



## MEMORANDUM

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**MEETING TYPE:** Board of County Commissioners

**MEETING DATE:** April 9, 2024

**ITEM NAME:** Regional Partnerships CPW Grant Match Approval in Principle for Huerfano Parks & Recreation District

**SUBMITTED BY:** Robert Gilbert, Management Fellow

**SUMMARY:** The Huerfano Parks & Recreation District (HPRD) has agreed to apply for a Colorado Parks & Wildlife Regional Partnerships Initiative (RPI) Grant that would fund the formalization of an outdoor recreation regional coalition represented by community stakeholders. This coalition would engage with Las Animas County as a part of the new Spanish Peaks Regional Partnership to the benefit of Huerfano County as well as represent outdoor recreation interests locally. The RPI Grant will require a 10% match on a grant up to \$100,000 in value, and HPRD is asking the County for support on the grant match if awarded.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Administration recommends that the BOCC move to approve in principle to provide a 10% match not to exceed \$10,000 from American Rescue Plan Parks & Recreation funding, pending the successful award of the RPI grant to HPRD, because the goals of this coalition are in line with County desires to improve public health and quality of life.

**BACKGROUND:** The County's efforts in leading the RTAP process has led to shared desire from the community and the RTAP Steering Committee to formalize a coalition pursuing outdoor recreation planning, related economic development, sustainability, and natural resource preservation to promote an improved quality of life for County residents. This coalition intends to move forward by utilizing the Action Plan from the RTAP process as a blueprint and hiring a coordinator to organize efforts and stakeholders.

**BOARD ACTION TAKEN:**

APPROVED

DENIED

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SIGNATURE OF THE CHAIR:  
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