

PRE-MEETING AGENDA

Casper City Council
The Lyric, 230 W Yellowstone Hwy
Tuesday, March 5, 2024, 5:30 p.m.



	Presentation	Beginning Time	Allotted
1.	Railway Support	5:30	10 min
2.	Federal Grant Funding from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) for FY25	5:40	10 min
3.	Agenda Review	5:50	5 min
	Approximate Ending Time		5:55 p.m.

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Ericka Pilcher, RTCA Regional Program Manager
National Park Service Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance Program
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Lakewood, CO 80228

Dear Ms. Pilcher,

I am writing to express my wholehearted support for the City of Douglas's application for assistance in the development of a plan for the Douglas to Casper portion of the Great American Rail-Trail. This transformative project promises to not only enhance recreational opportunities but also to preserve and celebrate the rich historical heritage of our region.

The envisioned 50-mile trail linking Douglas, Glenrock, and Casper not only offers a pathway for outdoor enthusiasts but also pays homage to the historic trails that have woven through our landscape for generations. As a co-sponsoring applicant alongside esteemed entities such as the Platte River Trails Trust and the Great American Rail-Trail Conservancy, the City of Douglas exemplifies proactive leadership in fostering community well-being and connectivity.

The project's scope, seeking assistance to identify stakeholders, potential trail alignments, and develop a comprehensive plan for design, construction, management, and maintenance, reflects a commendable commitment to thoroughness and inclusivity. It is evident that this initiative will further ignite the enthusiasm already present in our community and surrounding areas for outdoor recreation and heritage preservation.

Moreover, the collaboration between the City of Douglas, local non-profit groups, and Converse County underscores a shared vision for holistic development and sustainable growth. The alignment of this project with Converse County's trail system aspirations, particularly in County Park/Boxelder Canyon, signifies a strategic convergence of efforts towards enhancing our region's economic and historical vitality.

In summary, the Great American Rail-Trail project not only aligns with but amplifies our collective aspirations for a vibrant and interconnected community. I offer my unwavering support for this endeavor and commend the City of Douglas and its partners for their visionary leadership to move their project forward.

Thank you for your dedication to advancing the well-being and prosperity of our region.

With appreciation,


A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Carter Napier', written in a cursive style.

J. Carter Napier

City Manager

City of Casper, WY

February 21, 2024

MEMO TO: J. Carter Napier, City Manager 

FROM: Jacob Black, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG)

Meeting Type & Date

Regular Council Pre-Meeting March 5, 2024

Action Type

Direction Requested

Recommendation

That Council approve that Casper Fire-EMS apply for federal grant funding from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) for FY25, allowing for up to \$1 Million in awards per application.

Summary

In exploring potential sources of funding needs for the City of Casper Fire-EMS Department, the AFG grant has been identified as a possible source. Due to identified budgetary constraints, the Casper Fire-EMS has identified and prepared three separate items for AFG funding opportunities:

- Replacement of Rescue 1 (R1); This apparatus is our only designated heavy rescue unit within the city or county that has technical rescue capabilities for all disciplines. R1 is currently 14 years old and needs replacement.
- Training; Funding for costs to train 12 members to the EMT-Intermediate level within our department for adequate ALS services to our community. Casper Fire-EMS has not trained personnel to this level since 2014.
- Training; Funding for a nationally recognized “Blue Card” system to standardize our incident command and control within our organization.

Financial Considerations

The AFG grant has a City of Casper match requirement of 10%, resulting the following match funds: R1: \$1,250,000 (Match funds \$250,000); EMTI Training: \$135,000 (Match funds \$13,500); Incident Command Training: \$123,000 (Match Funds \$12,300). R1 funds options are One Cent or the General Fund. Training funds will utilize the Fire Operations training budget.

Oversight/Project Responsibility

Jacob Black, Fire Chief

Attachments

N/A