

RESOLUTION NO.

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE WYOMING STATE FORESTRY DIVISION, URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM FOR A COST SHARE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00 WITH A MATCH OF \$5,125.00, ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF LARAMIE COUNTY, WYOMING.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF: REQUESTED FUNDS WILL BE USED TO PURCHASE AND PLANT UP TO THIRTY-EIGHT TREES AT THE LARAMIE COUNTY EVENTS RV PARK.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of Laramie County desires to participate in the Wyoming State Forestry Division, Urban and Community Forestry Program Cost Share Program by sponsoring this grant application to assist in financing this project; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of Laramie County has been provided with preliminary cost estimates and information on this project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF LARAMIE COUNTY that a grant application in the amount of \$5,000.00 be submitted to the Wyoming State Forestry Division, Urban and Community Forestry Program for consideration of funding for the purchase of up to thirty-eight trees with a cash match of \$5,125.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Amy Gorbey, or her successor in the position of Laramie County Grants Specialist, is appointed as agent of the Laramie County Board of Commissioners to execute and submit applications and certifications for these funds and that Sandra Bay, or her successor in the position of Laramie County Grants Manager, is appointed as the agent of the Laramie County Board of Commissioners to receive funds and implement the programs funded under this grant.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 3<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2026.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman Laramie County Commissioners

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

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Debra Lee, Laramie County Clerk

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Received and Approved as to Form only By:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Laramie County Attorney's Office

Date: 2/25/26

**2026 WYOMING URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM COST-SHARE GRANT FUNDS  
APPLICATION FOR: TREE PLANTING**

1. NAME OF PROJECT: Laramie County Events RV Park Tree Planting & Shade Enhancement Project
2. PROJECT LOCATION or COMMUNITY: Cheyenne, Wyoming
3. SPONSORING AUTHORITY OR ORGANIZATION: Laramie County Events
4. PROJECT COORDINATOR: Dan Ange
5. MAILING ADDRESS: Laramie County Events, 3801 Archer Pkwy, Cheyenne, WY, 82009
6. PHONE: 307-633-4670
7. Does your Community/Organization have a Grants Manager? **YES/NO** If so, provide contact information
- 7a. GRANTS MANAGER CONTACT: Sandra Bay, Laramie County Grants Manager
- 7b. EMAIL: Sandra. Bay@laramiecountywy.gov
- 7c. PHONE: (307) 633-4201
- 7d. MAILING ADDRESS: 310 West 19th Street, Suite 410, Cheyenne, Wyoming, 82001
8. PLANNED DATE OF PROJECT COMPLETION: September 26, 2026
9. PROJECT NAME AND DESCRIPTION AND/OR PURPOSE: Please see the attached description.
10. NUMBER OF TREES EXPECTED TO BE PLANTED: 38
11. WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR AT LEAST 5 YEARS OF MAINTENANCE? Laramie County Events
12. NAMES OF VOLUNTEER GROUPS/PARTNERS INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT: Laramie County 4-H Club

13. PROJECT FUNDING:

A. Requested Urban & Community Forestry Grant Funds	\$ <u>5,000</u>
(Minimum amount \$1,000.00 - Maximum amount \$5,000.00)	
B. Local Cash Match	\$ <u>5125</u>
C. Total Project Expense (A + B)	\$ <u>10125</u>

**Attach a budget with a breakdown of all expected expenses and all projected income including grant funds.**

14. SIGNATURE OF PROJECT COORDINATOR: Dan Ange Digitally signed by Dan Ange  
Date: 2026.02.24 11:41:47 -07'00' DATE: 2/24/26

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:  
**U&CF GRANTS**  
**WYOMING STATE FORESTRY DIVISION**  
**5500 Bishop Boulevard**  
**CHEYENNE, WY 82002**

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL **NOT** BE CONSIDERED FOR FUNDING  
**APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 13, 2026**

## **Project Title**

Laramie County Events RV Park Tree Planting & Shade Enhancement Project – Cheyenne, Wyoming

## **Project Summary**

Laramie County Events proposes to enhance shade, visual appeal, and environmental health at our RV park in Cheyenne through strategic planting thirty-eight new trees and shrubs (both evergreen and deciduous species). We will leverage existing water infrastructure, install a battery-controlled drip irrigation system (installed by our own staff), apply best-practice mulching and maintenance, and commit to long-term upkeep. Laramie County Events Staff will work with volunteers for the Laramie County 4-H Club on site preparation and planting for this project.

The Tree Planting & Shade Enhancement Project will establish a high-impact small-scale forestation and shading initiative that benefits our guests, the micro-climate, and the broader community.

