

Chapter 2

Wyoming Cultural Trust Fund Grant and Evaluation Criteria Rules/Regulations

Section 1. Evaluation, Ranking, and Prioritization of Grant Proposals. In reviewing, evaluating, and ranking applications, the Board shall place emphasis on:

- (a) Increasing the availability of cultural opportunities for the citizens of Wyoming.
- (b) Increasing and stimulating public and private investment in the cultural heritage of the State.
- (c) Increasing cooperation, communication and partnerships between not-for-profit cultural organizations, public entities, the private sector, and individuals for the benefit of the State's cultural life.
- (d) Supporting the role of Wyoming's cultural life in community and economic development.
- (e) Strengthening and increasing the organizational capacity of the State's cultural institutions.
- (f) Rewarding innovative thinking in advancing Wyoming's cultural heritage.

Section 2. Criteria for Grants. Grant criteria shall, at a minimum, include the ability of the organization or project to accomplish one (1) or more of the following:

- (a) Preserving Wyoming's historical and cultural heritage.
- (b) Increasing awareness of Wyoming's historical and cultural heritage.
- (c) Creating and completing innovative projects that expand and develop Wyoming's cultural environment.
- (d) Building long-term financial investment in Wyoming's cultural institutions and infrastructure.
- (e) Developing and promoting cultural events that bring Wyoming citizens together to celebrate the State's cultural heritage.
- (f) Increasing access to cultural opportunity for Wyoming citizens
- (g) Expanding the capacity of Wyoming cultural institutions to advance their missions.
- (h) Developing new local and/or regional organizations devoted to the advancement of culture, i.e. arts or cultural councils.
- (i) Developing cultural heritage tourism in the state.
- (j) Contribute to the role of cultural heritage in community and economic development.

Section 3. Ranking System. The Board shall prepare and approve a ranking system to be used to rank all eligible applications. The ranking shall be approved by an affirmative vote of the Board. Any subsequent amendments to the ranking system shall also be approved by an affirmative vote of the Board.

Section 4. Multi-year Projects. The Board may exempt projects that are funded as multi-year projects from the ranking process for the duration of the project provided that annual evaluations of progress toward project goals are submitted and accepted by the Board.