behalf of non-profits. **Contact:** Steve Achter; 214 W. 15<sup>th</sup> St.; Cheyenne, WY 82002; Tel. 307-777-2811; e-mail: [sachte@state.wy.us](mailto:sachte@state.wy.us).

### **Proposed Uses and Funding Sources for Future Community Center**

Health care services –Many residents expressed their frustration with the lack of medical services available. Residents must go into Casper for the most basic of health care. It would be helpful if there were regular “medical days” at a Senior Citizens Center or even at the High School. Residents could receive standard examinations, inoculations, well baby care, etc. In many cases, you would need to collaborate with another local community or the State Health Department. <http://wdh.state.wy.us/main/index>.

1. **93.268 Immunization Grants (Section 301 And 317, Public Health Service Act; Immunization Program) Federal Agency: Centers For Disease Control And Prevention, Department Of Health And Human Services. Objectives:** To assist States and communities in establishing and maintaining preventive health service programs to immunize individuals against vaccine-preventable diseases (including measles, rubella, poliomyelitis, diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, hepatitis B, hepatitis A, varicella, mumps, haemophilus influenza type b, influenza, and pneumococcal pneumonia). **Uses And Use Restrictions:** Grant funds may be used for costs associated with planning, organizing, and conducting immunization programs directed toward vaccine-preventable diseases and for the purchase of vaccine; and for the implementation of other program elements, such as assessment of the problem; surveillance and outbreak control; information and education; adequate notification of the risks and benefits of immunization; compliance with compulsory school immunization laws; vaccine storage, supply, and delivery; citizen participation; and use of volunteers. Vaccine will be available "in lieu of cash" if requested by the applicants. Requests for personnel and other items "in lieu of cash" will also be considered. Vaccine purchased with grant funds may be provided to private practitioners who agree not to charge for vaccine. Grant funds may be used to supplement (not substitute for) existing immunization services and operations provided by a State or locality. **Applicant Eligibility:** Any State, and in consultation with State health authorities, political subdivisions of States and other public entities. Private individuals and private nonprofit agencies are not eligible for immunization grants. **Information Contacts: Headquarters Office:** Immunization Services Division, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Atlanta, GA 30333 (404) 639-8208; Fax: (404) 639-8627; E-mail: JNK2@cdc.gov.
2. **93.223 Development And Coordination Of Rural Health Services. Federal Agency: Health Resources And Services Administration, Department Of Health And Human Services. Objectives:** To develop and disseminate information to assist rural communities and rural health care organizations in developing and coordinating rural health care services. Sources of information include, but are not limited to, Federal and State agencies working in rural health care, health publications, research reports, and reports from national health care associations.

**Applicant Eligibility:** Nonprofit private organizations that represent national, State and local rural health constituencies. The applicant must represent National, State, and local constituency groups who are interested in and committed to improvements in rural health care. **Information Contacts:** Office of Rural Health Policy, Health Resources and Services Administration, Public Health Service, DHHS, Parklawn Building, Room 9-05, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857 (301) 443-0835.

3. **20.509 Public Transportation For Nonurbanized Areas (Nonurbanized Area Formula Program) Federal Agency: Federal Transit Administration, Department Of Transportation. Objectives:** To improve, initiate, or continue public transportation and intercity bus service in nonurbanized areas by providing financial assistance for the acquisition, construction, and improvement of facilities and equipment and the payment of operating expenses by operating contract, lease, or otherwise. Also, to provide technical assistance for rural transportation. **Uses And Use Restrictions:** Section 5311 funding may be used for eligible capital expenses, project administration, and operating expenses needed to provide efficient and coordinated public transportation service in nonurbanized areas. Projects must provide for the maximum feasible coordination of public transportation sources assisted under this section with transportation services assisted by other Federal sources, and must provide for the maximum feasible participation of private operators. Fifteen percent of the State's annual apportionment must be spent to support rural intercity bus transportation, unless the governor certifies that such needs are adequately met. Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP) funds may be used for technical assistance, training, research, and related support services. **Applicant Eligibility:** Eligible recipient may include State agencies, local public bodies and agencies thereof, nonprofit organizations, Indian tribes, and operators of public transportation services, including intercity bus service, in rural and small urban areas. Private for-profit operators of transit or paratransit services may participate in the program only through contracts with eligible recipients. Urbanized areas, as defined by the Bureau of the Census, are not eligible. **Information Contacts:** Regional or Local Office: See your local telephone directory for the address of Federal Transit **Examples Of Funded Projects:** A typical local recipient of Section 5311 operates a fleet of about six vans or small buses in demand responsive and fixed route service. Section 5311 provides replacement vehicles and covers about a quarter of the average \$316,000 annual operating budget. The State receives Federal funds for a statewide program of projects.
4. **20.513 Capital Assistance Program For Elderly Persons And Persons With Disabilities (Elderly And Persons With Disabilities Program) Federal Agency: Federal Transit Administration, Department Of Transportation. Objectives:** To provide financial assistance in meeting the transportation needs of elderly persons and persons with disabilities where public transportation services are unavailable, insufficient or

inappropriate. **Uses And Use Restrictions:** Section 5310 funding may be used for eligible capital expenses needed to provide efficient and coordinated specialized transportation service for elderly persons and persons with disabilities. **Applicant Eligibility:** Private nonprofit organizations. Public bodies approved by the State to coordinate services for elderly persons and persons with disabilities and public bodies which certify to governor that no nonprofit corporations or associations are readily available in an area to provide the service. **Information Contacts:** See your local telephone directory for the address of Federal Transit Administration's Regional Offices. Region 8: Region 8 Contact Information; 12300 West Dakota Ave.; Suite 310; Lakewood, CO 80228-2583; Telephone: 720-963-3300; Fax: 720-963-3333 A typical project in FY 1997 provided \$1 million to a State that used the funds to purchase 35 accessible vehicles for 39 local subrecipients throughout the State.

5. **Wyoming Health Resources Network Grants Clearinghouse-** to promote community and individual health through education, screening and analysis of community health needs. Applicants are community coalitions, nonprofit organizations and government entities. **Contact:** Charlene Smith; Department of Health; 1920 Evans Av.; Cheyenne, WY 82001; tel. 307-635-2930; <http://www.whrn.org>; [csmith@whrn.org](mailto:csmith@whrn.org).

Expansion of the Community Theatre. This could be continued at the school and then transitioned into a new Community Center.

1. **Rural Rehabilitation Fund-** to improve the conditions of agriculture, rural communities and youth leadership through education and training. Applicants are organizations or entities that provide educations and community activities for agriculture producers or youth leaders. **Contact:** Kim Porter; 214 W. 15<sup>th</sup> St.; Cheyenne, WY 82002; Tel. 307-777-6319; e-mail: [kporte@state.wy.us](mailto:kporte@state.wy.us).
2. **Arts Access-** to assist art projects and events in “underserved” communities where people lack access to art programs, resources due to isolation, geography, economic conditions or ethnic background. Eligible applicants are nonprofit organizations, government entities, educational institutions. Applicants must contact the Arts Aces Program Before making an application. **Contact:** Marirose Morris; Wyoming Arts Council; 2320 Capital Av.; Cheyenne, WY 82002; Tel. 307-777-7742; [mmorri@state.wy.us](mailto:mmorri@state.wy.us).
3. **Arts Across Wyoming** – to bring Wyoming artist to Wyoming communities for performances, workshops or readings. Eligible applicants are nonprofit organizations, government entities, and educational institutions. **Contact:** Rita Basom; 2320 Capital Av.; Cheyenne, WY 82002; Tel. 307-777-7742; [rbasom@state.wy.us](mailto:rbasom@state.wy.us).
4. **Arts in Education-** to encourage and support local schools and organizations in establishing the arts as a basic component of lifelong education. . Eligible applicants are nonprofit organizations, government

entities, and educational institutions. **Contact:** Camellia El-Antably; 2320 Capital Av.; Cheyenne, WY 82002; Tel. 307-777-7742; [celant@state.wy.us](mailto:celant@state.wy.us).

5. **Grants to Organizations-** to support arts programs in Wyoming communities. Eligible applicants are nonprofit organizations and educational institutions. **Contact:** Rita Basom; 2320 Capital Av.; Cheyenne, WY 82002; Tel. 307-777-7742; [rbasom@state.wy.us](mailto:rbasom@state.wy.us).
6. **Open Door Grant-** for a first time applicant to the Wyoming Arts Council for unseen expenses and opportunities. . Eligible applicants are nonprofit organizations, government entities, educational institutions. Applicants must contact the Arts Aces Program Before making an application. **Contact:** Marirose Morris; Wyoming Arts Council; 2320 Capital Av.; Cheyenne, WY 82002; Tel. 307.

Recreation and Exercise Facility in the community center. Many residents said there was no place to exercise without going out of town. This would include everything from a community gym, to exercise equipment or outdoor playground equipment or a swimming pool.

1. **15.918 Disposal Of Federal Surplus Real Property For Parks, Recreation, And Historic Monuments** (Surplus Property Program; Federal Lands-to-Parks Program; Historic Surplus Property Program) **Federal Agency: National Park Service, Department Of The Interior. Objectives:** To transfer surplus Federal real property for public park and recreation use, or for use of historic real property. **Uses And Use Restrictions:** Surplus real property may be conveyed for public park and recreation use at discounts up to 100 percent of fair market value and for historic monument purposes without monetary consideration. **Applicant Eligibility:** Only State or local units of government are eligible to apply for surplus real property for public park and recreation and historic monument purposes, and must agree to manage the property in the public interest and for public use (in the case of park and recreation purposes). **Information Contacts:** Intermountain Region- Regional Director, National Park Service; 12795 Alameda Pkwy; Denver, CO 80225; Tel.: (303) 969-2500. Applicants for park and recreation purposes are requested to communicate with their regional National Park Service Offices. The Area Excess Property Manager is Mandy White at Fort Laramie National Historic Site; 965 Gray Rocks Road; Fort Laramie, WY 82212, tel.: 307-837-2221 or Fax 307-837-2120.
2. I recommend that you contact the local schools. Many times they have older equipment that can be donated to a community. The same is true of local large day cares, or churches.