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## **Project Need & Benefits**

- Cheyenne’s semi-arid climate and high elevation lead to harsh growing conditions for landscape plantings; strategic tree planting supports shade, windbreaks, aesthetics, and guest comfort.
- As documented in Cheyenne’s urban forestry studies, increasing canopy cover and selecting appropriate sites promotes long-term community resilience.
- **This project will:**
  - Improve air quality and offer carbon sequestration benefits, contributing to environmental stewardship. After planting, 10-20 trees can sequester 500-1000 pounds of CO2 annually, scaling to several tons over decades.
  - Enhance the visual character and attractiveness of the RV park, contributing to local economic viability and guest satisfaction.
  - Demonstrate best-practice landscaping and maintenance, increasing the likelihood of tree survival and long life.
- By doing the labor ourselves for irrigation installation and committing to regular maintenance, we maximize return on investment and reduce reliance on contractor costs.

## **Project Description & Methods**

### **Species & Quantities**

#### North Area of the Park:

- 5 Blue Spruce (6 ft evergreen)
- 5 Australian Pine (6 ft evergreen)

#### West End of the Park:

- 4 Littleleaf Linden (1.5" caliper deciduous)
- 3 Radiant Crabapple (1.5" caliper deciduous)
- 5 Shademaster Honeylocust (1.5" caliper deciduous)

#### Additional Plantings:

- 3 Bur Oak (1.5" caliper deciduous)
- 3 Ohio Buckeye (1.5" caliper deciduous)
- 10 Common Lilac (shrub border plantings)

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### **Site Preparation & Planting**

- All State of Wyoming Forestry Division specifications for proper tree planting and maintenance will be fully incorporated into the planting and maintenance plans and strictly followed.
- Trees will be purchased from a local nursery with appropriate hardiness for the area.
- Sites will be prepped to ensure adequate space, proper root zone depth, and removal of competing grass or weeds.
- Trees will be planted following best-management practices, including correct planting depth, exposed root flare, and staking only as needed.
- A battery-controlled timer drip irrigation system will be self-installed to provide consistent watering at volumes appropriate for each tree size.
- According to local guidelines, emitters will be placed around each root ball to provide irrigation twice per week during the growing season, tapering to once per month during dormancy.

- Mulch rings (minimum 4 ft diameter, 3 in depth) will be placed around each tree’s root zone using wood chips or bark mulch to suppress weed growth and aid water retention.

**Maintenance & Sustainability**

- The Laramie County Events Staff will provide extra care and maintenance to ensure proper establishment of the trees.
- Mowing of surrounding area will be maintained to enhance visual appeal and minimize competition for water and nutrients.
- Yearly trimming and shaping will be performed by staff to ensure strong tree structure and aesthetic quality.
- Tree health will be regularly monitored, including checks for insect and disease issues, and protection from wildlife and lawn equipment.
- Long-term maintenance and irrigation oversight are built into the department’s annual operations budget, ensuring sustainability beyond the 5-year grant period.

**Budget Breakdown (Estimates – Cheyenne Region)**

Below is the proposed project budget, reflecting local nursery and material costs. Applicant labor for irrigation installation is in-kind and not included as a cost.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Qty</b>	<b>Unit Cost</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
Blue Spruce (6 ft)	5	\$260	\$1,300	Grant
Australian Pine (6 ft)	5	\$260	\$1,300	Grant
Littleleaf Linden (1.5" caliper)	4	\$180	\$720	Grant
Radiant Crabapple (1.5" caliper)	3	\$160	\$480	Grant
Shademaster Honeylocust (1.5" caliper)	5	\$180	\$900	Grant
Bur Oak	3	\$250	\$750	Applicant Match

Item	Qty	Unit Cost	Total Cost	Funding Source
Ohio Buckeye	3	\$250	\$750	Applicant Match
Lilac	10	\$100	\$1,000	Applicant Match
Drip irrigation materials (tubing, timer, emitters)	1 lot	\$2,000	\$2,000	Applicant Match
Mulch (wood chips, installed)	1 lot	\$925	\$925	Applicant Match
<b>Totals</b>			<b>\$10,125</b>	<b>Grant: \$5,000 / Applicant Match: \$5,125</b>

**Notes:**

- Unit costs reflect 2025 Cheyenne-area nursery and supply averages.
- Applicant labor for irrigation installation and planting is in-kind, maximizing match value.
- The \$5,125 applicant match (cash) will fund nursery and supplies, irrigation materials and mulching costs.

**Project Timeline**

- **Procurement of trees and materials:** Upon receipt of funding, orders for trees and shrubs will be placed in late March or early April 2026
- **Site preparation and planting:** Site preparation and planting will take place in April or May 2026.
- **Irrigation system installation:** To be completed concurrently with planting.
- **Mulching and first watering cycle:** Conducted immediately after planting.
- **Monitoring and maintenance (Year 1):** Ongoing throughout next growing season.

