

Center on Self-Employment

National Center on Self-Employment, Business Ownership, and Telecommuting

WYOMING STARTUP RESOURCES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

1. Wyoming Institute for Disabilities

A university center for excellence in developmental disabilities which seeks to improve educational and life experiences for people with DD and other disabilities.

<http://www.uwyo.edu/wind/>

2. Wyoming Life Skills

They offer supported employment including the opportunity for self-employment for individuals with disabilities.

<https://www.lifeskillswyo.com/waiverservices.html#SupportedEmployment>

3. Casper Council for People with Disabilities

Goals include increasing access to local parks and facilities, making sure people with disabilities can participate in the Casper area Metropolitan Planning Organization, improving access to transportation for people with disabilities, and connecting people with disabilities with local resources.

https://casperwy.gov/residents/community_and_culture/casper_s_council_of_people_with_disabilities/c_c_p_d_projects_and_initiatives

4. Wyoming Women's Business Center

Provides loans to small business owners who cannot access traditional lending sources.

Details:

- 7%-8.5% Fixed Annual Percentage Rate Up to 84 Month Terms

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- Accepted Use of Funds = Starting or Expanding a Business Working Capital
Equipment Inventory Other Supportable Expenditures

<https://www.wyomingwomen.org/microloans>

5. Wyoming Business Council

Seeks to provide funding for women and minority entrepreneurs.

Details:

- Wyoming Business Council intends to devote \$35 million to a Direct Investment Program called the Wyoming Co-Investment Fund and \$23 million to a Fund of Funds Program called the Wyoming Fund of Funds.
- They actively look to provide greater access to capital for industries and individuals, including women and minority entrepreneurs.

<https://wyomingbusiness.org/business/financing/>

6. Wyoming Community Navigator

To provide support to entrepreneurs including veterans, women, people from rural communities, and people of color.

<https://wyomingcommunitynavigator.org/>

7. Platt County Economic Development

Provides loans and support to emerging small businesses.

<http://pcedwyo.org/about/loan-programs>

http://pcedwyo.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/PCED-Micro-Loan-Application-revised-11_2018.pdf

8. Wyoming Center for Independent Living

To provide funding for assistive technology loans

<https://wilr.org/programs/wytap>

9. Wyoming Center for Independent Living: Veterans in Charge Program

Allows veterans to live in the community.

<https://wilr.org/programs/veterans-in-charge-program>

10. Impact 307

A statewide network of business incubators that provides business plan competitions and support for early stage growing companies.

<https://impact307.org/entrepreneur-resources/>

<https://impact307.org/incubation/>

11. Impact 307: Wind River Challenge

To provide funding for Native American tribal entrepreneurs especially members of the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho Tribes

Details:

- In partnership with the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho Tribes, this Challenge seeks to stimulate entrepreneurship on the Wind River Reservation and provide the opportunity for tribal members to acquire funding to launch businesses.
- The competition gives winning teams access to a seed fund, which is \$50,000 for this year's challenge.

<https://impact307.org/wind-river-challenge/>

12. Native American Education, Research, and Cultural Center at University of Wyoming

To provide support for Native American students at University of Wyoming.

<http://www.uwyo.edu/naercc/>

13. Northern Arapaho Business Development Corporation (NABDC)

To promote entrepreneurship on indigenous lands and to work with non-tribal entities.

<https://northernarapaho.com/business-opportunities/>

14. Katie Parton Memorial Dance Fund

To provide funding for people with Down's Syndrome and physical or cognitive disabilities who want to dance.

<https://wycf.org/available-grants-apply-for-a-grant/>

15. Manufacturing Works

A support system for manufacturers in Wyoming.

<https://manufacturing-works.com/>