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(Wyo.)- Lawmakers Look To Spend More On Airline Aid

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A panel of state lawmakers has recommended more than doubling the funding for a state program that subsidizes air service to Wyoming communities.

The Legislature's Air Transportation Liaison Committee voted recently to recommend the state increase its funding for the Airline Service Enhancement fund from \$1.5 million to \$4 million a year.

The program provides revenue guarantees and other assistance to airlines. The state has given out about \$21 million in grants through the program since 2004.

Airlines flying out of Jackson, Gillette, Rock Springs and Cody are currently covered by the program.

Lawmakers and others tell the Wyoming Tribune Eagle that more state funding is needed to sustain the program over the long term and to expand it to new communities.

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