



WYOMING

**CULTURAL**  
TRUST FUND



# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

BECAUSE OUR CULTURE MATTERS



In 1999, the Wyoming Legislature established the Wyoming Cultural Trust Fund with the following declaration: “The legislature hereby finds that Wyoming and its people possess a unique cultural heritage....there is a need to preserve, promote, and enhance that unique cultural heritage for the citizens of the state and the nation and for future generations to understand and appreciate the heritage which makes Wyoming unique among the United States.”

## CURRENT WYOMING CULTURAL TRUST FUND BOARD & STAFF



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## TO DATE HISTORICAL DATA

### WCTF Corpus Amount, \$27.772 million

*Interest earnings from the corpus investment provide the revenue for grant awards.*

#### Since 2007:

**WCTF Grant Dollars: \$9.965 million**

**Local Cash Match: \$51.944 million**

**Local In-Kind Match: \$11.531 million**

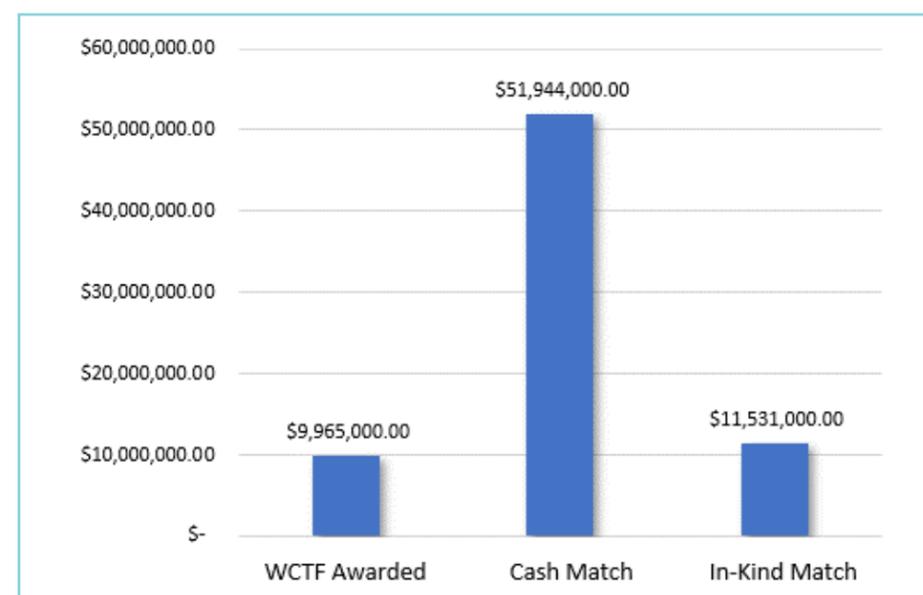
(Match is determined based on actual final report statistics with 64% of projects completed.)

WCTF grants **HAVE REACHED**  
**208,308 STUDENTS** and  
**2,479,195 GENERAL**  
**AUDIENCE MEMBERS.**

Volunteers have provided more than  
**252,980 hours of donated labor**  
(the equivalent of 121 full-time employees' yearly hours)

Since 2014, the WCTF has specifically tracked the number of FTE (full-time equivalent) hours. WCTF grants have supported: **44 FULL-TIME POSITIONS WITHIN NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND OVER 163 CONTRACTOR FTEs.**

### WCTF Grants Since 2007



**ON THE COVER:** Workers from Scottish Stained Glass company reinstall restored glass windows in the sanctuary of the Union Presbyterian Church of Evanston, Wyoming.

## WYOMING CULTURAL TRUST FUND GRANT AWARDS

*The mission of the Wyoming Cultural Trust Fund board is to serve the citizens of Wyoming's culture and heritage through grant funding of innovative projects for the enjoyment, appreciation, promotion, preservation and protection of the state's arts, cultural and historic resources; and supporting and investing in Wyoming institutions that help further this mission.*

In FY 2024 (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024) the Wyoming Cultural Trust Fund (WCTF) made 51 grant awards, totaling \$710,068.54. These grants assisted organizations in 22 communities in 16 counties. The WCTF is unique in its ability to support operations as diverse as museums, historic preservation, history, contemporary arts, craft, and music festivals, theatre and dance productions, podcasts, public art, films, and more.

The WCTF granting program provides two grant deadlines per year to better accommodate the needs of potential grantees: April 1 for projects/events/activities which begin after July 1; and October 1 for projects/events/activities which begin after January 1.



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*Tlaxacala Celebration, Community Center for the Arts*

Jackson Hole Community Center for the Arts received a WCTF grant in support of their "Sister Cities" celebration, recognizing the cultural connections between Jackson and the State of Tlaxacala, Mexico, the home of the majority of Latino families in Teton County. The April 2024 celebration included cultural performances by the traditional Mexican Folklorico dance group, Tlaneci, a short film by Pedro Avelno and his recognition for a new mural now installed in Jackson, and traditional songs performed by Ruben Galagos.

