



GRANT OVERVIEW

The goal of the Natrona County Travel & Tourism Council's (NCTTC) Grant program is to assist Natrona County non-profit organizations with events and projects designed to create economic impact and generate overnight stays in Natrona County lodging facilities. The Casper Area Convention & Visitors Bureau is the marketing arm of the Natrona County Travel and Tourism Council, a Joint Powers Board whose mission is to enhance the economic base of Natrona County through tourism. The organization's primary objective is to encourage more and longer visitor stays through marketing programs aimed at the convention, leisure, sports, group and special events markets.

The NCTTC/CACVB is funded by a 4% lodging tax collected from guests staying in hotels, motels, bed and breakfasts and campgrounds within the county.

Eligibility: Grants are available to non-profit organizations in Natrona County.

GRANT DECISIONS AND FUNDING CRITERIA

All CACVB funding requests will be reviewed, analyzed and scored against 5 major criteria:

- 1.) **Room Nights:** The event generates overnight stays in Natrona County lodging facilities. The more room nights generated, the higher the score.
- 2.) **Seasonality:** The event generates overnight stays during shoulder and off-peak season. (Generally between October and April)
- 3.) **Impact:** The event has the high potential of not only offering a positive return on the CACVB's investment, but it also generates commercial, economic and social benefits that will be realized by the community.
- 4.) **Retention:** Points may be awarded to retain and grow the event in the Casper Area.
- 5.) **Miscellaneous:** Points may be awarded at the discretion of the Grant Review Committee for criteria such as idea presentation, event history, reporting history, need for CACVB staff support, number of funding partners, program sustainability, number of years funding has been requested, etc.



Events held prior to Council review of the corresponding grant application are not eligible for grant funds. The amount of an approved grant may be modified at the Council's discretion.

Completed grant applications will be accepted twice per year: February 28 and August 31, or the last business day of February and August. The Council will review the applications at the regular business meeting in March and September. Applicants may be provided an opportunity at the March or September meetings to address the Council during review of the grant request.

Applicants will receive written notification of the Council's decision.

Any application submitted after the deadline will be considered by the Council at the next regularly scheduled grant review meeting. All deadlines are the applicant's responsibility to remember.

ELIGIBLE/IN-ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

Eligible advertising mediums include: Brochures, posters and promotional fliers, billboards, magazine/newspaper advertising, radio/TV advertising, travel trade shows (booth fees, registration fees and materials production), websites and email/digital marketing.

Eligible event expenses include: Event invitations/stationary, registration forms, entertainment, speakers/presenters, rental equipment, space/venue rental, programs, brochures, posters and refreshments.

Exceptions: Grant funds may NOT be used for the following: Postage/phone, event programs for on-site use only or sold for profit, alcoholic beverages, in-kind contributions and/or sponsorships, capital projects or anything contrary to Federal or State law or local ordinance.

REQUIRED CACVB RECOGNITION

The Council will require recognition for its financial participation as follows:

- Audible identification as the Casper Area Convention & Visitors Bureau on all radio advertising.
- Logo and/or audible identification as the Casper Area Convention & Visitors Bureau on all TV advertising.
- The Visit Casper logo and website address on all printed materials including print media, brochures, posters, flyers, registration forms, magazine/newspaper advertising, etc.
- Link to www.VisitCasper.com on website.
- Listing on credits for audio-visual presentations.



- Visit Casper logo on billboards.
- Visit Casper banner at event site.
- Advertising in event program relative to investment.
- Logo and website address on t-shirts if sponsors are recognized this way.
- Recognition in digital and other online marketing as available.

The Casper Area Convention & Visitors Bureau will provide applicants with the appropriate materials for recognition upon request.

Note: If the CACVB is a partner or co-promoter of an event, the recipient must be willing to share a participant list (database) prior to the event for audience profiling/targeting. This information will be kept confidential and will only be used in re-targeting to grow event participation and awareness.

REPORTING

Within 60 days of completion of the project/event, the applicant will submit to the satisfaction of the Council:

- A completed Project Report & Evaluation Form (included with written approval notification)
- A completed Hotel Tracking Form (included with the application)
- Copies of all advertising utilizing the Visit Casper logo and website address
- Copies/photos of recognition given CACVB (i.e. website link, banner, reader board, brochures, online marketing, etc.)
- Invoices and proof of payment for all grant fund expenditures
- Other materials produced with the cooperation of Council

Funds will be disbursed upon completion of the project and receipt of the Project Report & Evaluation Form and the Hotel Tracking Form. In unique instances and at its discretion, the Council may disburse approved funds prior to the event/project upon written agreement to provide follow-up reporting requirements.

The Council will consider the Grant Application null and void if the applicant does not submit the Project Report & Evaluation Form and Hotel Tracking Form to the CACVB within the reporting timeframe. There is no grace period for the final report and the CACVB does not issue reminders.

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Please include the original and four copies of the grant application.*

Organization Name: _____

Main Program Contact: _____

Role/Title Within the Organization: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Website: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

EIN#: _____

Tax Exempt #: _____

What best describes your organization: (Please check one)

- 501(c) 3
- Nonprofit Organization Registered with the Secretary of State
- For Profit
- Other

EVENT DETAILS

Event Name: _____

Location: _____

Years in Existence: _____ **Date of Event:** _____

How many days will the event last? _____ **Total Funds Requested:** _____

Has this event been funded by the CACVB before? Yes No



Have all the proper permits been awarded? _____ Yes _____ No (If no, please explain:)

Is the event insured? _____ Yes _____ No

Please provide the name of the insurance policy provider and policy number:

Festival/Event Description:

Marketing/Action Plan:

Benefits:

Describe how the festival/event will enhance tourism in Natrona County. Please be sure to quantify the estimated number of visitors and overnight stays that will be generated specifically by this activity, as well as any other commercial, economic and social benefits that will be realized by the community. Please estimate the percentage of attendees that will come from outside of Natrona County.



Please answer the following questions:

1. Have you selected a host hotel? _____ Yes _____ No
2. If no, would you like the CACVB to help find a host hotel? _____ Yes _____ No
3. If yes, please list your host hotel here: _____
4. What is the contracted daily room rate? _____
5. Will you be receiving a room rebate? _____ Yes _____ No
6. If yes, what is the rebate amount? _____
7. If no, please use \$80.00 in the "Room Rate" area of the formula below.
8. How many sleeping rooms will be needed to accommodate event attendees? _____
9. Will you be receiving any complimentary rooms? _____ Yes _____ No
10. If yes, how many? _____
11. How many nights will you need sleeping rooms? _____

Contracted Room Rate (less room rebate if applicable) \$ _____ x No. of Room Nights
 (Sleeping rooms less complimentary rooms x number of nights) _____ =

Total Lodging Revenue \$ _____

EVENT BUDGET

Please provide a financial statement or general operating budget for your organization. (This is not the specific budget for the event.)

Specific Event Budget:

Please provide a detailed budget proposal for event, listing all projected expenditures and projected revenues.

Event Budget History:

Please provide an actual, detailed, overall budget for event from the most recent year it took place, listing all expenses and revenues. If this is the first year, please answer N/A but do not leave blank.



Use of Grant Funding:

Please list, specifically, the items within your proposed budget for which CACVB funding assistance is intended to be used. Include the cost of each.

Have or will funds be requested elsewhere?

Organization	Amount	Approved
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If you do NOT receive funding, how will your event/activity be impacted?

How and where will this event/activity be promoted? (Advertising, CST, brochure, events, posters, downtown merchants, etc.)



Any other information you'd like to share about your event?
