



FACT SHEET

WYOMING LEGISLATIVE SERVICE OFFICE

IMPACT ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS: Actual Amount Awarded Compared to Maximum Allowable Amount

August 2021

prepared by: Clarissa Nord, Associate Research Analyst

Table 1 summarizes the impact assistance payments awarded by the Industrial Siting Council (Council) to local governments since the Legislature amended the impact assistance payment system in 2015.¹ Impact assistance payments cannot exceed 2.76% of the total estimated material costs of a facility and there is no minimum established under current statute.² The “Impact Assistance Awarded” and “2.76% Impact Assistance” columns are highlighted to easily identify the total dollar amount the Council previously awarded to local governments and the maximum impact assistance payments that were available according to existing law. The table also portrays the potential implementation of differing percentages for calculating impact assistance payments based on a project’s estimated construction material costs.

Table 1. Impact Assistance Payments by Project

Name	Project Type	Year Permitted	Project Material Costs	Impact Assistance Awarded	2.76% Impact Assistance	2.5% Impact Assistance	2.25% Impact Assistance	2% Impact Assistance	1.75% Impact Assistance	1.5% Impact Assistance
Gateway West	Transmission	2018	\$476,300,000	\$7,815,170	\$13,145,880	\$11,907,500	\$10,716,750	\$9,526,000	\$8,335,250	\$7,144,500
Boswell Springs	Wind	2018	\$449,000,000	\$12,392,400	\$12,392,400	\$11,225,000	\$10,102,500	\$8,980,000	\$7,857,500	\$6,735,000
Ekola Flats	Wind	2018	\$230,434,783	\$4,851,031	\$6,360,000	\$5,760,870	\$5,184,783	\$4,608,696	\$4,032,609	\$3,456,522

¹ See [HEA No. 0071 \(HB0152\) – Industrial siting impact payments.](#)

² W.S. 39-15-111(c)

Name	Project Type	Year Permitted	Project Material Costs	Impact Assistance Awarded	2.76% Impact Assistance	2.5% Impact Assistance	2.25% Impact Assistance	2% Impact Assistance	1.75% Impact Assistance	1.5% Impact Assistance
TB Flats	Wind	2018	\$447,463,768	\$9,353,413	\$12,350,000	\$11,186,594	\$10,067,935	\$8,949,275	\$7,830,616	\$6,711,957
Uinta Wind	Wind	2018	\$101,811,594	\$384,542	\$2,810,000	\$2,545,290	\$2,290,761	\$2,036,232	\$1,781,703	\$1,527,174
Cedar Springs I	Wind	2019	\$394,927,536	\$8,168,427	\$10,900,000	\$9,873,188	\$8,885,870	\$7,898,551	\$6,911,232	\$5,923,913
TransWest Express	Transmission	2019	\$894,800,000	\$8,443,094	\$24,696,480	\$22,370,000	\$20,133,000	\$17,896,000	\$15,659,000	\$13,422,000
Two Rivers	Wind	2019	\$724,637,681	\$9,724,477	\$20,000,000	\$18,115,942	\$16,304,348	\$14,492,754	\$12,681,159	\$10,869,565
Roundhouse	Wind	2019	\$286,231,884	\$5,902,929	\$7,900,000	\$7,155,797	\$6,440,217	\$5,724,638	\$5,009,058	\$4,293,478
Cedar Springs III	Wind	2019	\$119,565,217	\$1,636,542	\$3,300,000	\$2,989,130	\$2,690,217	\$2,391,304	\$2,092,391	\$1,793,478
Exxon LaBarge	Carbon Capture	2020	\$112,318,841	\$2,492,275	\$3,100,000	\$2,807,971	\$2,527,174	\$2,246,377	\$1,965,580	\$1,684,783
Ciner Unit B	Trona	2020	\$115,400,000	\$2,750,986	\$3,185,040	\$2,885,000	\$2,569,500	\$2,308,000	\$2,019,500	\$1,731,000
Gateway South	Transmission	2020	\$224,637,681	\$4,631,445	\$6,200,000	\$5,615,942	\$5,054,348	\$4,492,754	\$3,931,159	\$3,369,565
Total			\$4,577,528,986	\$78,546,731	\$126,339,800	\$114,438,224	\$102,967,403	\$91,550,581	\$80,106,757	\$68,662,935

Source: LSO staff compilation of information provided to the Joint Appropriations Committee in December 2020. For additional information, see [Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality Memorandum – Impact Assistance, Industrial Siting](#).