## GRANTS AWARDED IN 2024:

Legal Organization Name	Project Title	City	WCTF Awarded
Alliance for Historic Wyoming	Lemley Mill & Miner's Delight Stabilization and Interpretation	Laramie	\$25,000.00
Big Horn Basin Nature and Discovery Center Joint Powers Board	Wyoming Discovery Days, Folk Festival	Thermopolis	\$10,000.00
Casper Civic Chorale Incorporated	Casper Civic Chorale 2023-2024 Concert Season	Casper	\$4,000.00
Cheyenne Little Theatre Players	Historic Atlas Theater Roof Repair	Cheyenne	\$10,633.83
City of Cody/Parks, Recreation & Public Facilities Department	2023 Concerts in the Park	Cody	\$2,500.00
City of Rock Springs	The Rock Springs Chinese Massacre of 1885 Memorial Sculpture Project	Rock Springs	\$25,000.00
City of Rock Springs	Broadway Theater Lighting Update	Rock Springs	\$7,899.64
Community Center for the Arts	Sister Cities Celebration	Jackson	\$11,250.00
Habitat for Humanity of Laramie County, Inc.	Habitat for Humanity of Laramie County Hope Mural	Cheyenne	\$5,000.00
Laramie Community Foundation, Inc. (Laramie Artists Project)	Touchstone Laramie 2023	Laramie	\$5,000.00
Lovell-Kane Area Museum	Kane Depot Warehouse Restoration	Lovell	\$4,167.00
Main Street Pinedale	Green River Rendezvous	Pinedale	\$2,800.00
Music Land	Increase Our Community's Quality Classical Music Education and Instruction for Our Youth	Jackson	\$2,000.00
Natrona County Public Library Foundation	Natrona County Public Library Outreach Vehicle	Casper	\$25,000.00
Old Wilson Schoolhouse Community Center	Marmoleum Restoration and Exterior Repaint	Wilson	\$10,000.00

## GRANTS AWARDED IN 2024 CONTINUED:

Legal Organization Name	Project Title	City	WCTF Awarded
Pinedale Fine Arts Council, Inc.	Soundcheck Summer Music Series/Folk for Kids Program Additional Concert & Senior Outreach	Pinedale	\$6,000.00
The Jackson Hole Chorale	Jackson Hole Chorale Retention of Key Staff Members	Jackson	\$20,000.00
Town of Ten Sleep	Nowoodstock: Ten Sleep Music Festival	Ten Sleep	\$15,000.00
Union Presbyterian Church of Evanston, Wyoming	Stained Glass Restoration - Evanston Union Presbyterian Church	Evanston	\$42,000.00
Washakie Museum	GROUNDLED Exhibit and Indigenous Peoples' Month	Worland	\$7,600.00
Wind River Valley Artists' Guild	Dubois Chamber Music 2023 Season	Dubois	\$5,000.00
Wyoming Historical Society	Women of Wyoming: Then and Now	Wheatland	\$3,000.00
Wyoming SHEEP Foundation (Wyoming Wool Growers Association)	Wyoming Sheep & Wool Festival 2023	Casper	\$3,520.00
Wyoming Symphony Orchestra Inc.	WSO Pops in the Park Presents John Kirilin & the High Plains Drifters	Casper	\$10,000.00



ANDREW TOWNE PHOTOS, STAR-TRIBUNE

*With support from the WCTF, Trinkle Brass Works and musicians selected from around the state performed "Cowboy Overtures" at Casper College Wheeler Concert Hall.*

*Cheyenne Little Theatre Players Facebook post:*

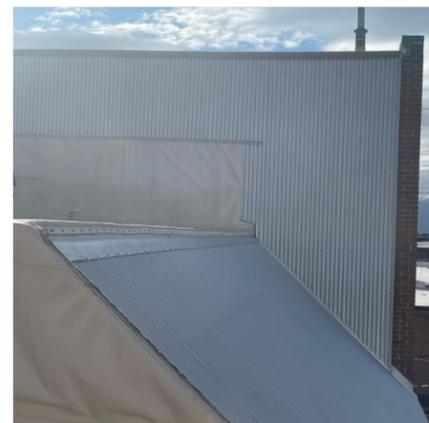
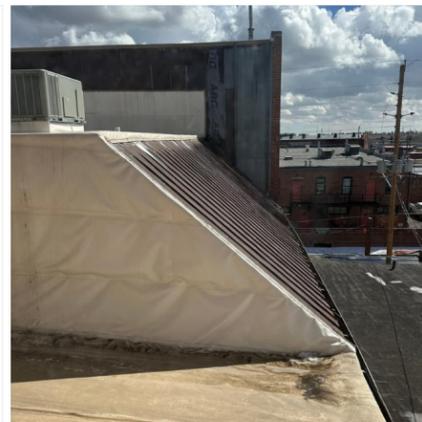


**Cheyenne Little Theatre**

Oct 26, 2023 · 🌐

**OUR HEROES!!!**

Due to the generous matching grant from the [Wyoming Cultural Trust Fund](#) we have been able to repair a leak from a damaged portion of roof at the historic Atlas Theater. This leak was causing water to drip on stage and had it been left for much longer, it could have compromised important structures over the Atlas stage. Thanks to our heroes at the [Wyoming Cultural Trust Fund](#) and the work of Stonescape Steel Roofing the leak has been fixed, damage mitigated, and we will continue performing shows at the Atlas Theater for years to come!



