



Albany County Lincoln Community Center *Community Facilities Project*

Project Facts

CFP Award
\$1,500,000

Local Contribution
\$267,835

Date of Award
April 9, 2009

Infrastructure
Renovation and
Restoration of 14,200 sq ft
Building

**Anticipated
Construction
Completion**
Winter 2010

For more information about
this project, contact the
Wyoming Business Council

Project Description: Albany County received a Community Facility grant in the amount of \$1,500,000. The county will use the funds to address accessibility issues, roof replacement, brick restoration, electrical upgrades, mechanical repairs, kitchen installation, general interior work, landscaping, and parking.



The county was awarded a CDBG planning grant in December 2007, and using these funds to develop a business plan and hire an architect for preliminary design and project cost estimates. LCC continues to raise funds for additional landscape and parking features.

Project History: Lincoln School was built in 1924 with expansions in 1939 and 1954. Noted Wyoming architects Wilbur Hitchcock and William Dubois designed different phases of the building. Lincoln School was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on December 5, 2003. The 14,200 square foot facility was used as a school until 1978, after which the facility sat largely vacant until 1984 when the property was deeded to non-profit community organization, Lincoln Community Center Inc. (LCC). LCC's goal in 2002 was to keep the doors open. The building's only two tenants invested in their own improvements to heat

portions of the building and make them usable for their operations. Since 2002, the LCC goals have broadened for full scale renovation so all of the facility space could be utilized to serve the community on Laramie's west-side. LCC partnered with Albany County to pursue this vision.

Community Benefit: The LCC Board of Directors expects that the Lincoln



Community Center will be a dynamic focal point and civic hub for the West Side neighborhood. It will represent the quality of life and sense of identify for their diverse ethnic neighborhood community. They are striving for a multi-generational facility that can be accessed by youth, adults and seniors.