**Visioning and planning-** The community expressed the need to have additional planning and to develop the leadership skills of those already involved and of future leaders.

1. **10.446 Rural Community Development Initiative. Federal Agency: Rural Housing Service (RHS), Department Of Agriculture. Objectives:** To develop the capacity and ability of private, nonprofit community-based housing and community development organizations, and low income rural communities to improve housing, community facilities, community and economic development projects in rural areas. **Uses And Use Restrictions:** Rural Community Development Initiative grants may be used for but are not limited to (a) training sub-grantees to conduct a program on home-ownership education; (b) training sub-grantees to conduct a program for minority business entrepreneurs; (c) providing technical assistance to sub-grantees on how to effectively prepare a strategic plan; (d) provide technical assistance to sub-grantees on how to access alternative funding sources; (e) building organizational capacity through board training; (f) developing training tools, such as videos, workbooks, and reference guides to be used by the sub-grantee; (g) providing technical assistance and training on how to develop successful child care facilities; and (h) providing training on effective fund raising techniques. **Applicant Eligibility:** Rural Community Development Initiative grants may be made to a qualified private or public (including tribal) organization that provides technical assistance to nonprofit community-based housing and community development organizations, and low income rural communities. **Examples Of Funded Projects:** Grants were made to (a) hire a staff person to provide technical assistance to the sub-grantee; (b) the sub-grantee organization hires a staff person, under the supervision of the grantee, to carry out the technical assistance; (c) develop the capacity of sub-grantees to conduct community development programs; (d) develop the capacity of sub-grantees to conduct home-ownership education programs; and (e) develop the capacity of sub-grantees to conduct training for minority business entrepreneurs. **Information Contacts:** The contact person is Billie Kirkham in the Riverton Area Office at 307-856-7524 Ext. 4; 508 N. Broadway; Riverton, WY 82501-3597.
2. **Utilize some of the community development resources on the internet through:**
  - a. <http://ocdweb.sc.egov.usda.gov/info.asp?cid=20> There are a number of different topics from citizen involvement to economic or main street development.
  - b. An over view of Federal Funding Sources or Notice of Funds Available (NOFA) is on-line at: <http://ocd1.usda.gov/nofa.htm>

**Challenge: Housing-** There is a lack of affordable housing in the town. In addition, there are some older homes that need repairs and a few vacant lots that need to be developed. One of the large concerns was the lack of available land in the town to be utilized for housing. A housing program should include new site development, as well as, new construction and rehabilitation of existing housing stock. It is critical that beginning families and others have access to affordable home loans for home ownership and for housing repair.

**Solutions:**

- 1) **10.410 Very Low To Moderate Income Housing Loans (Section 502 Rural Housing Loans), Federal Agency: Rural Housing Service (RHS), Department Of Agriculture. Types Of Assistance:** Direct Loans; Guaranteed/Insured Loans. **Uses And Use Restrictions:** Direct loans may be used for construction, repair or purchase of housing; to provide adequate sewage disposal facilities and/or safe water supply for the applicant's household; for weatherization; to purchase or install essential equipment if the equipment is normally sold with dwellings in the area; to buy a minimum adequate site on which to place a dwelling for the applicant's own use; and under certain conditions to finance a manufactured home and its site. **Applicant Eligibility:** Applicants must be without adequate resources to obtain housing, or related facilities. The applicants must be unable to secure the necessary credit from other sources at prevailing terms and conditions for residential type financing; be a natural person (individual) who resides as a citizen in the United States or its Territories after having been legally admitted for permanent residence or on indefinite parole; have adequate and dependable available income to meet family living expenses, including taxes, insurance and maintenance, and repayments on debts including the proposed loan. For direct loans, applicants must be eligible for payment assistance and income may not exceed the low-income limits set forth in RD Instructions. The income limits are according to the size of household as is established by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the county or MSA where the property is or will be located. For a guaranteed loan the applicant's income may not exceed the moderate income limit. **Information Contacts:** The contact person is Billie Kirkham in the Riverton Area Office at 307-856-7524 Ext. 4; 508 N. Broadway; Riverton, WY 82501-3597
- 2) **10.411 Rural Housing Site Loans And Self Help Housing Land Development Loans (Section 523 And 524 Site Loans) Federal Agency: Rural Housing Service (RHS), Department Of Agriculture. Objectives:** To assist public or private nonprofit organizations interested in providing sites for housing; to acquire and develop land in rural areas to be subdivided as adequate building sites and sold on a cost development basis to families eligible for low and very low income loans, cooperatives, and broadly based nonprofit rural rental housing applicants. **Types Of Assistance:** Direct Loans. **Uses And Use Restrictions:** For the purchase and development of adequate sites, including necessary equipment which becomes a permanent part of the development; for water and sewer facilities if not available; payment of necessary engineering, legal fees, and closing costs; for needed landscaping and other necessary facilities related to buildings such as walks, parking areas, and driveways. **Restrictions:** loan limitation of \$200,000 without national office approval; loan funds may not be used for refinancing of debts, payment of any fee, or commission to any broker, negotiator, or other person for the referral of prospective applicant or solicitation of a loan; no loan funds will be used to pay operating costs or expenses of administration other than actual cash cost of incidental administrative expenses if funds to pay those expenses are not otherwise available. Repayment of loan is expected within two years. **Applicant Eligibility:** A private or public nonprofit organization that will provide the developed sites to qualified borrowers on a cost of development basis in open country and towns of 10,000 population or less and places up to 25,000 population under certain conditions. Applicants from towns

of 10,000 to 25,000 population should check with local RD office to determine if agency can serve them. Assistance is available to eligible applicants in States, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, and the Northern Marianas. **Information Contacts:** The contact person is Billie Kirkham in the Riverton Area Office at 307-856-7524 Ext. 4; 508 N. Broadway; Riverton, WY 82501-3597.

- 3) **14.110 Manufactured Home Loan Insurance Financing Purchase Of Manufactured Homes As Principal Residences Of Borrowers (Title I), Federal Agency: Housing, Department Of Housing And Urban Development. Objectives:** To make possible reasonable financing of manufactured home purchases. **Types Of Assistance:** Guaranteed/Insured Loans. **Uses And Use Restrictions:** HUD insures lenders against loss on loans. Insured loans may be used to purchase manufactured home units by buyers intending to use them as their principal places of residence. The maximum amount of the loan is \$48,600, whether single or multiple modules. The borrower must give assurance that the unit will be placed on a site which complies with local zoning and land development requirements. **Applicant Eligibility:** All persons are eligible to apply. **Information Contacts:** Casper Field Office- Department of Housing and Urban Development; 150 East B Street, Room 1010; P.O. Box 11010; Casper, WY 82602-5001; Phone: (307) 261-6250; Fax: (307) 261-6245; TTY: (307) 261-6258.
- 4) **14.121 Mortgage Insurance Homes In Outlying Areas (203(I)) Federal Agency: Housing, Department Of Housing And Urban Development. Objectives:** To help people purchase homes in outlying areas. **Types Of Assistance:** Guaranteed/Insured Loans. **Uses And Use Restrictions:** HUD insures lenders against loss on mortgage loans. These loans may be used to finance the purchase of proposed, under construction, or existing one-family nonfarm housing, or new farm housing on two and one-half or more acres adjacent to an all-weather public road. The maximum insurable loan for an occupant mortgagor on a one-family home is 75 percent of the Section 203(b) limit. **Applicant Eligibility:** All families are eligible to apply. **Information Contacts:** Casper Field Office- Department of Housing and Urban Development; 150 East B Street, Room 1010; P.O. Box 11010; Casper, WY 82602-5001; Phone: (307) 261-6250; Fax: (307) 261-6245; TTY: (307) 261-6258.
- 5) **10.417 Very Low-Income Housing Repair Loans And Grants (Section 504 Rural Housing Loans And Grants), Federal Agency: Rural Housing Service (RHS) Department Of Agriculture. Objectives:** To give very low-income rural homeowners an opportunity to make essential repairs to their homes to make them safe and to remove health hazards to the family or the community. **Types Of Assistance:** Direct Loans; Project Grants. **Uses And Use Restrictions:** To assist very low-income owner occupants in rural areas to repair or improve their dwellings. Grant funds may only be used to make such dwellings safe and sanitary and to remove health and safety hazards. **Applicant Eligibility:** Applicants must own and occupy a home in a rural area; and be a citizen of the United States or reside in the United States after having been legally admitted for permanent residence or on indefinite parole. Loan recipients must have sufficient income to repay the loan. Grant recipients must be 62 years of age or older and be unable to repay a loan for that part of the assistance received as a grant. Applicant's income may not exceed the very low-income limit set forth in RD Instructions. Very low-income limits range

from \$6,300 to \$22,650 for a single person household, depending on an area's median income. **Information Contacts:** The contact person is Billie Kirkham in the Riverton Area Office at 307-856-7524 Ext. 4; 508 N. Broadway; Riverton, WY 82501-3597

- 6) **81.042 Weatherization Assistance For Low-Income Persons, Information Contacts for Persons wanting Assistance is:** Wyoming Department of Family Services; 2300 Capitol Avenue, 3rd Floor; Cheyenne, WY 82002-0490; Phone: 307-777-7561; Fax: 307-777-7747. **For Communities:** Jeff Dockter, Weatherization Program Manager; Phone: (307) 777-6346; Email: [jdockt@state.wy.us](mailto:jdockt@state.wy.us).
- 7) Programs through WCDA- **Welcome to Wyoming Community Development Authority-** <http://www.wyomingcda.com/Main.html>

### **WCDA and the Future of Wyoming**

There is no question that Wyoming's families need decent, affordable housing. WCDA has an important role in providing that housing, and in helping families take a first step on the road to fulfilling their American dream. In addition, every home built, rehabilitated or financed with WCDA funds means more Wyoming jobs and greater economic stability. Strong federal housing programs also help the WCDA continue to provide decent, affordable homes to Wyoming citizens.

