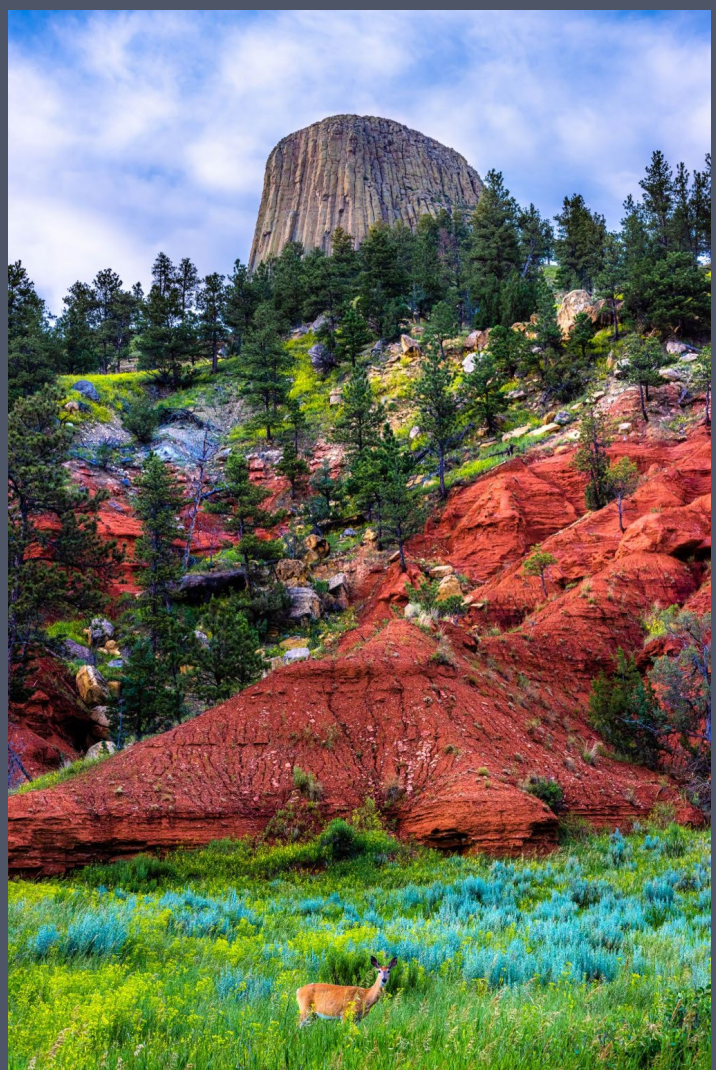


Governor's Recommendations to Survive, Drive and Thrive

January 7, 2022

Governor Mark Gordon's Strike Team



COVID-19 Federal Programs:

- CARES Act of 2020
- Consolidated Appropriations Act 2020 and 2021
- American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA)



Hundreds of New and Expanded Programs; Including Funding for States, Counties, Cities, and Tribes

Survive Phase

2020, 2021 and ??



Save Lives and Protect Livelihoods

- ❖ Health Care System Support
 - Made significant investment in healthcare infrastructure.
 - Helped with staffing shortages at hospitals.
- ❖ Small Businesses
 - More per capita on business relief than any other state.
 - Tax relief initiative via the Unemployment Rate credit/future rate reduction.
 - Ranchers and farmers received relief and meat processing increased immensely.
- ❖ Support Education
 - Wyoming had among the most inperson learning hours in the nation.
- ❖ Broadband
 - Enhanced our broadband system with \$50M

ARPA - \$534,000,000 Came to Wyoming in 2021

\$534,000,000 Allocated to Wyoming in 2022



Support Public Health Response

Fund COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff



Address Negative Economic Impacts

Respond to economic harms to workers, families, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector



Replace Public Sector Revenue Loss

Use funds to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic



Premium Pay for Essential Workers

Offer additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors



Water and Sewer Infrastructure

Make necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water and invest in wastewater and stormwater infrastructure




Broadband Infrastructure

Make necessary investments to provide unserved or underserved locations with new or expanded broadband access

Drive and Thrive

Planning for ARPA and Other OneTime
Funding



Governor's Charge: What could be done to better *drive* to a future where all of Wyoming can *thrive*.

Criteria:

- Have a long-term impact or a return on investment;
- Not replenish budget cuts unless the replenishment can be sustained;
- Be sustainable and not add to the state's ongoing financial responsibilities;
- Support stimulus over relief;
- Where possible, leverage the dollars through matching or buy-in programs;
- Create capacity for the future; and
- Benefit a wide group of citizens.