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*Eugene Ridgely, cultural educator for the Northern Arapaho school system, works with 2nd grade students from Teton County to learn about the importance of the buffalo in their culture and art. Art pARTners in Teton County worked with Teton County schools to introduce the Indigenous people of Wyoming and their rich cultures through activities such as creating their own buffalo hide paintings and stories; creating paper-maché masks and shields; and exploring parfleches and other ceremonial items.*



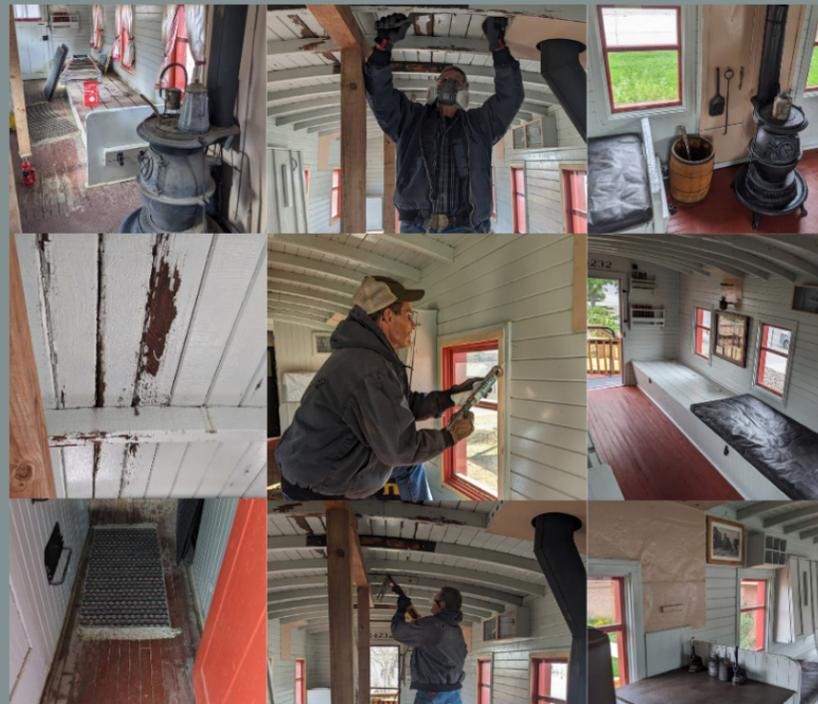
*With the support of a WCTF grant and funding from the Leadership Class of Cheyenne 2021-22, Habitat for Humanity of Laramie County commissioned Cheyenne muralist Jordan Dean, to create a vibrant storyboard of seven images that illustrate a Habitat partner family's journey to home ownership.*



*Teton County Fair and Fairgrounds worked with Jackson Hole Public Art to commission Dan Toro to create an interior mural for the Community Building at the Fairgrounds in the large community event/gathering space. The mural recognizes the rich traditions of ranching and rodeo in the Jackson area.*



*With funding support from the WCTF, Ark Regional Services purchased and installed an updated and improved lighting system to enhance the quality of theatrical productions for the Performing Arts program in the black box theater at the Cooper Center for the Creative Arts. The equipment upgrade modernized the theater's lighting system, providing a user-friendly control system that gives students enhanced creative and educational opportunities to learn and interact with the theater's light system during rehearsals and productions. In addition, the lighting system has proven to improve safety and accessibility for people supported by ARK, instructors involved in the Performing Arts program, and community members who attend productions as it allows for adjustable lighting levels that make it more accessible for people with visual impairments, utilizing color contrast to make it easier for people to discern objects and actors onstage, as well as improving seating accessibility.*



*The Greybull Wyoming Museum Association, with the assistance of a WCTF grant, has worked to restore their 1900 era Burlington Caboose. This Caboose has been on prominent display at the Greybull Museum since the early 1990s and was in desperate need of roof repair, restoration of the interior to original specifications and installing an egress stairway and addition of an ADA-compliant ramp.*

## **YOU FUND THE TRUST; WE FUND THE CULTURAL PROGRAMMING AND PROJECTS THAT MAKE WYOMING UNIQUE.**

The Wyoming Cultural Trust Fund supports nonprofit cultural organizations and their programs statewide and serves as a catalyst for economic development and job growth.

Each year funding requests far outweigh available funds from the interest earnings on the corpus, a permanent investment fund. Your contribution will increase the availability of funding, from which your community will benefit greatly.

### **TO MAKE A DONATION TO THE CULTURAL TRUST FUND**

visit our website at [wyoculturaltrust.com](http://wyoculturaltrust.com); or contact Renée Bovée, WCTF Program Coordinator, 307-777-5196. Donations are tax deductible under 170(c)(1) of the tax code.



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