



NEVER SWEAT RECREATION BOARD
APPLICATION FOR RECREATIONAL FUNDING

4-30-26
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Name of Requesting Group/Individual: Dubois Western Activities Assoc.

Contact Person, Title, Relationship to Group: Kris Ruth, Board President

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Title / Name of Project or Activity: 2026 Summer Events

Has this board previously funded this project or activity? Yes If so, when? 2025

If a fixed site is required, what is its location? Across Town June, July, & August

TOTAL PROJECTED COST (line 7 of project budget): \$97,514.90

TOTAL FUNDS REQUESTED (line 16 of project budget): \$3,264.90

Inclusive dates funds are needed: Beginning of June

All applications must be accompanied by price documentation. ANY ONE ITEM (EITHER GOODS OR SERVICES) IN EXCESS OF \$250 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A MINIMUM OF TWO DETAILED COMPETITIVE BIDS. grant applications must be submitted prior to the intended project. Present this form with supporting documents by the published deadline for next grant proposal meeting (date and time in local newspaper). For questions, please call 455-2625.

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Funded Amount: \$ 3,264.90

NOTES: Grant ID# 05-12-26-04

DATE FUNDED:

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FALL

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WINTER

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5-12-26

SUMMER

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SPECIAL
PROJECTS

PROJECT BUDGET:

Provide any additional documentation needed to support the project budget below. Please be as detailed as possible. Additional lines may be inserted to present a more complete budget.

		DESCRIPTION	SOURCE OF ESTIMATE	TOTAL
1.	MATERIALS	Sound, Games, Prize, etc	Details Attached	\$ 76564.9
2.	LABOR	Emcee, Photography, etc	Details Attached	\$ 6000
3.	EQUIPMENT			\$
4.	FUEL / MILEAGE	Fuel Cards	Details Attached	\$ 2,000
5.	OTHER	Rental/ Service	Details Attached	\$ 12,950
6.				\$
7.	TOTAL COST			\$ 97514.9

Please give a breakdown of all funding sources for your project below:

		DESCRIPTION	SOURCE	TOTAL
8.	YOUR GROUP'S CONTRIBUTIONS	Insurance, Porta-Potty, etc.	White in Attached	\$ 39800
9.				\$
10.	IN-KIND DONATIONS	Prizes, VRBO, Supplies	Blue in Attachment	\$ 24,850
11.				\$
12.	OTHER GRANTS	Advertising	TAD	\$ 29,600
13.				\$
14.	OTHER FUNDS			\$
15.				\$
16.	NSRB GRANT REQUEST	Emcee, meal, kids gear, etc.	Attached Green	\$ 3264.90
17.	TOTAL	Should equal total cost on line 7		\$ 97514.9

Please respond to each of the following questions so the Board may better assess the value of the request.

1. Please describe the project.

We will be again hosting the 19th Annual Dubois Pack Horse Race, the second weekend in June. It is the unofficial kick off to Summer events in the Upper Wind River Valley. This year we will also be having a poker run in celebration of National Day of the Cowboy. Over the course of the Summer we will be working with the local bars in partnership of bringing cowboy artists and musicians to town, all summer long. A couple years back we were able to bring quite a few talented people to town for a National Day of the Cowboy Celebration, instead for 2026 we wanted to spread artists across the summer and have multiple evenings of art and culture. We have approximately 8 artists and shows lined up. In July we will be bringing Dave Stamey back to town for the first time in a decade and are really looking forward to having him back in town. The August event for us will be a golf scramble at Antelope Hills allowing more people with varied interests to get in on the fun. We were awarded a very generous amount of TAD funds for the 2026 Summer Season. With that we will also be making more educational and how to videos based around skills and safety while in the back country and general packing skills.

