

Employee Highlights



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- The Senior Companion Program pairs healthy older adults with frail senior citizens or disabled adults to help them live independently in their homes and provides respite, companionship, and support to family members.

For more information on the services BRAG's Aging Department provides, contact Michelle Benson at 435.752.7242.

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- included in your community's capital improvement list to be submitted to BRAG before January 11, 2013.
- Applicants other than local governments must be sponsored by a local government entity.
- Applicants should contact BRAG to determine if an income survey is necessary to qualify.
- BRAG staff is available to assist in the preparation of applications.
- Projects must be ready for timely implementation within the contract program year with secured funding commitments from other sources.
- Special service districts and non-profit agencies must arrange to have a city or county sponsor their project.

The application cycle, which begins with two "How to Apply" workshops in November, will cover the 18-month contract period of June 2013 through

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December 2014. Applications will be due February 2, 2013, and will be submitted through the State of Utah Webgrants system. Application Policies and Procedures will be distributed at the workshops.

The "How-to-Apply" workshops are held for any town, city, county, special service district or non-profit agency in the region that is considering applying for CDBG funding. Attendance at the workshop is required to be eligible to apply. Jurisdictions may formally designate a third party representative (i.e., other city/county staff, consultant, engineer, or architect) to attend the workshop on their behalf.

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Peaceful, Lonely Places: Cemeteries of the Bear River Heritage Area



Above is a pre-fabricated zinc monument found in the Samaria, Idaho cemetery. These zinc markers were manufactured in Bridgeport, Connecticut from the 1870's through 1912 (Photo: Lisa Duskin-Goede).

For the last year and a half, BRAG staff, students and community volunteers have worked to locate and document over 160 cemeteries in the seven counties of the Bear River Heritage Area, and bordering counties. This includes Box Elder, Cache and Rich Counties in northern Utah; and Oneida, Caribou, Franklin and Bear Lake Counties in southeastern Idaho. Because of close proximity to the Bear River drainage, a few cemeteries in the bordering counties of Cassia, Bannock, and Bonneville in Idaho; and Lincoln County in Wyoming are included.

The purpose of the fieldwork is to raise awareness of the need for cemetery preservation, to produce a

comprehensive foldout map showing cemetery locations, and to provide contact and other information about burial sites. Additional historical facts and stories will also be posted on the Bear River Heritage Area website. The fieldwork includes photographs and notes about interesting grave sites and historical figures, early burial dates, and if available, the number of burials in each cemetery. Much of this information is already available online with Idaho or Utah State Archives or websites devoted to transcription of burials. Consolidating the information will create a useful guide for tourists and local residents interested in cemeteries.

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CALENDAR

- **Wednesdays 6:00-7:00 P.M. BRAG offices at 170 N. Main, Logan** - Education Workshop "Timely Techniques for Dementia Caregivers". Learn about care giving for individuals with Dementia. For more information, contact Deborah Crowther at 435.713.1462.
- **October 15 - December 7, 2012** - Medicare open enrollment. Call 1-800-Medicare, or 1.877.486.2048, or go to www.medicare.gov for more information.
- **November 27, 2012 - 1:00 P.M.** BRAG Governing Board Meeting. Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge Visitor Center (2155 W. Forest Street in Brigham City). Contact Dolores Berkley with questions at 435.752.7242.

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Some of the cemeteries in the Bear River Heritage Area are large, well-established sites currently in use, while some are small family cemeteries established in the early 1900's and now located on private ground. Some of our most culturally significant sites are the Shoshone tribal cemetery at Washakie in Utah's Box Elder County, and the many nearly forgotten pioneer burials in remote places, representing the people who came here from many different countries. In northwestern Box Elder County, for example, the now abandoned railroad towns of Kelton, Lucin and Terrace all have burial sites. Several sites that are reported to serve as burials, have little or no documentation to prove or disprove their existence. It is hoped that the fieldwork also clears up a few misunderstandings about some sites through double-checking facts and visiting with folks who are knowledgeable about community history.

Some of the reasons people enjoy visiting local cemeteries include the following:

- To pay respect to loved ones.
- Genealogical research
- Research gravestone art
- Headstone and cemetery grounds preservation
- Local and regional history research
- Humorous reasons. For example, a cemetery in Samaria, Oneida County, Idaho contains both the "leg stone" and the final headstone of a person who earlier in his life lost a leg and wanted to bury the lost limb!

No matter where they are located, what type or how many people are buried there, these sites are peaceful, lonely places that provide a glimpse into a community's history and cultural



Lewis Nelson examines a headstone in Wayan, Idaho. Without volunteers like Lewis, many older grave sites could be lost or forgotten, and smaller, local cemeteries could fall into disrepair (Photo: Lisa Duskin-Goede).

underpinnings. Look for a cemetery guide to be in print before the end of 2012. For more information on cemeteries in the Bear River Heritage Area, contact Lisa Duskin-Goede at 435.752.7242 or lisad@brag.utah.gov, or visit the Bear River Heritage website at www.bearriverheritage.com.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

It's time to start planning for the next round of the Utah Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. 2013 will be the 32nd year in which the Small Cities CDBG Program has been administered by the State of Utah. The purpose of the Community Development Block Grant is to assist in developing viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income (LMI).

