

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0048

Active transportation and recreation grant program.

Sponsored by: Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife & Cultural
Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to public health; authorizing grants for
2 projects that increase trails, routes or pathways for
3 bicycling, walking or horseback riding; providing an
4 appropriation; and providing for an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

7

8 **Section 1.**

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10 (a) There is appropriated forty million dollars
11 (\$40,000,000.00) from the general fund to be administered
12 as provided in this section. This appropriation shall be
13 for the period beginning with the effective date of this
14 act and ending June 30, 2025. This appropriation shall not
15 be transferred or expended for any other purpose and any

1 unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this
2 appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30,
3 2025.

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5 (b) Ninety percent (90%) of the amount appropriated
6 under subsection (a) of this section shall be appropriated
7 to the Wyoming department of transportation. The funds
8 shall be used to provide grants as provided in this
9 subsection, provided that not more than seven percent (7%)
10 of the amount available under this subsection may be used
11 for administrative expenses to administer the grant
12 program. The grants shall be administered in the same
13 manner as the current transportation alternatives program
14 administered by the department, provided that the grants
15 shall:

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17 (i) Be available to any agency, instrumentality
18 or political subdivision of the state;

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20 (ii) Require at least a twenty percent (20%)
21 match from the applicant; and

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1 (iii) Only be available for the following
2 eligible projects:

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4 (A) Shared use pathways or greenways;

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6 (B) Safe pedestrian and bicycle routes to
7 schools;

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9 (C) Bicycle path networks on existing
10 roads;

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12 (D) Sidewalk and crosswalk networks;

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14 (E) Projects to develop a walkable main
15 street corridor; or

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17 (F) Active transportation plans that
18 encourage increased transportation by walking or bicycling.

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20 (c) Ten percent (10%) of the amount appropriated
21 under subsection (a) of this section shall be appropriated
22 to the Wyoming department of state parks and cultural
23 resources. The funds shall be used to provide grants as

1 provided in this subsection, provided that not more than
2 seven percent (7%) of the amount available under this
3 subsection may be used for administrative expenses to
4 administer the grant program. The grants shall be
5 administered in the same manner as the current Wyoming
6 outdoor recreation grant program, provided that the grants
7 shall:

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9 (i) Be available to any agency, instrumentality
10 or political subdivision of the state;

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12 (ii) Require at least a twenty percent (20%)
13 match from the applicant; and

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15 (iii) Only be available for the following
16 eligible projects:

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18 (A) Natural surface trails, including
19 trails for hiking, horseback riding or mountain biking; or

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21 (B) Planning for active recreation projects
22 that encourage increased hiking, biking or horseback
23 riding.

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2 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2023.

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