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Casper, WY 82601  
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Wyoming Relay Service for Hearing Impaired: #711

I want to thank the residents of Alcova for inviting me to their community. I felt so at home and hope that this report will be of service. They made the team feel welcome. It is a wonderful town filled with wonderful people. That is your biggest asset. Thank you and please call with any questions.

### **Chris Stearns, Field Office Director**

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)  
P.O. Box 11010  
150 East B Street, Room 1010  
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[Christian T. Stearns@hud.gov](mailto:Christian.T.Stearns@hud.gov)

### **Introduction**

I would like to thank everyone in Alcova for their hospitality during our stay. For a small community, Alcova has an abundance of assets – one of which is its residents. For this reason, I would like to recommend that Alcova use an Asset- Based Community

Development (ABCD) model as it moves forward. ABCD is essentially a tool that identifies the community and residents' assets and then builds upon those assets, filling in the holes to community development with outside sources and resources. This model has several strengths for Alcova. It is an opportunity to bring the community (both town and lake residents) together to focus on the community as a whole; it is an effective model to connect people and get them involved. This model would also be effective in addressing some of the major themes I heard during the assessment: the need for a community master plan and the need to provide leadership opportunities to build upon the existing community leadership. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) through the Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) has Rural Conservation and Development (RC&D) Councils that are familiar with this model. The following are some points of contact:

**George Cleek, Program Manager**  
NRCS - 100 East B Street, 3rd Floor  
P.O. Box 33124  
Casper, WY 82602-5011  
(307) 233-6757

**Roger Bower**  
Wyoming RC&D Association  
P.O. Box 185  
Riverton, WY 82501  
(307) 857-1155 (office)  
(307) 851-0908 (cell)  
(307) 856-8870 (home)  
[rbower@wysbc.com](mailto:rbower@wysbc.com)

**Jody Walker, Area Coordinator**  
Historic Trails, RC&D  
P.O. Box 33124  
100 East B Street  
Casper, WY 82602  
(307) 233-6765  
[jody.walker@wy.usda.gov](mailto:jody.walker@wy.usda.gov)

### **Challenge: Beautification**

#### **Solution:**

The Alcova community is a beautiful natural area that the residents would like to preserve and improve upon. The community would like to clean up a few areas. Several communities have sponsored a "Clean-Up" day that uses volunteers to assist residents dispose of unwanted items. Alcova has several organizations that could help organize this event: the 4-H club, Alcova Community Foundation or the Alcova Baptist Church. This might be as simple as providing some free dumpsters located throughout the community for a limited amount of time. Sometimes the county balefield (dump) will provide services for a reduced cost for a project like this:

**Rick Condelario**

Solid Waste Division  
1886 N. Station Road  
Casper, WY 82601  
(307) 235-8246

The community would also like to see some dilapidated buildings or buildings in disrepair removed or rehabilitated. If the building is a health and safety problem, the county can sometimes take steps to remedy the situation. The Building Department or Fire Department may be able to assist:

**Natrona County**

Building Department  
120 W 1<sup>st</sup> ‘  
Casper, WY 82601  
(307) 235-9248

**Natrona County**

Fire Protection District  
2800 Pheasant Dr.  
Casper, WY 82604  
(307) 265-8656

For private homes that may need some repairs and rehabilitation, the Baptist Church has a program called World Changers that provides volunteers during the summer for projects. The city of Casper has been involved in this program and has worked to expand the program outside of the city:

**Robin Mundell**

City of Casper  
Housing and Community Development  
200 N. David  
Casper, WY 82601  
(307) 235-8220

The Community Action Partnership may also be able to assist with emergency home repairs for qualified residents:

**Community Action Partnership**

800 Werner Ct.  
Casper, WY 82601  
(307) 232-0124

The community would also like to improve the tourists’, especially fishermen’s, respect to the area. Alcova is blessed with a beautiful section of the North Platte River running

through the town. This is a tremendous asset. The community needs to build upon this asset by involving the business community, especially fishing related businesses, and organizations that have an interest in preserving and protecting the river. The local guides and fishing businesses should be contacted. The Natrona County Commissioners should also be involved. Trout Unlimited is an active national nonprofit organization with a mission to protect fish habitat. They are dedicated to doing volunteer projects to fulfill this mission. The local chapter is the Wyoming Flycasters:

### **Wyoming Flycasters**

John Dolan, President  
3811 S. Oak Street  
Casper, WY 82601  
(307) 265-3427  
[john\\_dolan@kne.com](mailto:john_dolan@kne.com)

The community would also like to see the park cleaned up and improvements made. This, again, could be accomplished in the short-term during the town's "Clean-Up" day project. Possibly the school students could take this on as an on-going project or the 4-H club. There are some grants available through the state to improve local parks:

### **Community Tree Planting and Education Grants**

Mark Hughes  
State Forestry Division  
100 W. 22<sup>nd</sup> St.  
Cheyenne, WY 82002  
(307) 777-7586  
[mhuge@state.wy.us](mailto:mhuge@state.wy.us)

### **Land and Water Conservation Program**

Mary Moore  
Grants Specialist  
2301 Central Avenue  
Cheyenne, WY 82002  
(307) 777-5598  
[mmoore@state.wy.us](mailto:mmoore@state.wy.us)

There was also mention of a possible roping arena being incorporated into the park. This project might be something the local ranchers along with the community organizations might be able to accomplish.

### **Challenge: Infrastructure**

#### **Solution:**

The overarching theme I heard during this community assessment was the need to develop a comprehensive master plan to not only determine who owns and is responsible for property in and around Alcova, but how the area should be preserved and developed

in the future. I recommend that this planning process use an Asset-Based Community Development model, previously mentioned. The planning process should involve all of the community's residents and businesses (both town and lake) and a variety of partners including (as a minimum) the Bureau of Reclamation, Bureau of Land Management, and Natrona County Commission and Staff. The Bureau of Reclamation develops plans for the areas that they manage:

**John Lawson, Area Manager**

Bureau of Reclamation  
Wyoming Area Office  
P.O. Box 1630  
Mills, WY 82644  
(307) 261-5671

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) – Rural Development (RD) has programs to assist with community development. Their contact information can be found in other sections of this report. The Wyoming Business Council (WBC) provides grants through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for planning purposes to units of local government. In this case, Natrona County would be the applicant. WBC has regional representatives that can assist with this and a variety of community development issues:

**Steve Elledge, Regional Director**

300 S. Wolcott, Suite 300  
Casper, WY 82601  
(307) 577-6012  
[selledge@wysbc.com](mailto:selledge@wysbc.com)

The community would also like to see some improvements and better maintenance of the area roads. The Natrona County Road and Bridge Department can provide information on who is responsible for which roads:

**Natrona County**

Road and Bridge Office  
538 SW Wyoming Blvd  
Mills, WY 82644  
(307) 235-9325

The state also has some grant and loan programs to assist with road improvements and safety enhancements:

**Transportation Enterprise Grant and Loan**

Brad Miskimins  
Grant and Loan Program Manager  
Herschler Building  
Third Floor, West

122 W. 25<sup>th</sup> St.  
Cheyenne, WY 82002  
(307) 777-7309  
[bmiski@state.wy.us](mailto:bmiski@state.wy.us)

**State and Community Highway Safety**

Dee West-Peterson  
WYDOT  
5300 Bishop Blvd  
Cheyenne, WY 82009  
(307) 777-4257  
[Dee.West@dot.state.wy.us](mailto:Dee.West@dot.state.wy.us)

**Transportation and Enhancement Activities Local (TEAL)**

Rich Douglass or Dave Young  
5300 Bishop Blvd  
Cheyenne, WY 82009  
(307) 777-4384  
[dyoung@state.wy.us](mailto:dyoung@state.wy.us)

The community also had concerns about water quality. The most effective means to address these concerns would be to create a district. Assistance with this process can be provided by USDA – Rural Development, the Wyoming Business Council (WBC), and the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). DEQ has a grant program specifically designed to provide assistance in water quality planning and assessment:

**Jack Smith**

DEQ  
250 Lincoln Street  
Lander, WY 82520  
(307) 332-3144  
[jsmith@state.wy.us](mailto:jsmith@state.wy.us)

The community would also like to see an increased law enforcement presence. The Natrona County Sheriff's Department can assist with this and should be involved in any community planning efforts

Natrona County Sheriff Department  
(307) 235-9282

**Challenge: Quality of Life**

**Solution:**

The community would like to improve and complete the walking path. A variety of approaches could be used to obtain funding for this project. Since the path is along the

river, the community might approach this as a project to enhance accessibility for the disabled. This might be a project that the Wyoming Game and Fish might be interested in along with disability advocates and the fishing-related businesses and organizations. The walking path might also be viewed as a nature trail that local environmental organizations would be interested in supporting. The path could also incorporate artistic elements that could be supported by the Wyoming Arts Council:

**Marirose Morris**

Wyoming Arts Council  
2320 Capitol Ave.  
Cheyenne, WY 82002  
(307) 777-7742  
[mmorri@state.wy.us](mailto:mmorri@state.wy.us)

The state also provides a Recreational Trail Fund Grant:

**Tracy J. Williams**

State Trails Planner  
2301 Central Ave.  
Cheyenne, WY 82002  
(307) 777-8681  
[twilli1@state.wy.us](mailto:twilli1@state.wy.us)

During the assessment, there was a lot of discussion about creating a senior/community center. Again, I would encourage the community to expand on the existing assets. Alcova has a wonderful school that appears to be somewhat underutilized. The state is currently promoting the expanded use of its schools. The school district should be contacted to see about the possibilities. Depending upon the type of activities included in a senior/community center, a variety of funding sources may be available. These programs may be able to enhance the facilities at the school or provide additional educational opportunities for the students. This might provide incentive for the school district to participate. The community also has the wonderful asset in the Baptist Church. This might also serve as a facility for a senior/community center. Faith Initiatives of Wyoming has grants and programs to improve services to the community, especially the elderly.