Drive and Thrive Team

Strike Team Brought Together to Gather Input from Across the State and from a Variety of Perspectives.

- Legislators
- County Commissioners
- Municipal Officials
- Cabinet Members with connections to many stakeholders



Drive and Thrive

Outcome: Better Planning for all Federal and One-Time Spending Opportunities

- Previous federal COVID-relief bills (CARES, etc)
- ARPA has millions of other programs
 - U.S. Economic Development Association (EDA)
 - Capital Funds Projects
 - Separate COVID response programs
 - Many others ...
- Federal Infrastructure package
- State General Funds



Wyoming Survive, Drive, and Thrive Goals

Goal 1: Retain and attract working families and young adults to Wyoming

Goal 2: Activate new economic sectors and create new job opportunities

Goal 3: Align & balance workforce, economic development, and educational opportunities; support opportunities to upskill and/or retrain Wyoming workers



Wyoming Survive, Drive, and Thrive Goals (continued)

Goal 4: Broadband and Connect Wyoming

Goal 5: Healthcare Solutions

Goal 6: Outdoor Recreation and Wildlife

Goal 7: Food supply and food pantries

Goal 8: Infrastructure Projects

Goal 9: State Government Efficiency

Goal 10: Support Cities, Counties, Towns and Tribes



Governor's Recommendations Overview

- More than 300 proposals to review for nearly \$4 billion.
- 5 years to spend these funds.
- Governor recommended \$500 million in programs.
- Preserves options for future years.
- Allows decision makers to learn more about impacts of initial investments.
- Other funding sources are available for several projects.
- 2 categories of spending ARPA and one-time funding due to ARPA.



Addressing Technical Problems and Complex Challenges

- Some proposals are resolving well understood problems
- These projects are straightforward and go direct to the point

- Others are creating the pathways to address complex challenges
- These proposals are bringing together a network of collaborators and developing innovative solutions to persistent issues

- Not allocating all ARPA funds
- Gives us flexibility to adjust and focus on:
 - eliminating constraints to growth and prosperity
 - investing where there are long term benefits for Wyoming



Governor's Recommendations for Health and Human Services

- Affordable Housing Investment Pilot for workforce, homeless and low to moderate income.
- Health and human services staffing stabilization.
- Health and human services capital construction.
- Telehealth for expanding telepsychiatry.
- Health and human services innovation fund.
- Suicide Prevention Lifeline



Governor's Recommendations for Health and Human Services cont'd

- EMS resources and stabilization.
- Address food insecurity.
- Crisis beds for at-risk youth stabilization.
- Health Education funding.
- 211 capacity building and local resource centers.




Governor's Recommendations for Workforce and Education

FUNDING APPROVED:

- \$20M fund for ARPA eligible proposals
- \$55M for WIP Phase II proposals

PURPOSE: To provide a fund for Education and Workforce Proposals upon submission of an application and review by a committee with members from higher education, private industry, Workforce Services, and the Business Council.



Governor's Recommendations for Workforce and Education (cont.)

EDUCATION:

- WIP -Phase I proposals approved and moving forward - \$24,170,000
- WIP - Phase II proposals for submission to committee to focus on workforce and economic development programming efforts; WIP collaborative efforts across higher education; cross-institutional efforts to improve productivity and outcomes.
 - Wyoming's Tomorrow Scholarship Program

WORKFORCE:

- Currently, 7 workforce specific proposals, but others could be submitted for committee consideration - includes targeted workforce efforts, apprenticeship expansion, funding for individuals not otherwise eligible for federal funding assistance; awareness campaign and messaging efforts.



Governor's Recommendations for Economic Development

- Energy today and in the Future- \$105M
 - Programs and funding that will enable Wyoming to jumpstart new energy sectors and leverage federal funding opportunities
- Wildlife and Outdoor Recreation as an Economic Driver- \$125M
 - Programs to strengthen wildlife conservation and outdoor recreation business development
- Economic Resilience and Growth- \$28M
 - Local and Statelevel programs to build resilience and activate new sectors
- Broadband - Governor's aim is to have close to \$200M
 - Many funding sources- ARPA, Infrastructure, and others



Drive and Thrive Next Steps

- January 14 public comment closes.
- Jan/Feb analysis of ARPA guidance continues.
- January JAC votes on proposals.
- February 14 Legislature convenes.
- Second half of 2022 and 2023 review of funded programs to look at success and lessons learned.
- Likely to develop new proposals for 2023 Legislative session.

Questions?

