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HUERFANO COUNTY GOVERNMENT GRANT APPROVAL MEMORANDUM

Date: March 7, 2023
To: Huerfano County Board of County Commissioners
From: Carl Young, County Administrator
Re: Grant Program Name and Project Name
Attachments: Hickenlooper CDS Request Guidelines

Summary: Congressionally Directed Spending is a mechanism by which members of Congress can request funding for specific projects in their home state that have been submitted for consideration by local government entities and nonprofits. Funding for projects, if approved, passed by Congress, and signed into law, would be distributed during Federal Fiscal Year 2024 (October 2023 - September 2024). As the deadline for these requests is Friday March 10 I request your consideration and approval to submit CDS requests for the following projects: (1) the Emergency Operations and Dispatch Center Renovations project; (2) a Regional Jail Feasibility Study; and (3) the Gardner Sewer Rehabilitation Project. I would also request your approval to support any broadband project or fire mitigation project that includes Huerfano County as well as any project to improve a County or public facility within Huerfano County or expand a service in Huerfano County.

Requested Motion/Action:

Motion to approve the submission of CDS requests for the following: (1) the Emergency Operations and Dispatch Center Renovations project; (2) a Regional Jail Feasibility Study; and (3) the Gardner Sewer Rehabilitation Project as well as provide letters of support with the Chair to sign to CDS requests that benefit Huerfano County residents.

Grant Program: Congressionally Directed Spending is a mechanism by which members of Congress can request funding for specific projects in their home state that have been submitted for consideration by local government entities and nonprofits. Funding for projects, if approved, passed by Congress, and signed into law, would be distributed during Federal Fiscal Year 2024 (October 2023 - September 2024). Submitting organizations must be either not-for-profit entities or government organizations. Projects must fit within an account of one of the Appropriations Committee subcommittees accepting requests. Requests with the best chance of success should be:

1. **Shovel-ready:** Projects should be ready to begin as soon as funding has been received. Given the uncertainty surrounding passage timing of an FY24 appropriations package, projects should be able to begin at any date.
2. **Clear and reasonably budgeted:** Itemized budgets must be as detailed as possible, and should indicate whether portions of the project could be completed independently of other portions if the project cannot be fully funded.
3. **Self-sustaining:** CDS projects should be able to be either completed or put on a sustainable path with one round of funding. While we will consider all projects, CDS projects should only depend on receiving money in FY24, and should have an ongoing impact on the community even after the funding has been used.

4. Beneficial to the wider community: Each project will be assessed based on its demonstrated level of positive impact for the community, with an emphasis on serving longstanding unmet needs.

Alignment with County Objectives:

These requests align with County objectives around infrastructure improvements, improving quality of life for Huerfano County Residents.

Financial Considerations:

If awarded we will be issued a contract document, which could take the form of a purchase order or a collaborative agreement, to begin work. Some of these grants may require matching funds and staff will ensure that such set asides are included in the 2024 County Budget.

Signature of the Chair

Approved

Denied