MEMORANDUM

MEETING TYPE:	Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting
MEETING DATE:	February 25th, 2025
ITEM NAME:	Acceptance of Community Wildfire Defense Grant Subaward from Colorado State University
SUBMITTED BY:	Ross Hallihan, Mitigation and Planning Specialist
SUMMARY:	Formally accept the Community Wildfire Defence Grant funds that Huerfano county applied for through the US Forest Service. These funds will be subawarded to the county through the Colorado State Forest Service and the term of the project runs through 8/31/2027. While the project is a reimbursement grant, the grant is a 100% grant with zero match required from County funds.
RECOMMENDATION:	Recommend the BOCC move to accept the FDP Cost Reimbursement Subaward in the amount of $180,000.
BACKGROUND:	The Office of Emergency Management applied for the Community Wildfire Defence Grant in order to create a county wide Community Wildfire Protection Plan. The County was awarded $180,000.00 through the grant to create this plan. 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. The grant funding is to hire a contractor to help create the CWPP. By signing the FDP Cost Reimbursement Subaward, the BOCC formally accepts the awarded funds.

BOARD ACTION TAKEN:

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SIGNATURE OF THE CHAIR: _____

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