



**RIVERTON  
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**Riverton, WY** – The Riverton Medical District is pleased to announce they have taken a major step toward the goal of building a new hospital. The District has been awarded a USDA Rural Development loan of \$37 million dollars for the project. This is the largest award it has ever provided in Wyoming. This welcome news is important for the community leaders' plans to move forward and allow the Riverton Medical District team to take the next steps for creating a new locally owned and governed health care facility.

"We are absolutely thrilled about USDA's positive response to our plans and we are extremely thankful for their confidence in the Riverton Medical District," said District board member Corte McGuffey. "With this terrific news we will move forward with additional planning to provide excellent health care for our Riverton region. Special thanks to our supporters throughout the community, including the Eastern Shoshone Tribe for helping us secure the land. The District plans to keep the community updated as additional steps are accomplished."

"Today is a big day for Fremont County residents. This citizen-led effort seeking access to quality health care has been inspiring," said Glenn Pauley, State Director for USDA Rural Development. "This loan is the largest Wyoming Rural Development award granted to-date, and we are proud to partner with the Riverton Medical District to provide health care equity."

The low-interest USDA Community Facilities loan announcement adds to the recent positive news of the Riverton Medical District signing a Letter of Intent with Billings Clinic to be the clinical and management partner for the new health care facility. Billings Clinic is a regional health care leader with an affiliation network featuring relationships with 17 health care facilities across Montana and Wyoming, including Basin, Lovell and Powell; and a clinic in Cody.

"The Riverton Medical District's progress with the USDA support is a critical step forward and we congratulate them on this major development," said Dr. Clint Seger, Billings Clinic Regional Chief Medical Officer. "Our shared values aim to keep people close to home for their care, and this helps all of us accomplish that."

Riverton Medical District is working to build the hospital to serve patients and enhance health care services throughout the Riverton region. This includes plans for high-quality primary, acute, emergency and specialty health care services, with a focus on being responsible community partners and providing local jobs in central Wyoming.

"The members of the Riverton Medical District embarked on this important work over three years ago," McGuffey said. "We are grateful for the community members who have joined with us to support this effort from the very beginning. It is only because of their unwavering confidence in us that we will have a community governed hospital that will bring medical security back to our area for generations to come."