

# IPL Community Fund supports Dyno Nobel's fundraising efforts in Cheyenne and LOMO



The **IPL Community Fund**, along with the **Dollar for Dollar Program**, is a key part of our **Group Community Investment Framework**.

The IPL Community Fund is a dedicated budget, allocated once a year by a committee of business leaders to support worthwhile initiatives within our local communities.

This financial year, we have been able to support 20 worthwhile projects through the Community Fund. Applications for the 2014 Community Fund will open in June this year.

All IPL employees are encouraged to apply on behalf of their site or business unit.

From left, Doug Chandler, Dyno Nobel Plant Manager; Rick Kaysen, Mayor of Cheyenne; Greg Bauer, LCFD #1 Fire Chief; Buck Holmes, County Commissioner; and Tim McDaniel, Dyno Nobel VP of Nitrogen Manufacturing.

The launch of the IPL Community Fund in December last year provided our operations and business units with the opportunity to apply for additional funding to support their local communities. Dyno Nobel North America's plants in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and Louisiana, Missouri, successfully applied for funding and were able to support two great causes.

DNNA's plant in Cheyenne, Wyoming, has proved once again that it cares for its community. As part of the Community Fund program, the plant was able to donate US\$10,000 to the Laramie County Fire District (LCFD) #1. On 21 March 2013, the team met with the LCFD #1 team to celebrate the generous donation. The grant will be used to purchase much-needed high-angle rescue equipment.

"The equipment allows a safer, more timely response by all involved which translates to more lives saved, less injuries for responders and ultimately a better rescue effort," said Greg Bauer, LCFD #1 Fire Chief.

In mid-January, Cheyenne Plant Manager Doug Chandler received communication regarding the launch of the IPL Community Fund. He quickly realised the potential of the program and gathered together a team to discuss which organisations in the community would best meet the fund criteria. LCFD #1 was the first choice for the group because of its direct involvement with the community and the Cheyenne Plant.

Aside from the benefits that new equipment will bring to LCFD #1, the Cheyenne community and the Dyno Nobel plant, the grant has also helped to strengthen important relationships between the LCFD#1 and the Cheyenne team. In fact, plans are now under way for the plant's emergency response (ER) teams to partner with LCFD #1 to undertake training.



Doug Chandler, Dyno Nobel Plant Manager, and Greg Bauer, LCFD #1 Fire Chief, with the cheque.

This partnership will provide LCFD #1 with industrial fire training experience and the plant's ER teams with structural fire training experience.

The grant will have far-reaching benefits as the plant emergency teams will also become part of a mutual aid association that will respond to emergencies in Cheyenne. This partnership will better enable the Dyno Nobel plant to live one of IPL's most cherished Values – *Care for the Community & our Environment*.

"We strengthen our ties to the community by giving back to local agencies like the Laramie County Fire District #1," said Doug. "It is this type of partnership that will assure us continued safe operation and support from both the City of Cheyenne and Laramie County."

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Members of the Dyno Nobel Community Action Committee (CAC) presented a US\$12,000 donation to Twin Pike Family YMCA. From left are Twin Pike Family YMCA Fundraising Chairman and Board Member Charlie Perkins, Executive Director Marsha Garrison, Dyno Nobel Community Action Committee members Will Martin, Donald Moore, Julie Walters, Marsha Elledge and Katie Frazer and Dyno Nobel Plant Manager Sam Correnti.

At Louisiana, Missouri, DNNA was able to support the local Twin Pike Family YMCA to a total of US\$12,000, assisting the organisation with the expansion of its facilities to include an indoor aquatics centre and walking track.

The plant started by donating US\$1,000 to the cause, which was in turn matched by IPL's 'Dollar for Dollar' program. IPL then contributed a further US\$10,000 towards the project through the Community Fund.

Members of the LOMO Community Advisory Committee delivered a giant facsimile cheque, representing the total US\$12,000 contribution, to Twin Pike Family YMCA Board Member and Project Fundraising Chairman Charlie Perkins and Executive Director Marsha Garrison last month.

"We are very grateful for the support local businesses are giving the Y Pool Project," said Charlie. "As we continually try to tell people in the Twin Pike area, the Y is here for everyone to use and enjoy. The indoor pool and walking track will enable the Y to offer even more programs that can help all residents in our communities live a healthier lifestyle."

Marsha said that the Twin Pike Family YMCA had only three months left to raise the remaining funds needed to qualify for the US\$500,000 challenge grant from the J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation.

"We feel positive we can do this," she said. "Each contribution helps us in reaching our goal. Each contribution makes a positive difference in completing this project."

The Mabee Foundation grant challenge was issued in July 2012. It specified that the Twin Pike Family YMCA had 12 months to raise US\$1.25 million in donations and secured, signed pledge cards. If they reach this goal by 10 July 2013 the Mabee Foundation will contribute the final US\$500,000 needed to complete the pool project. IPL's and DNNA's donation brought the YMCA a lot closer to its goal.