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**Wyoming Unclaimed Property pays out nearly \$900,000 in March**  
*Treasurer's Office still holding on to approximately \$99.34 million owed to State residents*

CHEYENNE – The Unclaimed Property Division of the Wyoming State Treasurer's Office issued 593 checks totaling \$898,765 in the month of March.

With three months remaining in Fiscal Year 2022, the Unclaimed Property Division has paid more than \$5.506 million and returned securities valued at \$7.058 million since July 1, 2021. The most the division had ever paid in a fiscal year was last year, when checks exceeding \$7.423 million were issued to citizens who currently or previously resided in Wyoming.

"We continue to locate individuals with large property values and reunite them with their lost money," Wyoming State Treasurer Curt Meier said. "If you look at March's numbers, four individuals had checks exceeding \$50,000. It's like winning the lottery without having to purchase a ticket!"

The largest payment included proceeds from a life insurance policy owed to a current resident in Jackson. One of the other large payouts included an insurance claim owed to a former Gillette resident now living in Texas.

Despite all of the checks issued in March, there is still more than \$99.34 million left in the Wyoming Unclaimed Property fund. Those wanting to see if they are owed any of the properties held by the State are encouraged to watch the 2-minute instructional video at [www.mycash.wyo.gov](http://www.mycash.wyo.gov) before searching the online database.

"With nearly \$100 million available across the State, why wouldn't you want to take a couple minutes to see if you are owed any money?" Meier asked. "It is estimated that one out of every 10 citizens is owed unclaimed property, but you don't know if you don't check."

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Meier said staff members work to locate and contact owners of larger properties, but there are more than 900,000 individual properties in the State's database, meaning the vast majority of owners will only get paid if they initiate a claim on their own at [www.mycash.wyo.gov](http://www.mycash.wyo.gov).

"Even if you got a check from us a year ago, it's worth the time to search to see if any of these new properties turned over to the State belong to you," Meier said. "We have received more than \$11.5 million in new funds since the start of this fiscal year."

Unclaimed property is turned over when a business, agency or governmental entity owes money, securities and/or the contents of a safe deposit box, among other items, to someone and for whatever reason cannot locate the owner for a specified duration of time. The property is turned over to the state of last known address, if an address was ever known. If there was no last known address, it is turned over to the state in which the business was incorporated.

With this in mind, those who ever lived in another state may want to visit [www.unclaimed.org](http://www.unclaimed.org) and click on the state (or states) on the map to get redirected to other official unclaimed property sites.

To make a valid claim at [www.mycash.wyo.gov](http://www.mycash.wyo.gov) or any other state's site, owners will need to provide information about themselves and may need to submit official documents. This could be as simple as a copy of a driver's license, but additional documents may be required for those claiming as an heir or a business.

Wyoming law requires the State to hold unclaimed property in perpetuity until it is claimed by the rightful owner.

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