**Kathleen Kelley**

Faith Initiatives of Wyoming  
(307) 775 –0010  
[Kathleen@fiwy.org](mailto:Kathleen@fiwy.org)

Finally, the community would like to continue its strong community leadership tradition and increase leadership opportunities. The most effective way to achieve this would be to create some formal structure for community leaders. Choosing a structure could be part of a community planning effort. This could be as complex as incorporating the

community or creating a special district. The Wyoming Association of Municipalities could assist with this:

**George Parks, Executive Director**

Wyoming Association of Municipalities (WAM)

P.O. Box 3110

200 East 8<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Cheyenne, WY 82003

(307) 632-0398

[gparks@wyomuni.org](mailto:gparks@wyomuni.org)

Or, as simple as providing some leadership training opportunities for residents. The Casper Area Chamber of Commerce hosts leadership training and can also help with a variety of community development efforts:

**Lori Becker, Executive Director**

Casper Area Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 399

500 N. Center Street

Casper, WY 82602

(307) 234-5311

[lorib@casperwyoming.org](mailto:lorib@casperwyoming.org)

Good Luck!

**Alana Cannon**

USDA Rural Development

PO Box 11005

Casper, WY 82602-5006

307.233.6709

[alana.cannon@wy.usda.gov](mailto:alana.cannon@wy.usda.gov)

**Introduction:** A strong spirit of community pride is clearly evident in the friendly people of Alcova. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation for the very gracious hospitality our team received during the assessment. In combination with the beautiful scenery, our stay could not have been more pleasant.

**Theme: Beautification**

**Challenge:** An item of interest that was mentioned quite frequently was the park. Currently, the park is in need of some maintenance and improvements, so that it can be utilized to its full potential. The residents would like to see some improvements made to the park, as well as, determine responsibility for the maintenance of it. Specifically, they would like to add more picnic tables, plant more trees to replace the existing dying ones, and turn half of the park into a roping arena.

**Solution:** A feasibility study should be done to determine the highest and best use of the park area, and should also be broad enough to encompass the tourism aspect. Consideration should be given to incorporating the park (with the roping arena) and the nature trail into a joint venture. In addition to serving the Alcova community, the park could also serve as a wonderful day-use picnic area for traveling tourists. The panoramic views and close proximity to historical sites, such as Independence Rock, the Mormon Handcart Museum, and Fort Casper would make it an ideal location.

Funding for the roping arena could come from a combination of sources. Revenue from the optional 1% Natrona County sales tax could be utilized as matching funds to pair with various state and federal grant and loan programs.

**Rural Business Opportunity Grants (RBOG). Federal Agency: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Department Of Agriculture. Information Contacts:** Billie Kirkham, Riverton Area Office 508 N. Broadway, Riverton, WY 82501. Phone 307.856.7524 x4. To promote sustainable economic development in rural communities with exceptional needs. Grant funds may be used to assist in the economic development of rural areas by providing technical assistance, training, and planning for business and

economic development. Grants may be made to public bodies, nonprofit corporations, Indian tribes on Federal or State reservations or other Federally recognized tribal groups, and cooperatives with members that are primarily rural residents and that conduct activities for the mutual benefit of the members.

**State Land and Investment Board**, Brad Miskimins, Office of State Lands & Investments; 122 W. 25th Street Herschler Bldg. 3W; Cheyenne, WY 82002. Phone 307.777.6646.

**Natrona County Conservation District**  
2020 Fairgrounds Road  
Casper, WY 82604  
307.234.4022

**Private foundations can be found through the Internet at the Foundation Center.** Their website is [www.fdncenter.org](http://www.fdncenter.org).

**Wyoming Community Foundation: Mission:** To foster community and enhance the quality of life for Wyoming residents through asset building, grantmaking and increased civic engagement, participation and leadership. The Foundations website contains a comprehensive directory of grant sources throughout the State of Wyoming.

***Wyoming Community Foundation***  
221 Ivinson Avenue  
Suite 202  
Laramie, WY 82070-3038

1-866-70-T-R-U-S-T  
Phone: (307) 721-8300  
Fax: (307) 721-8333  
Email: [wcf@wycf.org](mailto:wcf@wycf.org)

**Community Tree Planting and Education Grants. Office of State Lands and Investments Forestry Division. Information Contacts:** Mark Hughes, State Forestry Division, 1100 W. 22<sup>nd</sup> St., Cheyenne, WY 82002 [mhughe@state.wy.us](mailto:mhughe@state.wy.us) 307.777.7586. To encourage tree planting, volunteer involvement and community forestry education in communities.

**Land and Water Conservation Program. State Parks and Cultural Resources- State Parks and Historic Sites. Information Contacts:** Mary Moore, Grants Specialist, 2301 Central Avenue, Cheyenne, WY 82002 307.777.5598 [mmoore@state.wy.us](mailto:mmoore@state.wy.us) . To acquire and/or develop/ renovate public outdoor recreational lands and facilities.

**Challenge:** There was repeated discussion in regard to the dilapidated buildings just off the highway. The townspeople felt that the unsightly buildings gave a negative impression to passers-by, and could also pose a fire danger to the rest of the community. The general consensus was that the buildings should be torn down and removed.

The other need expressed by the community was in regard to deferred maintenance on existing homes. Alcova is comprised largely of retired citizens on fixed incomes. They expressed difficulty in getting people out from Casper to do work, and oftentimes at great expense.

**Solution:**

Unfortunately, there is not an easy solution to the problem with the dilapidated buildings. I would recommend contacting Natrona County Planning and Zoning to determine if the property owners are in violation of any codes. They would also be the County Agency responsible for addressing the safety issues. It also might be advantageous to contact the property owner, and volunteer to assist in the removal of the buildings in question.

**Natrona County Planning Department**

Patsy Horton, Director  
120 W. 1<sup>st</sup>  
Casper, WY 82601  
307.235.9435

**Wyoming Conference of Building Officials**

Randy Adams  
PO Box 226  
Worland, WY 82401  
307.347.2486

Provides expertise with regard to building inspections and other code related items. (They may be aware of similar problems/ solutions in other communities.)

USDA Rural Development, through the Rural Housing Service, offers both a 504 and 502 Program. These loan/grant programs are directed to assisting very low to low income individuals with home repair. The State of Wyoming also offers a weatherization program. Another volunteer organization that could be of great assistance is World Changers. World Changers is an organization designed to eliminate substandard housing for many communities, the focus is still changing the world of the participants by giving them a hands-on mission experience. Students of all ages are making a difference across North America. On a World Changers All-Youth Construction Project, middle school through college students serve alongside each other to impact communities. Projects include painting houses, replacing roofs, and other refurbishment construction work.



### International World Changers:

- Write to: International World Changers  
International Mission Board  
P.O. Box 6767  
Richmond, VA 23230
- Call 1-800-999-3113, ext. 1355 or
- E-mail: [studentteam@imb.org](mailto:studentteam@imb.org)

**Very Low-Income Housing Repair Loans And Grants (Section 504 Rural Housing Loans And Grants), Federal Agency: Rural Housing Service (RHS) Department Of Agriculture. Information Contacts:** Regional or Local Office: Billie Kirkham, Riverton Area Office 508 N. Broadway, Riverton, WY 82501. Phone 307.856.7524 x4 To give very low-income rural homeowners an opportunity to make essential repairs to their homes to make them safe and to remove health hazards to the family or the community. Direct Loans; Project Grants. To assist very low-income owner occupants in rural areas to repair or improve their dwellings. Grant funds may only be used to make such dwellings safe and sanitary and to remove health and safety hazards. **Applicant Eligibility:** Applicants must own and occupy a home in a rural area; and be a citizen of the United States or reside in the United States after having been legally admitted for permanent residence or on indefinite parole. Loan recipients must have sufficient income to repay the loan. Grant recipients must be 62 years of age or older and be unable to repay a loan for that part of the assistance received as a grant. Applicant's income may not exceed the very low-income limit set forth in RD Instructions. Very low-income limits range from \$6,300 to \$22,650 for a single person household, depending on an area's median income.

**Very Low To Moderate Income Housing Loans (Section 502 Rural Housing Loans), Federal Agency: Rural Housing Service (RHS), Department Of Agriculture. Information Contacts:** Regional or Local Office: Billie Kirkham, Riverton Area Office 508 N. Broadway, Riverton, WY 82501. Phone 307.856.7524 x4 Direct loans may be used for construction, repair or purchase of housing; to provide adequate sewage disposal facilities and/or safe water supply for the applicant's household; for weatherization; to purchase or install essential equipment if the equipment is normally sold with dwellings in the area; to buy a minimum adequate site on which to place a dwelling for the applicant's own use; and under certain conditions to finance a manufactured home and its site. **Applicant Eligibility:** Applicants must be without adequate resources to obtain housing, or related facilities. The applicants must be unable to secure the necessary credit from other sources at prevailing terms and conditions for residential type financing; be a natural person (individual) who resides as a citizen in the United States or its Territories after having been legally admitted for permanent residence or on indefinite parole; have adequate and dependable available income to meet family living expenses, including taxes, insurance and maintenance, and repayments on debts including the proposed loan. For direct loans, applicants must be eligible for payment assistance and income may not exceed the low-income limits set forth in RD Instructions. The income limits are

according to the size of household as is established by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the county or MSA where the property is or will be located. For a guaranteed loan the applicant's income may not exceed the moderate income limit.

**Weatherization Assistance for Low-Income Persons, Information Contacts for Persons wanting Assistance is:** Wyoming Department of Family Services; 2300 Capitol Avenue, 3rd Floor; Cheyenne, WY 82002-0490; Phone: 307-777-7561; Fax: 307-777-7747. **For Communities:** Jeff Dockter

**Challenge:** Alcova's close proximity to Highway 220, and heavy use by recreationalists has caused problems with keeping the community free of trash and debris. A topic of great concern has been campers camping in un-established campsites along the river. These campsites do not have trash receptacles or restroom facilities available.