CDBG is funded through the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and administered through the State Housing and Community Development Division to communities with less than 50,000 residents and counties of less than 200,000. Logan City receives its own CDBG allocation directly from HUD, so BRAG cannot participate in any projects within Logan City.

Some notable CDBG-funded projects from past years include:

- Bear River Valley Senior Center building renovations
- New storage coolers for the Box Elder Community Food Pantry
- Water line replacements in Randolph
- Construction of a new Fire Station in Park Valley
- Sewer improvements in Corinne and Willard City
- Road improvements in Snowville
- Park/Fire Station improvements in Portage
- Neighborhood and curb improvements in Brigham City
- Construction of a new office building for the Neighborhood Non-Profit Housing Corporation
- Garden City Library construction

Some CDBG funds have also been used for first-time home buyer and housing rehabilitation assistance, planning and zoning technical assistance from BRAG staff, and the purchase and renovation of the BRAG offices in Logan.

Each year, the Bear River Region receives an allocation based upon a statewide formula utilizing a base amount and a per capita population distribution. Last year's total regional CDBG allocation was \$591,472. A Community Investment Council comprised of local elected officials and representatives of community and citizen advocacy groups reviews and approves a local rating and ranking score sheet for the upcoming funding cycle on an annual basis. As communities and private non-profit entities begin the application process, please remember the following:

- Projects must meet one of three national objectives:
 - Benefit to individuals with low to moderate income.
 - The alleviation of slums or blight.
 - Urgent health and safety needs.
- Capital Improvement projects must be

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Executive Corner

Roger C. Jones Executive Director, BRAG

Every 4-5 years, the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget (GOPB) prepares future population projections for all 29 Utah counties to help state and local officials plan for future growth. The insert page in this BRAG quarterly newsletter issue displays the "preliminary" county projections on one side and the municipal projections on the reverse side.

GOPB Senior Economist, Peter Donner, explains the methodology for developing the county projections as follows:

The method uses historic relationships between the county and nation to develop an employment projection. Employment is then input to the Regional Economic Models, Incorporated (REMI) modeling system to project population by age. This population by age projection is combined with results from the 2010 Census to project households.

The 2012 Baseline employment for each county was projected for 23 sectors. These sectors include activities such as farming, mining, construction, manufacturing, retail and wholesale trade, information, finance, professional, health care, and the like. The share of U.S. employment in each sector in each county was computed from 1990 to 2010. This share was then trended forward to 2060 and applied to projected U.S. employment by sector. The 2012 Baseline U.S. employment projection was developed based on REMI and Global Insight.

The municipal projections were done using the ratio method. The percentage of the county population residing in each city or town during the 2010 Census was projected forward to 2060. We have an opportunity over the next few weeks to express comments or concerns about these "preliminary" projections but they must be submitted in writing either to me at the Logan BRAG office or to Peter Donner at the Utah State Capitol, P.O. Box 142210, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114.

Regional Insights



Senior's in the Bear River Region can benefit from the many services that BRAG's Aging Department provides. Some of these services include becoming involved at one of the local Senior Centers, receiving in-home services, health insurance counseling, and the Senior Companions Program (Photo: BRAG, 2012).

BRAG's Aging Department

The Aging Department at BRAG provides critical services for Seniors and their families. Below is a summary of each of the programs BRAG staff provides.

BRAG's Area Agency on Aging administers support to frail senior citizens, disabled adults, and family caregivers with several different programs. The purpose of these services is to assist these individuals to maintain their health and independence in our communities.

- The federal Older American's Act provides funding for in-home services to frail and vulnerable older adults. Services include home delivered meals, chore service, telephone reassurance, friendly visitor, and minor home modifications.
- Information and Referral Services provide information about a variety of topics and programs available to seniors. A free Senior Resource Guide and Caregiver Handbook are available.
- The Alternatives Program provides in-home support services for low income seniors and disabled adults. Services include assessment, case management, adult day care, equipment, home health aide, homemaker, transportation, and respite care.
- The Aging Medicaid Waiver Program provides seniors age 65 and older a home and community based service option to nursing home care. Services include assessment, case management, adult day care, home-delivered meals, emergency response systems, homemaker, home health aide, respite care, and non-medical transportation.
- The Family Caregiver Support Program offers information and assistance to caregivers of adults over the age of 60. Limited funds are also available to family members for emergency respite care.
- The Long Term Care Ombudsman helps protect resident rights and advocates for residents living in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and adult foster care by helping to resolve the concerns of residents.
- The Health Insurance Counseling Program helps people who are eligible or will soon be eligible for Medicare with answers to health insurance questions. Free supplemental insurance guides are also available.

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