



REGIONAL WELLNESS CENTER

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

Who will own and operate the facility?

The City of Jasper will own the facility. The Tri-County YMCA will operate the indoor wellness, recreation, and aquatics facilities. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was completed by both parties earlier in 2024.

What is the size and scope of the Regional Wellness Center?

Located on a beautiful 10-acre tract of land situated between the Parklands and Jasper High School, the proposed 90,000 square foot *Regional Wellness Center* will include a large fitness center, 4 full-court gymnasiums, indoor aquatic center, indoor elevated walking track, group exercise studios, and community rooms including a community kitchen.

What is the cost of the new facility?

The proposed cost of the new Regional Wellness Center is now estimated to be approximately \$45 million due primarily to the additional site development costs associated with the new 10-acre property.

How will it be funded?

A key component of the funding roadmap is raising a minimum of \$15 million through the [better together. Capital Campaign](#). The remainder of the funding to support the construction of this project will be through the City's issuance of a bond, which will be supported through various funding sources, including, but not limited to:

- City of Jasper Food & Beverage Tax
- Regional Economic Acceleration Development Initiative (READI 2.0) Grant
- Economic Development Income Tax (EDIT) Funds
- Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Funds

Will property taxes be raised to help pay for the new facility?

No, property taxes will not be raised to help pay for the facility. A property tax referendum is no longer being considered.

Can I make a multiple year pledge to the capital campaign?

Yes, pledges of \$1,000 and above can be paid over a period of up to 5 years.

Who can use the facility?

The facility will be a member-based facility. Opportunities will exist to handle single day visitors, out of town visitors and program participants. The facility will be available to be leased by community organizations or corporate partners.

What if I cannot afford to pay the membership rates?

The Tri-County YMCA offers a financial assistance program. No one is turned away due to inability to pay.

What is the timeline for construction?

A General Contractor will be selected in the Fall of 2024 to begin schematic drawings in partnership with Hafer Architects. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2025, with opening planned for the Spring of 2027.

Does the Regional Wellness Center have a component of early learning development built into it?

No, however an Early Learning Center Task Force has been developed to determine the best options to meet the community's need around childcare and early learning development. Given the many months of planning focused on the Regional Wellness Center, the decision was made to move forward and not delay this project.