**Solution:** Alcova is a very self-reliant community and the schoolchildren have already begun cleaning up the trash along the highway. I believe the town could be even better served by getting the rest of the community involved, and to encompass not only the community areas, but perhaps encourage residents to clean-up their yards as well. Due to the traffic in the area, I would recommend that this be hosted on a semi-annual basis, perhaps in the spring and again in the fall. A community event could be made out of it, such as a picnic in the park.

In regard to the campers, aside from the development of a land use plan, which will be discussed under infrastructure needs, some friendly signage could be strategically placed to encourage recreationalists to "pack out what they pack in." Once accountability is determined, an enforceable river use and access policy can be established.

**Theme: Infrastructure**

**Challenge:** The residents exhibited a general sense of frustration in regard to the various government agencies involved in managing the land along the river. They would like to determine whether it is a legitimate camping area, and if so, which agency is responsible for the land in question. They have felt a lack of communication with Natrona County and the Bureau of Reclamation.

**Solution:** A land use plan needs to be developed for the area in question. Again, a feasibility study could assist in determining its highest and best use. The process will need to begin with a well facilitated meeting between the residents, Alcova Community Foundation, Natrona County Commissioners, Natrona County Roads, Bridges, and Parks, Bureau of Reclamation, Bureau of Land Management, and any other governmental agencies involved. Perhaps, the Wyoming Rural Development Council could assist in the facilitation of this meeting. This collaborative effort will help determine who is responsible for the maintenance of the property along the river and the park, and to focus on the development of proactive solutions to the problems Alcova is facing.

**Natrona County Roads, Bridges, and Parks**

Mike Haigler, Road and Bridge Director  
538 SW Boulevard  
Mills, WY 82644  
307.235.9311

**Natrona County Commissioners**

PO Box 863, Casper, WY 82602  
TTY Number 307.235.9367  
Phone 307.235.9202  
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- Jon Campbell  
[jcampbell@wstat.com](mailto:jcampbell@wstat.com)
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[kbd@murane.com](mailto:kbd@murane.com)
- Cathy Killean  
[cathyk@trib.com](mailto:cathyk@trib.com)
- Drew Perkins  
[dap@wylaw.net](mailto:dap@wylaw.net)
- Terry Wingerter (e-mail not available)

**Bureau of Reclamation**

Wyoming Area Office  
705 Pendell Ave.  
Mills, WY 82644  
307.261.5628

**Bureau of Land Management**

Casper District Office  
2987 Prospector Drive  
Casper, WY 82604  
307.261.7600

**Challenge:** The roads throughout the Alcova townsite are not paved and are in immediate need of repair. Definite concern for the condition of the bridge was also repeatedly mentioned. Heavy truck traffic is causing additional wear, and the residents need clarification on which governmental entity is responsible for the maintenance.

**Solution:** Again, a feasibility study could help determine the most cost effective means of addressing the road situation. In addition, the following resources could be beneficial to secure funding. The governmental agency responsible for maintenance of the bridge will need to be identified, and a definite course of action determined. This is another issue that could be addressed in a collaborative meeting.

**Schools And Roads Grants To States (25 Percent Payments To States).** Federal Agency: Forest Service, Department Of Agriculture. Objectives: To share receipts from the National Forests with the States in which the National Forests are situated. Uses And Use Restrictions: To be used for the benefit of public schools and public roads of the county or counties in which the National Forest is situated. Information Contacts: Regional Office: **USDA Forest Service- Rocky Mountain Region**; 740 Simms St; Golden, CO 80401; Tel.: 303-275-5350.

**USDA Rural Development** can provide funds through our **Community Facilities Program for loans and grants** for community facilities as street repair and maintenance. The contact person is Billie Kirkham, Riverton Area Office 508 N. Broadway, Riverton, WY 82501. Phone 307.856.7524 x4.

**Office of State Lands & Investments:** The objectives of this section are to work with grant and loan applicants to give them the greatest benefit for the funds available with the least amount of “red tape” and to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of Wyoming citizens by providing necessary public infrastructure throughout the state. The government grant and loan programs described below are used primarily for public water and sewer projects; streets, roads, and bridges; public health, safety, and medical facilities; jails and law enforcement facilities; and school districts. **Contact:** Office of State Lands & Investments; 122 W. 25th Street Herschler Bldg. 3W; Cheyenne, WY 82002; tel. 307-777-7331 Fax: 307-777-5400

**Transportation Enhancement Activities Local (TEAL) Department of Transportation-Office of Local Government Coordinator. Information Contact:** Rich Douglass or Dave Young 5300 Bishop Blvd., Cheyenne, WY 82009-3340 [dyoung@state.wy.us](mailto:dyoung@state.wy.us) 307.777.4384 or 307.777.4275 To funds projects that are off –the-state highway system (non-highway department) transportation related and that will add community and environmental value to the transportation system.

**Challenge:** The listening session participants expressed concern for the safety of their drinking water, and also the placement of individual septic systems. They feel the county has been inconsistent in issuing permits for the installation of new septic systems. The

residents of Lakeview Estates continually test their water quality, but it appeared that the townspeople did not.

**Solution:** Safe drinking water is a fundamental health and safety concern. The issue of the septic system affects not only the residents of Alcova, but recreationalists, and downstream users of the water from the reservoir. Drinking water should be tested to determine that it is safe and does not pose any health risks. In addition, a feasibility study is recommended to ascertain the need for a municipal water system. This will not only be more ideal to sustaining the environment, but could also help plan and prepare for any potential further growth to the area.

**Construction Grants For Wastewater Treatment Works, Federal Agency: Office Of Water, Environmental Protection Agency. Objectives:** To assist and serve as an incentive in construction of municipal wastewater treatment works which are required to meet State and/or Federal water quality standards and improve the water quality in the waters of the United States. **Uses And Use Restrictions:** For construction of municipal wastewater treatment works including privately owned individual treatment systems, if a municipality applies on behalf of a number of such systems. **Applicant Eligibility:** Any municipality, intermunicipal agency, State, or interstate agency, or Federally-recognized Indian tribal government, having jurisdiction over waste disposal. **Information Contacts:** Information regarding appropriate waste treatment requirements and State and Federal assistance may be obtained from the State water pollution control agency. DEQ/Water Quality Division; 122 West 25th Street; Herschler Building, 4th Floor-West; Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001; Water Quality Division's main telephone number: 307-777-7781; DEQ/WQD fax machine number: 307-777-5973

**Solid Waste Management Assistance, Federal Agency: Office of Solid Waste, Environmental Protection Agency. Objectives:** To promote use of integrated solid waste management systems to solve municipal solid waste generation and management problems at the local, regional and national levels. **Uses And Use Restrictions:** Available for the allowable direct cost expenditures incident to program performance plus allocable portions of allowable indirect costs of the institution, in accordance with established EPA policies. Projects can include the following types of activities: training, surveys, education materials and programs, studies, and demonstrations; assistance to such projects shall not include any element of construction, or any acquisition of land or interest in land, or any subsidy for the price of recovered resources. **Applicant Eligibility:** These funds can be awarded to the following types of nonprofit entities: public authorities (Federal, State, interstate, intrastate and local), public agencies and institutions; private organizations and agencies, institutions and individuals; and Indian Tribes. **Information Contacts:** By Phone-303-312-6312 or 800-227-8917. Grant index: <http://www.epa.gov/ogd/> and for non-profits: <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/nonprof.htm>.

**Water and Waste Disposal Systems For Rural Communities, Federal Agency: Rural Utilities Service, Department Of Agriculture. Objectives:** To provide basic human amenities, alleviate health hazards and promote the orderly growth of the rural areas of

the nation by meeting the need for new and improved rural water and waste disposal facilities. **Types Of Assistance:** Project Grants; Direct Loans; Guaranteed/Insured Loans. **Uses And Use Restrictions:** Funds may be used for the installation, repair, improvement, or expansion of a rural water facility including distribution lines, well pumping facilities and costs related thereto, and the installation, repair, improvement, or expansion of a rural waste disposal facility including the collection, and treatment of sanitary, storm, and solid wastes. **Applicant Eligibility:** Municipalities, counties, and other political subdivisions of a State, such as districts and authorities, associations, cooperatives, corporations operated on a not-for-profit basis, Indian tribes on Federal and State reservations and other federally recognized Indian tribes. Facilities shall primarily serve rural residents and rural businesses. **Information Contacts:** The contact person is Jerry Tamlin, Community and Business Program Director; 200 E. B. St; PO Box 820; Casper, WY 82602; Tel. 307-233-6720; e-mail: jerry.tamlin@wy.usda.gov.

**Technical Assistance And Training Grants, Federal Agency: Rural Utilities Service, Department Of Agriculture. Objectives:** To identify and evaluate solutions to water and waste disposal problems in rural areas; to assist applicants in preparing applications made in accordance with 7 CFR 1780; to improve operation and maintenance of water and waste disposal facilities in rural areas. **Uses And Use Restrictions:** Funds may be used to pay expenses associated with providing technical assistance and/or training (TAT) to identify and evaluate solutions to water problems relating to source, storage, treatment, and distribution, and to waste disposal problems relating to collection, treatment, and disposal; assist applicants that have filed a preapplication with RUS in the preparation of water and/or waste disposal loan and/or grant applications; and to provide training that will improve the management, operation and maintenance of water and waste disposal facilities. **Applicant Eligibility:** Private nonprofit organizations that have been granted tax exempt status by the Internal Revenue Service of the United States. **Information Contacts:** The contact person is Jerry Tamlin, Community and Business Program Director; 200 E. B. St; PO Box 820; Casper, WY 82602; Tel. 307-233-6720; e-mail: jerry.tamlin@wy.usda.gov.

**Solid Waste Management Grants, Federal Agency: Rural Utilities Service, Department Of Agriculture. Objectives:** To reduce or eliminate pollution of water resources and improve planning and management of solid waste disposal facilities in rural areas. **Uses And Use Restrictions:** Funds may be used to: Evaluate current landfill conditions to determine threats to water resources in rural areas; provide technical assistance and/or training to enhance operator skills in the maintenance and operation of active landfills in rural areas; provide technical assistance and/or training to help associations reduce the solid waste stream; and provide technical assistance and/or training for operators of landfills in rural areas which are closed or will be closed in the near future with the development/implementation of closure plans, future land use plans, safety and maintenance planning, and closure scheduling within permit requirements. **Applicant Eligibility:** Entities eligible for grants are nonprofit organizations, including: Private nonprofit organizations that have been granted tax exempt status by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS); and public bodies including local governmental-based multi-jurisdictional organizations. **Information Contacts:** The contact person is Jerry Tamlin,

Community and Business Program Director; 200 E. B. St; PO Box 820; Casper, WY 82602; Tel. 307-233-6720; e-mail: jerry.tamlin@wy.usda.gov.

**Water Quality Planning and Assessment. Department of Environmental Quality-Water Quality Division. Information Contact:** Jack Smith 250 Lincoln Street, Lander, WY 82520 [jsmith@state.wy.us](mailto:jsmith@state.wy.us) 307.332.3144. To assess water quality problems at the local level and develop implementation plans for addressing such problems.

**Wyoming Water Development Program. Water Development Commission. Information Contact:** Lawrence (Mike) Besson Herschler Building Fourth Floor, West 122 W. 25<sup>th</sup> St. Cheyenne, WY 82002 [lbesso@state.wy.us](mailto:lbesso@state.wy.us) 307.777.7626. Water supply projects.

**Wyoming Association of Rural Water Systems. Contact Information:** Jane West PO Box 1750, Glenrock, WY 82637 307.436.8636 [www.nrwa.org/warws](http://www.nrwa.org/warws) WY Association of Rural Water Systems is a non-profit Association, affiliated with National Rural Water Association (NRWA) that provides on-site, on-on-one technical assistance to small municipalities under 10,000 population and all rural water and wastewater districts throughout the State. They also provide drinking water source projects.

**Challenge:** Another reoccurring comment throughout the listening sessions was a need for an improved law enforcement presence in Alcova and the surrounding areas. Residents expressed concern for the speed at which motorists travel along the highway and county roads to the lake. Its heavy recreational use has also raised concern about motorists driving while intoxicated. Participants also stated that they would like to have a full-time sheriff stationed at Alcova, like they previously had in the past.

**Solution:** Due to the large volume of people, particularly on summer weekends, there is a definite need for a strong law enforcement presence. The residents of Alcova should formally notify the Sheriff's office with their concerns. Although, it may not be financially feasible for the sheriff's office to place a full time deputy at Alcova, it may be entirely possible to increase patrols on summer weekends, particularly during busy holiday weekends. The Wyoming Department of Transportation could also be helpful in assisting to reduce the speed limit along Highway 220 through the Alcova perimeters. This would help alleviate some of the safety concerns of turning off the highway at the post office. In the townsite itself, a series of speed bumps could also be installed, and signs posted such as "Children at Play", or a digital sign that monitors the rate of speed at which a vehicle is traveling have also been successful deterrents.

**USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Program.** This program provides funds through loans and grants for community facilities as police cars or other security type equipment as fire trucks, or radio equipment. The contact person is Billie Kirkham, Riverton Area Office 508 N. Broadway, Riverton, WY 82501. Phone 307.856.7524 x4.

**Public Safety Partnership And Community Policing Grants ("Cops" Grants) Through Office Of Community Oriented Policing Services, Department Of Justice.**

**Objectives:** Grants are to be made to increase police presence, to expand and improve cooperative efforts between law enforcement agencies and members of the community to address crime and disorder problems, and otherwise to enhance public safety. **Applicant Eligibility:** States, units of local government, Indian tribal governments, other public and private entities, and multi jurisdictional or regional consortia thereof. **Information contacts through Headquarters Office:** Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, 1100 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20530. Telephone: Department of Justice Response Center: 1-800-421-6770, or (202) 307-1480. Direct applications to: COPS, 1100 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20530.

**State And Community Highway Safety, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration/Federal Highway Administration, Department Of Transportation.**

**Objectives:** To provide a coordinated national highway safety program to reduce traffic accidents, deaths, injuries, and property damage. **Uses And Use Restrictions:** Formula grant funds may be used for problems identified within the nine national priority program areas of Alcohol and other Drug Countermeasures, Police Traffic Services, Occupant Protection, Traffic Records, Emergency Medical Services, Motorcycle Safety, Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety, Speed Control and Roadway Safety. **Applicant Eligibility:** States, federally recognized Indian tribes, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, Northern Marianas, and the Virgin Islands. **Information Contact: Northwest Mountain Region,** 1601 Lind Avenue, S.W.; Renton, Washington 98055-4056; tel. 425-227-2000; <http://www.nw.faa.gov/>

**Office of State Lands & Investments:** The objectives of this section are to work with grant and loan applicants to give them the greatest benefit for the funds available with the least amount of "red tape" and to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of Wyoming citizens by providing necessary public infrastructure throughout the state. The government grant and loan programs described below are used primarily for public water and sewer projects; streets, roads, and bridges; public health, safety, and medical facilities; jails and law enforcement facilities; and school districts. **Contact:** Office of State Lands & Investments; 122 W. 25th Street Herschler Bldg. 3W; Cheyenne, WY 82002; tel. 307-777-7331 Fax: 307-777-5400

**State and Community Highway Safety. Department of Transportation- Highway Safety Program. Information Contact:** Dee West-Peterson Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) 5300 Bishop Blvd., Cheyenne, WY 82009-3340

[Dee.West@dot.state.wy.us](mailto:Dee.West@dot.state.wy.us) 307.777.4257. To develop highway safety programs to reduce motor vehicle crashes, injuries and fatalities. Grants are due 5/31 and the packet is on-line at: <http://www.dot.state.wy.us/generic/safety/index.html>.

**Natrona County Sheriff**

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Casper, WY 82601

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**Theme: Quality of Life**

**Challenge: Walking Path**

The desire to improve and expand the existing walking path/ nature trail that the school children have begun developing was mentioned in each of the listening sessions.

**Solution:**

The walking path is a tremendous asset to the community. It serves a community need for a safe place to exercise and also provides an opportunity for educational enrichment. The continued development as a nature trail, not only will serve the community's purposes, but again may attract visitors.

**Wyoming State Trails Program**

**Trails Program Manager**

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**Regional Trails Supervisors**

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(307) 335-8229 Fax: (307) 335-8230 Cellular: (307) 349-4776

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**Habitat Trust Fund Grant (Aquatic)**, Mark Fowden, 5400 Bishop Blvd., Cheyenne, WY 82006. 307.777.4559. The purposes are to maintain or improve water developments and riparian habitat for the benefit of aquatic wildlife.

**Land and Water Conservation Program**, Jeff Hauff, Manager, Planning and Grants, Herschler Bldg. 1E, 122 W. 25<sup>th</sup> St., Cheyenne, WY 82002. 307.777.7029 Purpose it to acquire and/or develop, renovate public outdoor recreational lands and facilities. A 50% match is required.

**Habitat Trust Fund (Terrestrial)**, Gary Butler 5400 Bishop Blvd., Cheyenne, WY 82006. 307.777.4590. Purpose is to maintain or improve water development and riparian habitat. A 50% match is required.

**Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (RTCA), Federal Agency: National Park Service, Department of The Interior. Information Contacts:** Intermountain Region-Regional Director, National Park Service; 12795 Alameda Pkwy; Denver, CO 80225; Tel.: (303) 969-2500. To provide staff assistance to support partnerships between government and citizens to increase the number of rivers and landscapes protected and trails established nationwide. **Applicant Eligibility:** Private nonprofit organizations and Federal, State and local government agencies..

**Recreational Trails Program, Federal Agency: Federal Highway Administration, Department Of Transportation. Information Contacts: Philip E. Miller, Division Administrator; 2617 E. Lincolnway Suite D; Cheyenne WY 82001-5662; tel. 307-772-2101 Ext 40; Fax: 307-772-2011.** To provide funds to the States to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both nonmotorized and motorized recreational trail uses. Funds from this program may be used for: (1) Maintenance and restoration of existing trails; (2) development and rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities and trail linkages; (3) purchase and lease of trail construction and maintenance equipment; (4) construction of new trails (with restrictions for new trails on Federal lands); (5) acquisition of easements or property for trails; (6) State administrative costs related to this program (limited to 7 percent of a State's funds); and (7) operation of educational programs to promote safety and environmental protection related to trails (limited to 5 percent of a State's funds). **Applicant Eligibility:** The Governor of each State must designate the State agency or agencies responsible for administering this program.

**Recreational Trail Fund Grant. State Parks and Cultural Resources-State Parks and Historic Sites. Information Contact:** Tracy J. Williams, State Trails Planner, 2301 Central Avenue, Cheyenne, WY 82002 [twilli1@state.wy.us](mailto:twilli1@state.wy.us) 307.777.8681. Trail related activities that further specific goals related to trails as defined by the State Trails Program Priorities, The State Trails Plan and the Wyoming State comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan of 1995. Eligible programs include: maintenance and restoration of existing recreational trails, trail-head and trail-side facility development, equipment for trail construction and maintenance, construction of new trails where need is shown, easements and fee simple title to property for recreational trails and corridors and trail related safety and environmental education programs.

**Wyoming Community Foundation: Mission:** To foster community and enhance the quality of life for Wyoming residents through asset building, grantmaking and increased civic engagement, participation and leadership. The Foundations website contains a comprehensive directory of grant sources throughout the State of Wyoming.

*Wyoming Community Foundation*  
221 Ivinson Avenue

Suite 202  
Laramie, WY 82070-3038

1-866-70-T-R-U-S-T  
Phone: (307) 721-8300  
Fax: (307) 721-8333  
Email: [wcf@wycf.org](mailto:wcf@wycf.org)

**Challenge:** A need for a community center was discussed repeatedly at each of the listening sessions. The desires for the center ranged from a place to serve meals to having exercise facilities. Currently, the residents use both the church and the school for community events.

