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HUERFANO COUNTY GOVERNMENT GRANT APPROVAL MEMORANDUM

Date: January 10, 2023
To: Huerfano County Board of County Commissioners
From: Carl Young, County Administrator
Re: DOLA Energy Impact – Huerfano County Energy Performance Contracting
Attachments: Award Letter

Summary: This is a request to accept the award of a grant from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance Fund Grant (EIAF) Program to buy down the costs of a County Wide Energy Performance Contracting Project. This project, which is supported by an investment grade audit, will save Huerfano County \$71,388 a year in energy and operational costs. In addition to these energy savings, the project will reduce carbon dioxide emissions from County facilities by 25%.

Requested Motion/Action:

Motion to accept the award of \$750,000 from the Department of Local Affairs Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance Fund Grant for our Energy Performance Contracting Project.

Grant Program: The purpose of the EIAF Program is to assist political subdivisions that are socially and/or economically impacted by the development, processing, or energy conversion of minerals and mineral fuels. Funds come from the state severance tax on energy and mineral production and from a portion of the state's share of royalties paid to the federal government for mining and drilling of minerals and mineral fuels on federally-owned land.

Our Project:

The Huerfano County energy performance contract initially audited all 31 buildings throughout the County for energy, resiliency, and improvement measures. The implementation phase of the project focuses on a more refined, impactful scope that involves 28 facilities making up 116,281 square feet, in Walsenburg, La Veta, Gardner, and Cuchara. It includes: Network Thermostats, LED lighting upgrades, interior water efficiency, building envelop improvements, 4 Solar photovoltaic systems at the Judicial Building, Law Enforcement Center, Walsenburg Community Center, and the Social Services Building, Updated controls system for comfort and controllability at the Huerfano County Courthouse; 6 new roof top units at the Walsenburg Community Center and Social Services Building; Refurbishment of existing air handling units at the Law Enforcement Center; 2 new high efficiency furnaces at the Old Jail House Museum and the Walsenburg Road and Bridge Shop; Gutter repairs at the Huerfano County Courthouse for flood mitigation; Safety improvements including the addition of safety railing at the Law Enforcement Center roof, the addition of a ladder to access the Walsenburg Community Center roof, removal of a faulty electrical unit heater in one of the Gardner Well buildings; Facility Condition Assessments; Occupant engagement program, performance dashboard & project promotion . There is a more detailed breakdown of measures by cost, savings, and buildings included in the supporting documents section of this grant application.

Alignment with County Objectives:

This project supports the County's infrastructure and facilities strategic priority.

Financial Considerations:

This is a \$2,171,500 project. If awarded this \$750K DOLA Grant, the County will contribute \$150K and the Asset Management Corporation will provide the remaining \$1,380,092 in funding through a USDA Rural Economic Development Loan obtained through San Isabel Electric.

Background: This is the second time we are applying for this grant having not received it during the last EIAF Round.

Signature of the Chair

Approved

Denied