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Williston City Commission approves \$272,000 in STAR Fund Incentives

The Williston City Commission has awarded up to \$272,000 in STAR Fund incentives to four projects at its meeting on Tuesday, March 10. The projects included the 2020 Babe Ruth World Series, utility box wraps, a business startup and business expansion.

The STAR Fund offers a variety of incentive programs including Child Care Renewal, Mini Match, Community Enhancement, Community Build/Growth, C4 Façade Incentive Program, C4 Technical Assistance Incentive Program and Flex PACE. The commission approved one Flex PACE project and three Community Build/Growth endeavors.

"Notable business projects this month included Everything Safety and Wellspring Hydro," said Shawn Wenko, Williston Economic Development executive director. "Despite the volatile markets, interest in business development and utilization of the STAR Fund remains strong. We addressed a little of everything on Tuesday from existing business expansion to Quality of Life and Primary Sector development. "

The following projects and programs received STAR Fund allocations at the City Commission meeting on Tuesday, February 25:

Everything Safety - up to \$57,000 from the Flex Pace program to purchase and renovate the firm's current building. Everything Safety sells safety supplies and services sy 5312 2nd Ave. W. in Williston.

Wellspring Hydro - \$150,000 revolving loan from the Community Build/Growth program to start a new business that would extract lithium and other resources from produced water in the Bakken oil fields.

Williston Beautification Project – up to \$15,000 from the Community Build/Growth program to purchase 10-12 utility box wraps for traffic signal boxes in the City of Williston. This is Phase 2 of the project that brings public art to the community without additional infrastructure.

Williston Boys Baseball – up to \$50,000 for the 2022 14-year-old Babe Ruth World Series to be held in Williston.

The Williston STAR Fund is administered by a seven-member board which meets the first Tuesday of every month at 11:30 a.m. at the Williston Center for Development.