**Solution:** While the cost to construct a new building may be prohibitive for a small community, the existing elementary school, could serve as a dual-purpose facility to accommodate the children's needs, as well as, the rest of the community.

**Community Facility Loan/ Grant. Federal Agency: Rural Housing and Community Facilities, Department of Agriculture. Information Contacts:** Billie Kirkham, Riverton Area Office 508 N. Broadway, Riverton, WY 82501. Phone 307.856.7524 x4. Grant funds may be used to supplement financial assistance. Funding for the balance of the project may consist of other CF financial assistance (direct or guaranteed loans), applicant contribution, or loans and grants from other sources.

**State Land and Investment Board,** Brad Miskimins, Office of State Lands & Investments; 122 W. 25th Street Herschler Bldg. 3W; Cheyenne, WY 82002. Phone 307.777.6646.

**Private foundations can be found through the Internet at the Foundation Center.** Their website is [www.fdncenter.org](http://www.fdncenter.org).

**Business Ready Community Grant and Loan Program. Wyoming Business Council-Investment Ready Communities Information Contacts:** Steve Achter or Shawn Reese 214 West 15<sup>th</sup> St., Cheyenne, WY 82002 [sachte@state.wy.us](mailto:sachte@state.wy.us)/[sreese@state.wy.us](mailto:sreese@state.wy.us) 307.777.2811 or 307.777.2813. To fund infrastructure such as water, sewer, streets, telecommunications, airports. The grant can be used to purchase rights-of-way, land, industrial and business parks, buildings, landscaping, recreational and convention facilities. In most cases infrastructure must be owned publicly.

**Challenge:** The Alcova Community Foundation has provided some strong leadership and has begun to lay the groundwork for Alcova's future. The challenge will be to encourage the next generation to carry the vision and community spirit forward to make Alcova an even better place to live.

**Solution:** The people of Alcova are its strongest asset. I was very impressed with the services the community had to offer- i.e. the food bank, the bookmobile, and the strong

community support for the school. The young woman who spoke about having just relocated to town, and the community coming together to make sure that she and her children had a nice Christmas was particularly moving. The care and consideration felt for one another was very apparent. I would strongly encourage members of the Alcova Community Foundation to pursue some additional training in grant writing and community development, or becoming familiar with resources to procure those services.

**Wyoming Rural Development Council:** Provides grant writing training.

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Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002  
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E-mail: [mrand@state.wy.us](mailto:mrand@state.wy.us)

**Rural Community Development Initiative. Federal Agency: Rural Housing Service (RHS), Department Of Agriculture. Objectives:** To develop the capacity and ability of private, nonprofit community-based housing and community development organizations, and low income rural communities to improve housing, community facilities, community and economic development projects in rural areas. **Uses And Use Restrictions:** Rural Community Development Initiative grants may be used for but are not limited to (a) training sub-grantees to conduct a program on home-ownership education; (b) training sub-grantees to conduct a program for minority business entrepreneurs; (c) providing technical assistance to sub-grantees on how to effectively prepare a strategic plan; (d) provide technical assistance to sub-grantees on how to access alternative funding sources; (e) building organizational capacity through board training; (f) developing training tools, such as videos, workbooks, and reference guides to be used by the sub-grantee; (g) providing technical assistance and training on how to develop successful child care facilities; and (h) providing training on effective fund raising techniques. **Applicant Eligibility:** Rural Community Development Initiative grants may be made to a qualified private or public (including tribal) organization that provides technical assistance to nonprofit community-based housing and community development organizations, and low income rural communities. **Local Office:** The contact person is Billie Kirkham, Riverton Area Office 508 N. Broadway, Riverton, WY 82501. Phone 307.856.7524 x4. **Examples Of Funded Projects:** Grants were made to (a) hire a staff person to provide technical assistance to the sub-grantee; (b) the sub-grantee organization hires a staff person, under the supervision of the grantee, to carry out the technical assistance; (c) develop the capacity of sub-grantees to conduct community development programs; (d) develop the capacity of sub-grantees to conduct home-ownership education programs; and (e) develop the capacity of sub-grantees to conduct training for minority business entrepreneurs.

**Utilize some of the community development resources on the internet through:** <http://ocdweb.sc.egov.usda.gov/info.asp?cid=20> There are a number of different topics from citizen involvement to economic or main street development.

An over view of Federal Funding Sources or Notice of Funds Available (NOFA) is on-line at: <http://ocd1.usda.gov/nofa.htm>

**Conclusion:** I would again like to thank the Alcova Community Foundation for your very warm hospitality. My visit to Alcova was a thoroughly enjoyable experience. I am anxious to see the progress that Alcova will make. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any additional assistance.

## **Alcova Community Assessment listening session** **responses**

### **What are the major problems and challenges in your community?**

- Fire protection is limited in Alcova
- Drug and alcohol use in the summer
- Unwillingness of property owners to improve and clean up property, specifically the burned out, falling down buildings by the post office and the deplorable, trashy trailer park at the entrance to Alcova across from Sloan's. These buildings encourage drug traffic.
- Too much growth
- Too many out of state tourists
- Increased traffic on Rortes Road from Alcova to Blackbeard, Cottonwood and other camps (Miracle Mile)
- The dirt roads need graveled from all of the extra travel from fisherman and campers

- Roads are poor, need improving
- Roads
- Need for senior center
- Many eyesore areas
- Campers along the river are not monitored
- Poor year round fire protection
- Poor speed control on 407
- Businesses and individuals who don't take any interest or show any pride in their surroundings
- Dilapidated trashed out buildings and trailers
- Not enough events or occasions to get together to meet the other residents, share common goals, ideas, etc
- Road conditions
- Litter problems
- Dilapidated businesses
- Park is not well maintained
- Nothing for seniors or community,
- problems with roads,
- fisherman do not have to pay to maintain
- Run down spot at post office\*
- Maintaining County 407
- Bridge needs to be replaced\*
- Water in trailer park needs to be tested- well water, shower, etc.
- County is not consistent- septic systems or water
- Separate turn lane by post office
- Speed limit through town and Hwy 220, not being adhered to
- Accident waiting to happen
- Fire a big concern due to close proximity of houses
- Range fires a concern also
- Only have a 300 gallon pumper
- No volunteer fire dept.
- Drought
- Upkeep needs to be done in Alcova Townsite\*\*\*\*\*
- Streets need to be repaired\*\*\*\*\*
- Buildings need to be torn down\*\*\*\*\*
- County roads servicing recreational people/ ranchers need to be repaired\*\*\*\*\*
- Farm to market road- Bridge is in disrepair, due to heavy truck traffic\*\*
- Transition from agriculture to tourism
- Protect roads to prevent erosion, and confine traffic to roads
- Environment is fragile
- Walking path was started with grant funds, but ran out of money.
- Parking and camping along river- Is it legal? Who owns it?
- Campers leave garbage behind
- Impact of people coming through town

- Limited room for expansion
- Sense of pride
- Community hub
- Tourists leave lots of trash that the residents have to pick up
- Keeping families here, used to be ranch kids, but there are many transients
- Aging community
- Not enough business space to draw people to come out
- Family values are different than they used to be, some kids that are coming in are from nontraditional families and have more issues with discipline and other issues
- Old buildings along the highway are an eyesore
- Many fisherman come here and use and abuse the land around Alcova
- Small church family
- Not enough kids to play with, not a lot of friends to choose from
- If you don't get along with the other kids, there is no one else
- Difficult for one teacher to do everything for K-6
- Decreasing student enrollment
- Seniors and retirees 5 attendees
- Access to senior services\*
- Not much for seniors to do\*
- Hard to get in-kind grant local matches here
- Many seniors have a fixed income and it is hard to repair homes or other problems that can be very expensive to have someone come out from Casper
- For any repair services you have to call a person in Casper
- Unleashed dogs cause problems
- People dump dogs and cats out here\*
- Stretch from river edge to Grey Reef if being used extremely heavily by fishers, and not managed at all
- Do not have the personnel to manage the area for trash pickup, etc.
- The park has become a low priority with the county due to lack of county management
- Lack of response for county parks
- Natrona County is the only one with an MOU between reclamation and county
- Summer late night driving and illegal activities are a major issue
- No deputy looks after the park at night to stop illegal activities
- The school district does not work well with the community
- Water, sewer and electric are all limited
- Infrastructure is insufficient to handle residents and visitors
- Population growth and the drought as recreationists have fewer lakes to enjoy

### **What are the major strengths and assets in your community?**

- The businesses in Alcova
- Recreational possibilities
- The people in the community

- Sloan's General Store\*
- Beautiful location
- The people of Alcova
- The beautiful setting of the town
- Tourism
- Scenic beauty
- Lack of development
- Wildlife
- The school
- The church
- Some residents
- We look to the future as a community to make it nice and improve our community for future generations
- New sign at the Inn at Alcova looks great, major asset to the community
- Friendly people willing to do whatever it takes to promote their community
- Beautiful lake, river and good fishing
- Rural setting
- Caring people
- Church
- School
- Progressive and supportive businesses
- School and staff
- Church
- Civic minded residents
- Postal clerk
- Wildlife
- Town setting
- Park
- Nature trail
- Strong community foundation
- Bar people
- School
- Post office is a great place to see other residents and catch up\*
- School is the heart and soul of Alcova
- Existing businesses including North Platte Lodge, Marina, Boat Club
- Post office
- Church
- School
- Cemetery
- Family owned and operated ranches, preserving the culture and heritage
- Rural atmosphere
- Caring community
- Good School
- Church

