



MEMORANDUM

MEETING TYPE: Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting

MEETING DATE: October 31st, 2023

ITEM NAME: USDA Forest Service CWDG Application

SUBMITTED BY: Brittney Ciarlo, Emergency Manager

SUMMARY: This project will be developing an initial county wide CWPP for Huerfano county. Huerfano County has not had a large-scale plan before but would like to become compliant with the new Senate Bill requirement. Huerfano County will still encourage individual communities and/or HOA's to develop their own individualized plans to fit their needs, but this overall County plan will serve as an umbrella plan.

RECOMMENDATION: I recommend that the BOCC approve the grant application for \$180,000 with a match waiver.

BACKGROUND: Per Colorado Senate Bill 09-001, Huerfano County is required to develop a Community Wildfire Protection Plan. The project would include all areas of the County with an appendix list of specific communities that have their own CWPP. The County plan would be a large-scale plan identifying landscape-scale fuels treatment projects for the highest risk communities within the project area. The plan will be fully implementable including detailed project designs, layout and execution plans. A community wildfire risk analysis considering fuel hazards, fire history, common structure vulnerability characteristics, and community values to be protected will all be included in the plan. Huerfano County Department of Emergency Management will lead this project and ensure that all necessary plan participants are involved from start to finish.

BOARD ACTION TAKEN:

APPROVED

DENIED

OTHER

SIGNATURE OF THE CHAIR: _____

NOTES: