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Board of County Commissioners

February 14, 2023

Shelley Banker
Director, Colorado Department of Higher Education
1600 Broadway Street, Suite 2200
Denver, CO 80202

RE: Commitment of matching funds for COSI County scholarships

Dear Ms. Banker:

The Huerfano County Board of Commissioners has committed support to the Adams State University Foundation (ASU) and Trinidad State College (TSC) Educational Foundation for the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative – Matching Student Scholarship (COSI - MSS) grant in the amount of \$_____ for the 2023-2024 academic year.

These funds are secured and available for scholarship use by July 1, 2023, matched by the one-to-one COSI support. Administered by the two institutional foundations, these matching funds will increase the number of scholarships awarded to full-time students who are Colorado residents or ASSET students participating in a rigor-based student support services program as they work toward an undergraduate degree or certificate completion at either ASU or TSJC. The letter also confirms that this is the only application for CDHE COSI support in which Huerfano County is participating. The application covers the 2023-2024 school year, and is renewable yearly.

Furthermore, we understand that each scholarship recipient must be no more than 250% of Pell grant eligibility and have graduated from a high school located Huerfano County or be a County resident. Students must attend ASU or TSC, have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.25, and have unmet financial need.

Huerfano County is pleased to help endorse this endeavor and will propose an annual budget line item, to be approved in the county budget approval process. We will be pleased to help promote this scholarship opportunity among our residents and welcome collaboration and technical assistance from COSI staff to broaden fundraising efforts in partnership with ASU and TSC and their non-profit foundations.

Thank you sincerely,

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