2. Which portion of the project will Never Sweat Recreation Board funds be applied to?

The focus for NSRB funds will be to assist with procurement of specialty contracts that help our events function. Having an announcer and auctioneer that is willing to stick around a whole weekend. Being able to provide volunteers with a thank you meal on Sunday night. We would also like to help get musicians and artists to town, and give them a very small stipend for their travels. We currently have about 14 Thursday through Sunday night shows across town during the summer. The last portion that we are asking for assistance with includes supplies in association with Little Lambs Childcare Center. The specific supplies we are looking for will help the youngest demographic be more involved.

3. What ages will be served through this project or activity?

Throughout the summer we will have an opportunity for people of all ages to get in on the fun. Our biggest event, The Pack Horse Races, encompasses it all in one event. The other events will be a variety of types of enjoyment.

4. How many will be served by this project/activity?

Throughout the whole summer, approximately 500-600.

5. How much money has the Never Sweat Recreation Board awarded to this entity in the past year?

None since Spring/Summer 2025.

6. During what period of time will this project/activity serve the community (i.e. year-round, summer, winter)?

These events will be during June, July, August and September 2026.

7. When will this project/activity be completed or available for participation?

These projects will happen this calendar year, and will be open to the public. We aim to keep all of our events free or very low cost.

8. What public input or planning has gone into this proposal?

We have had 4 public and community input meetings this year. Hearing what the community wants to see happen has been helpful for us to adjust trajectory a little and still stay within the capabilities of our volunteer staff.

9. Is there a maintenance plan for this project? If so, please include.

Throughout the years we have acquired a fair amount of supplies to help put on our community events. Our board has continued to house, maintain and make any improvements on supplies procured. This year's ask is to help more with fees and invoices than buying tangible items.

10. How does this project serve a particular need of the community?

We live in such a niche little community. Finding ways to continue to honor the culture and heritage of our valley is important for us to honor. Not only do we try to do it in an enjoyable manner, but we also try to make sure that we are meeting the needs and desires of multiple age groups. During the Pack Horse Races, we will be partnering with Little Lambs to have a mini carnival for the youngest age groups to be able to enjoy the Pack Horse Races. Bringing Dave Stamey to town will be a quiet show that will serve some of the oldest members of our community. All the other events are perfect for everyone in between.

11. Has this proposal been coordinated internally and with other organizations? If so, please include documentation (Memorandum of Understanding, resolution, letter, etc.)

We do have permits with the Town of Dubois and WTDOT.

12. How is this project recreational in nature?

Most of our events are a hybrid version of recreation at its purest. We provide recreation in a more concentrated form while keeping an emphasis on safety and education. Having the ability to provide an environment where old pros are able to teach anyone with an interest is such a wonderful place to be in.

2026 DWAA Summer Events Projected Budget

Materials:

Additional Added Supplies	4,900.00	
Hitching Posts and Rails	1,350	
Printing non advertisement	950	
Sound System	200	
Kids Tipi and Wagons	665	
Local and Regional Radio and Podcast ads	4,850.00	
Seasonal Regional Newspaper Ads	2,800.00	
Posters/Printing/ Artwork	3,200.00	
Digital Ads on Social Media	4,100.00	
Creation of How to/Promotional Videos	7,500.00	
Trophy Buckles	5,200.00	
Saddles/Spurs/Breastcollars	6,800	
Pack Equipment Additional	1,200.00	
Pack Equipment	1,200.00	
Volunteer Meal	800	*Split Cost
Added Purse	3,000	
Kids Games/Activities	2400	
T-shirts/hats/koozies for sale purpose	5,000	
Promotional Items, tshirts/hats	3,650	
Supplies for facility updates	3,700	
Partnerships with Musicians	7,500	
Fuel Cards for 14-20 musicians	2,000	*Split Cost
Raffle Items	5,600	

Labor:

Annoncer	1,200
Photographer	300
Drone Operator	1000
Artwork/ Graphic Design	3,500

Rental/
Service:

VRBO for Volunteers & Artists	5,400
Tractor	400
Stage	300
Equine Event Insurance	4,100
Bookkeeping/Taxes	1250
Portapotty Rental	1500