**Performance Measures & Outcomes**

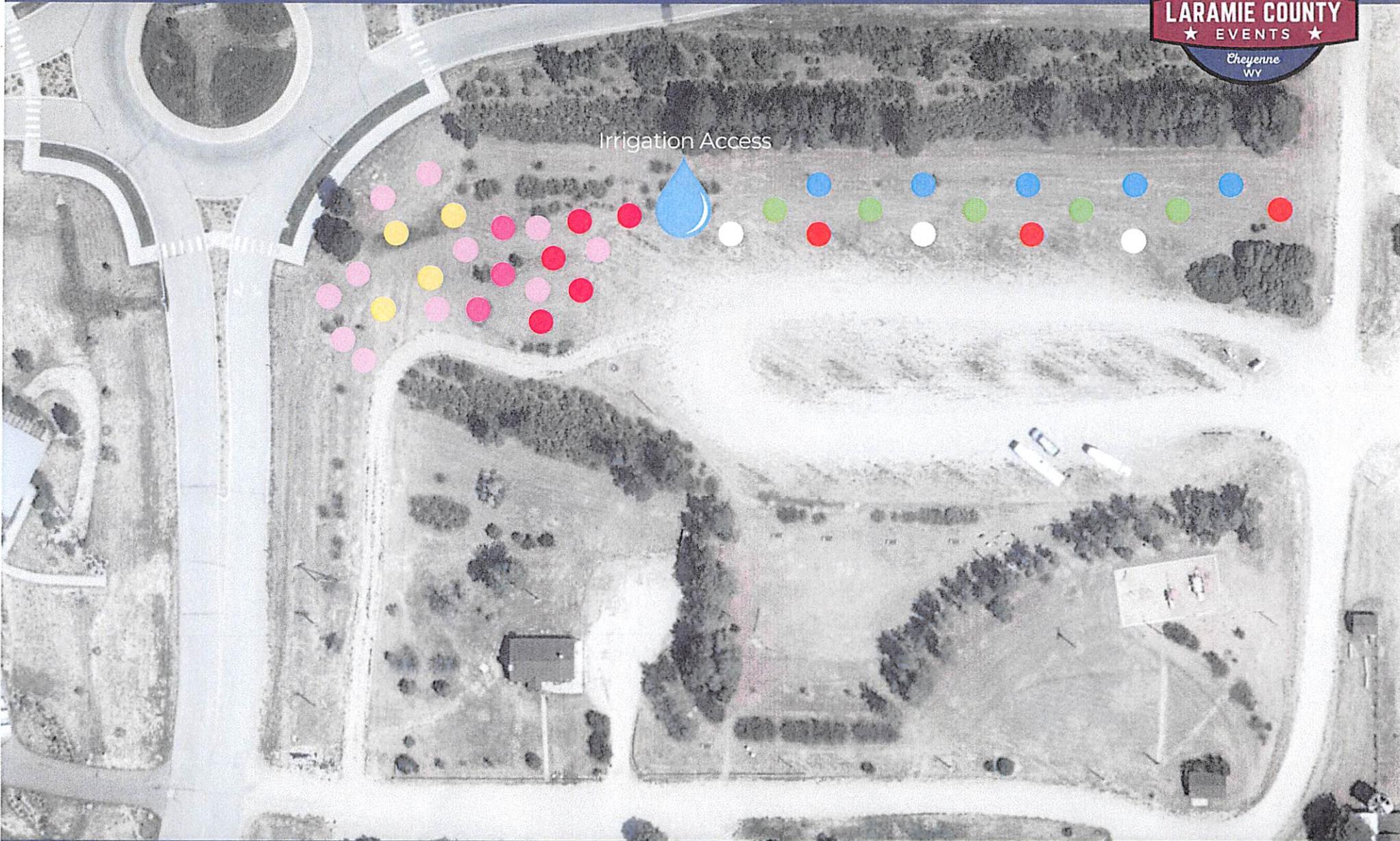
- Thirty-eight new trees and shrubs will be successfully planted and established (target ≥ 90% survival after one year).

- Fully operational drip irrigation system ensuring consistent watering intervals.
  - Healthy mulch zones maintained, with turf and weed interference minimized.
  - Noticeable increase in shade and comfort levels in guest areas.
  - Measurable aesthetic improvement documented through before/after photos.
  - Ongoing maintenance plan is integrated into the RV park's operating budget.
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## **Conclusion**

This project is a strategic, cost-effective investment in shade, sustainability, and beautification for the Laramie County Events RV Park, an ideal site for a Forest Division Community grant because the county can provide a strong financial match, coordinate volunteer support, and maintain plantings for long-term survival. Laramie County Events staff's experience in installation and upkeep for the RV Park, Archer Complex, M Building & K Building, Community Center, Meadows and Gazebo Park grounds ensures long-term success. Increased canopy will reduce local heat buildup by up to 10°F, stabilize soil against Wyoming's winds, support pollinators, and create a drought-resilient oasis for the RV park guests. We are confident that this project will yield enduring environmental, economic, and community benefits for years to come.

# Laramie County Events - RV Park Tree Improvements



Irrigation Access

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|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| Blue Spruce     | Littleleaf Linden | Shademaster Honey Locust | Ohio Buckeye |
| Australian Pine | Radiant Crab      | Burr Oak                 | Lilacs       |