



## Lander Blue Ridge Apartments Infrastructure Community Development- Housing Infrastructure

**Completed  
and Closed Out**  
For More Information Contact the West  
Central Regional Office

### Project Facts

**CDBG Award**  
\$ 460,000

**Local Contribution**  
\$ 6,262,372

**Date of Award**  
May 24, 2012

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

**Project Description:** The city of Lander received \$460,000 in CDBG Housing Infrastructure funds to improve an existing water and sewer line.

The project assisted in addressing a major housing shortage in Lander. An independent housing needs assessment was prepared by Kirkham and Associates which demonstrated the extreme shortage of housing in Lander. The primary reasons for this is the lack of available land large enough for developing additional housing, unavailability of infrastructure, and incompatible zoning. The population of Lander has grown steadily, over the past five years. Between 2000 and 2010, the population has increased by almost 9 percent, or 620 people. Over the past two years, there have been only 10 building permits issued and none were for multifamily development. Over the next five years, data in the market study shows that Lander will grow by at least 3.7 percent.

**Background:** The city of Lander previously had a two inch force main sewer line on the west side of East Main Street, and a lift station at the bottom of the hill which serves the area. The size of the existing force main is inadequate for the future demand south of Sunflower Street and cannot handle the demand of the proposed 40 additional residential units. Also, there is an industrial park located in the area that could not expand because of the line.

This project upgraded the existing force main line from a two inch line to an eight inch line, and a gravity line was installed for the Blue Ridge Apartments, which sits approximately half way down the hill, to the pump station north of Sunflower Street. Sewer improvements were also made on site. Approximately 800 feet of sewer line was installed on site and another 1,600 feet was installed to construct the gravity line between Blue Ridge and the lift station. 2,600 Ft of sewer line was needed to upgrade the existing main line from a two-inch to an eight inch line. Improvements will be made to the pumps in the lift station, which currently lack the capacity to serve the 40 proposed units. Two new pumps will be installed and the pump house refurbished. The pumps not only meet the needs of the housing site, but also allow for expansion of the entire area southeast of Lander.



As of September 2013, this project had been successfully completed and closed out.