Total Budget: 97,514.90

NSRB Asks: 3,264.90

Pink Reflects other Grant asks:	
Tourism and Development, <i>Fremont County Rec,</i>	
Wyoming Outdoor Recreation and Tourism,	
Op Shop Grant,	
Blue Reflects Community/Buisness Support	
White Reflects covered by DWAA in full	
Some Pink/Blue are shared costs with DWAA	
Green Reflects Support Requested	



Layne Weber is a local Fremont County Auctioneer, who travels the Rocky Mountain west doing events for benefits, fundraisers and rodeos. His typical rate is 500 per day for an event. After speaking with Layne on the phone who committed to coming back to our events for a total of 1,200. Which is approximately \$1,300 off of standard charged rate. In lowering his rate for us, we provide him with a hotel or VRBO for his weekend in Dubois. Layne provides three days of service during the Pack Horse Races and will come back in July for the poker run.

Colby Hales, Western Sports Announcer now lives in Riverton and is willing to come to Dubois for our events. Colby's standard rates are 900 per day. He did say he was willing to give us a discount of 750 per day with a non profit rate. The total would come to \$3,000 for the summer's activities.

Layne's bid comes in the lowest at \$1,200.



After a long weekend, most of our volunteers are worn out. It started about 8 years ago, the Never Sweat Rec Board helped us sponsor a volunteer meal at the banquet on Sunday night. We open this up to all of our sponsors, spectators, volunteers and family as a thank you for the hard work and dedication it takes to put on. In years past we submitted estimates for purchasing food through retailers and vendors while one of our board members cooked the meal for us at no extra cost.

To alleviate the pressure of also cooking a meal, the past few years we have hired someone to bring prepared food. Getting food on a Sunday is not always a guarantee in Dubois, it is wonderful to be able to have something we can count on.

Whitney Hill and Fluffy Cow Crew have offered to provide us with food for 100 people for a total cost of \$7.50 to \$8 per plate.

Charne Kenyon and Rynne Wiener have offered to make food for 100 people for a total cost of \$10 per plate.

Whitney's bid comes in the lowest at approximately 800. We would like to cost share it with NSRB and pay half, coming to \$400. Any increased cost above that, we will cover.



In our Summer concert series we already have 14 dates of musicians coming to town, and we are looking to fill approximately 5-8 more. In 2024 we worked with NSRB to help compensate musicians and artists in their traveling to town. Once again rather than committing to paying federal standard mileage rate, we would like to purchase fuel cards from the local Sinclair Station. In the follow up research after the 2024 Outside Circle Show, one of the biggest areas of appreciation was from the fuel cards that we had given to help cover travel costs. This year we are hoping to purchase approximately \$2,000 worth of fuel cards broken down into 100 and 50 cards. The amount that each artist would receive would break down to \$50 for in state artists and \$100 for out of state. While it doesn't cover the complete cost of travel, we hope to ease the burden of high cost of travel and show appreciation for people willing to travel all the way to Dubois.

We would like to split the cost of this with NSRB and are asking for \$1,000 towards locally purchased fuel cards.



For summer events we are working with Little Lambs Child Care Center, to help serve the youngest members of our community better. Members of Little Lambs will be at the Pack Horse Races and possibly the National Day of the Cowboy Festivities. At the Pack Horse Races they will be hosting a Carnival and scheduled activities for kids to enjoy throughout the weekend. One of the additions will be a tiny tots pack horse race. This includes putting a tipi in a wagon and dragging it around cones while on stick horses. We do already have a fine crop of stick horses available. The supplies needed for this would be two wagons with all terrain wheels, and two very small tipis with the poles attached to canvas as to have very simple deconstruction. We will have two classes 10 and under and 11+. We already have 4 very tiny buckles for the champion kiddos.

The total cost for supplies requested is \$664.90.

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