- Community Foundation
- Businesses support community including ranchers
- Best community ever lived in- close knit community
- Wildlife, setting, rural feeling
- Rural people do not like to make changes
- Have to live with influx of fisherman, and have a voice
- The park should show pride in community
- People are not respecting the park or greenway
- Heart machine training- Defibulator sponsored through Alcova Foundation
- Many people want to come live here but don't have the kids, many are retirement ages
- Environment\*
- Friendliness of People\*
- School\*\*\*\*
- Post Office\*\*
- Cemetery\*
- Location on North Platte- Recreational Aspect
- School is hub of community
- Exceptional teachers
- Lost teacher due to low enrollment
- Church
- Strong and active community council, which have worked at beautification and strengthened community.
- Quiet community
- Scenery
- Helpful neighbors
- Recreational opportunities
- Fossils
- Educational opportunities- geology
- Teachers and students
- Being away from the city, many more opportunities
- Outdoor classroom is wonderful
- Families that come here love the school because it is safe and peaceful
- Rural environment, small town feel
- Very few discipline problems here
- Substitute teachers love to come here, the kids are so much better behaved than schools in bigger towns
- A lot more one to one contact, more like a family
- The community supports the school a lot in many different ways
- Good turnouts for school plays and events, the whole community shows up to support the kids
- Students learn public speaking skills and many others from presenting projects to the community
- Red creek students and Alcova students get together once a week to do p.e. and music

- Have a parent group called the ABC club that raises money to have school field trips
- Not much
- The school\*
- Sloan's General Store
- I like all of it
- The lake, my ranch
- Get to play and get to work
- The dam
- Like the playground
- Tight knit community where everyone knows each other and supports each other
- Bookmobile
- Lifeflight and bookmobile services are excellent to the community
- The people and their care and concern for each other
- Its home!
- The church has a food pantry that is very well supported, the church gives away around 200 lbs of food a month
  - The community really supports the needy people who live in or come through Alcova
  - The church has helped out anybody that is in need, frequently have filled gas tanks from the store for needy people
- Proud of the volunteerism that is in the community, its really rewarding to live in a community and to see the values of the rural people
- Blessed to have someone who is so good at coordinating people
- Neighbors take seniors to town when they can't drive on the highway
- Great place to live, feel blessed that we are able to live here
- The lake and Grey Reef, can be a blessing and a crippler
- The marina to go eat at in the summertime
- The 4th of July fireworks presentation is excellent
- Thesbian group
- Fortunate to have Bureau of Reclamation backing
- Turned the housing area over for a park area
- Appreciate the fact that the Bureau agrees with the statement about keeping the park a day use area.
- Great neighborhood watch in Alcova (informal but efficient)
- Decent neighborhood watch in estates
- Homeowner associations are good
- The family feeling of the community
- The willingness to try and look ahead
- The residents
- The river
- The lake
- The location

## **What projects would you like to see accomplished in the next two, five, ten and twenty years?**

- Need a light or thin layer limestone spread on Fremont and Gros Ventre streets.
- Improve designated streets
- Need a rest area for tourists/visitors/fishing clients
- Better speed control on Highway 220
- Develop a Village of Alcova
- Better year round restaurant
- Community center
- Variety of different businesses
- In two years- a year round restaurant
- Community center
- In 20 years, a large hotel
- In five years: encourage business development focusing on a village concept with specialty shops for people to stop and browse
- In 10 years a housing development
- Keep it the way it is now, no more out of state people needed here
- Nothing more that would increase our taxes
- No more motels
- A gas station/convenience store that offers products at reasonable prices
- The dirt roads need graveled from all of the extra travel from fisherman and campers
- The roads, clean them up to not make it such an eyesore
- Keep the history of Alcova
- Have a facelift along the highway, put up privacy fence along unattractive buildings
- Return of the corn festival
- Upgrade the park-regular mowing and watering, more picnic tables with fireplaces
- Walking path between Sloane's and the church
- Picnic tables around Sloane's for people to sit and eat lunch and ice cream
- Family style restaurant/sandwich shop
- Platted roads improved
- Senior/community center
- Area clean up
- Build an arena in the park
- Platted roads need to be graveled
- Improvement on County Road 407
- Improvement on the bridge below the Dam
- Have eyesores done away with
- Park: playground equipment, roping arena, pavilion tables and benches
- Year round fire protection
- Equality of county rules
- Nature trail improvements
- Foot path from Sloan's to Park

- Clean up garbage and storage area
- Need more people involved in energy asset
- Clean up park
- Community center
- Year round restaurant
- Beautification of entrance
- Removal of dilapidated buildings near the post office and put in a restaurant and small business that would thrive from tourists
- Improve park area and maintain and beautify
- Fulfill the goals that we have set numerous times with the County and BurRec for Centennial Park
- Replace bridge across river on County Road 407
- Upgrade county road
- Civic Groups
- Younger kids need something besides 4-H- Preteen to teenagers
- Community Center for both seniors and younger generation
- Within two years: road improvement gravel or limestone
- Senior or Community Center
- Park is not being maintained, grass is wanting to be reduced, would like to see a small arena for roping
- Playground equipment, have been working with county, but feel county has dropped the ball
- Community Center would include the Lake people
- Hot Springs Pool\*
- Pathway from store to park
- Nature trail through school needs improvements
- Road to cemetery needs repaired
- Need to see some areas cleaned up
- Some residents do not want to clean up
- Community Center\*
- School continue for 20 years\*
- Streets in immediate residential area upgraded\*\*
- Local fire department to reduce rates and prevent catastrophes\*
- Policy on river use\*
- Develop established campsites or not allow camping\*
- Assistance from county to solve problems\*
- Walking path improved and maintained\*\*
- Major cleanup\*\*
- Growth of grass between Alcova and Hwy 220 is a fire hazard and collects trash
- Cleanup of vacant buildings, would improve image from Hwy
- Keep it rural\*
- Trees in park are dying, and need to be replaced
- See free wireless or satellite internet connections\*\*
- County needs to help with park\*

- Establish and enforce covenants\*
- Restaurant
- Trees need to be watered
- Roads that agriculture and recreational use need to be improved
- Would like resident sheriff
- Roadways need to be patrolled
- Improvement in water situation at park
- Picnic tables
- Walkway could be used by fisherman as an access
- Barriers removed at dam
- Out of Staters/ recreationalists need place to dispose of trash
- Control camping on river
- River from dam to Grey Reef have school children put up educational signs
- Teachers and students
- Finish the outdoor walkway and keep it maintained
- Get a bowling alley
- Improve the park, have it mowed and cleaned up
- Want a jungle gym and spider net
- Merry go round
- Big library
- To own the school
- Running track
- Track team
- Have tourists pick up their trash
- Swimming pool with a diving board
- Basketball court
- An arena at the park to rope or barrel race
- Need more extracurricular activities for the students
- Facilities for more activities
- Road improvements
- Senior/ community center\*\*\*
- Arena in the park
- Get the roads fixed
- Clean up the community
- Update and reprint of the history of Alcova
- More businesses
- Plan expansion instead of just letting it happen
- Coffee shop
- Visiting nurse
- Living history program
- Miniature golf course
- Develop a hot springs spa
- Need to diversify more than just the fishing and the lake
- Put up interpretive signs along the river, such as pack it in, pack it out signs

- Develop area along the river as a day use area, with signage to show that overnight camping is not allowed
- The park needs to be watered and maintained
- Shooting range
- Replace the river bridge or open up the access over the dam for heavy loads
- Have the Bureau have the state take over the management of the land
- Improve communication between the agencies and Alcova
- Roping arena at the park
- Safer playground equipment
- Small Community library
- Improve water, electric and sewer
- Build community cohesiveness
- Lessen impact of recreationists on local citizens (trespass, intrusion, litter, etc.)

## **20 CLUES TO RURAL COMMUNITY SURVIVAL**

**1. Evidence of Community Pride:**

Successful communities are often showplaces of care, attention, history and heritage.

**2. Emphasis on Quality in Business and Community Life:**

People believe that something worth doing is worth doing right.

**3. Willingness to Invest in the Future:**

In addition to the brick-and-mortar investments, all decisions are made with an outlook on the future.

**4. Participatory Approach to Community Decision Making:**

Even the most powerful of opinion leaders seem to work toward building consensus.

**5. Cooperative Community Spirit:**

The stress is on working together toward a common goal, and the focus is on positive results.

**6. Realistic Appraisal of Future Opportunities:**

Successful communities have learned how to build on strengths and minimize weaknesses.

**7. Awareness of Competitive Positioning:**

Local loyalty is emphasized, but thriving communities know who their competitors are and position themselves accordingly.

**8. Knowledge of the Physical Environment:**

Relative location and available natural resources underscore decision-making.

**9. Active Economic Development Program:**

There is an organized, public/private approach to economic development.

**10. Deliberate Transition of Power to a Younger Generation of Leaders:**

People under 40 regularly hold key positions in civic and business affairs.

**11. Acceptance of Women in Leadership Roles:**

Women are elected officials, plant managers, and entrepreneurial developers.

**12. Strong Belief in and Support for Education:** Good schools are the norm and centers of community activity.

**13. Problem-Solving Approach to Providing Health**

**Care:** Health care is considered essential, and smart strategies are in place for diverse methods of delivery.

**14. Strong Multi-Generational Family Orientation:**

The definition of family is broad, and activities include younger as well as older generations.

**15. Strong Presence of Traditional Institutions that are Integral to Community Life:**

Churches, schools and service clubs are strong influences on community development and social activities.

**16. Sound and Well-Maintained Infrastructure:**

Leaders work hard to maintain and improve streets, sidewalks, water systems, and sewage facilities.

**17. Careful Use of Fiscal Resources:**

Frugality is a way of life and expenditures are considered investments in the future.

**18. Sophisticated Use of Information Resources:**

Leaders access information that is beyond the knowledge base available in the community.

**19. Willingness to Seek Help from the Outside:**

People seek outside help for community needs, and many compete for government grants and contracts for economic and social programs.

**20. Conviction that, in the Long Run, You Have to Do It Yourself:**

Thriving rural communities believe their destiny is in their own hands. Making their communities good places is a pro-active assignment, and they willingly accept it.

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