

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY
OF GILLETTE FOR THE CAMPBELL COUNTY PUBLIC LAND BOARD'S SUBMISSION
OF APPLICATION TO THE WYOMING BUSINESS COUNCIL UNDER THE BUSINESS
READY COMMUNITY GRANT AND LOAN PROGRAM FOR A COMMUNITY
READINESS PROJECT.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF: Renovation and remodel to the CAM-PLEX Energy Hall and Heritage Center to attract and maintain large regional and national group events that contribute to the economy of Campbell County and the State of Wyoming.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Gillette, Wyoming desires to participate with the Campbell County Public Land Board and the Governing Body of Campbell County, Wyoming in the Business Ready Community Grant and Loan Program to assist in financing the above-referenced project; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Gillette, Wyoming recognizes the need for remaining competitive in the event venue industry and the necessity of attracting and retaining large-scale events including national, regional, and state events, and believes this project will address those needs. A facelift to Energy Hall and Heritage Center will position the overall facility as a more formidable competitor in the marketplace and provide the impressions and experiences event organizers are seeking. The renovation and remodel project will address the acquisition of large-scale events and establish the facility as a premier space; and

WHEREAS, the public benefit(s) of this project will be to bring national and large-scale events, conventions, conferences, rallies and performing arts productions to Campbell County that will improve quality of life for our citizens, attract visitors and increase economic impact; and

WHEREAS, the specific goals and measures of success of this project include, but are not limited to, fixing all structural problems with interior and exterior revisions and modifications; generate economic benefits for the region measured by the increase in hotel room stays and travel spending; and bid on and win large scale events measured by the successful bids awarded to include eight bids per year and successfully hosting two large scale events; and

WHEREAS, the Business Ready Community Grant and Loan Program requires that certain criteria be met, as described in the Wyoming Business Council's Rules governing the program and to the best of our knowledge this application meets those criteria; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Gillette, Wyoming and the Governing Body of Campbell County, Wyoming will assist the Campbell County Public Land Board by each providing a cash match to the Business Ready Community Grant and Loan Program Community Readiness project of \$1,500,000 with the City's match to come from the excess cash of the General Fund Reserves; and

WHEREAS, the proposed renovation does not require a significant change to the operation and maintenance plan, nor the means and methods employed, in the operation of the facilities, nor will it require a change in funding or impact its current annual operational costs as submitted annually to the Campbell County Public Land Board; and

WHEREAS, the proposed renovation is not a “revenue generating project” but has the potential to generate increased revenues in the local community and the state of Wyoming from each large-scale event CAM-PLEX hosts through purchases made by the individuals traveling and staying for those events, and by taxes collected; and

WHEREAS, in the event of any project cost overruns, the Campbell County Public Land Board will provide the funding in the amount necessary to complete the project utilizing its approved regular budget to complete the project and will inform the Campbell County Public Land Board about overruns before proceeding; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Gillette has considered other possible funding solutions with the Campbell County Public Land Board for this project which include other grants and general funds; and

WHEREAS, the Campbell County Public Land Board is working in partnership with the Arete Design Group who has provided cost estimates, preliminary designs and other technical assistance for the BRC grant application for CAM-PLEX Energy Hall and Heritage Center Renovation and Remodel Project; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body for the City of Gillette, Wyoming held a public hearing on August 21, 2018 to elicit testimony from citizens and other concerned individuals in the community, and gave full consideration to all comments received.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF GILLETTE, WYOMING THAT:

1. The City of Gillette is in full support of a grant application in the amount of three million dollars (\$3,000,000.00) be submitted to the Wyoming Business Council by the Campbell County Public Land Board for consideration of assistance in funding the CAM-PLEX Energy Hall and Heritage Center Renovation and Remodel Project;

2. The Mayor, and the City Administrator, and the Finance Director, or their designee, shall be designated as the authorized representative of, to act on behalf of the Governing Body on all matters relating to the support of the grant application.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of August 2018.

Louise Carter-King, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Karlene Abelseth, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION FOR GRANT APPLICATION

I, Karlene Abelseth, City Clerk of the City of Gillette, Wyoming hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Governing Body of the City of Gillette, Wyoming at a public meeting held on August 21, 2018, and that the meeting was held according to law; and that said Resolution will be duly entered in the record of the Governing Body of the City of Gillette, Wyoming.

Karlene Abelseth, City Clerk