



COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: April 21, 2026

ITEM TITLE, PRESENTER: Consideration and Approval of Letter of Support for Amendment Request – FY2025–2026 Rural County Grant Presented by Talia Hansen, Economic Development Director

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the Letter of Support for the amendment request to the FY2025–2026 Rural County Grant and authorization for the Commission Chair to sign the letter.

SUMMARY

San Juan County Economic Development is requesting Commission approval of a Letter of Support for an amendment to the FY2025–2026 Rural County Grant administered through the Governor’s Office of Economic Opportunity (GOEO).

The proposed amendment includes a reallocation of \$30,000 within the existing grant budget to better meet current implementation needs and improve service delivery across the county. The requested adjustments include:

\$15,000 for the purchase of a vehicle to support economic development activities, including site visits and regional service delivery across San Juan County’s large geographic area.

\$10,000 to expand the Business Basecamp and Training category to provide additional business education, workforce development, and capacity-building opportunities.

These changes align with the original intent of the Rural County Grant and will enhance the County’s ability to support local businesses, workforce development, and economic growth.

HISTORY/PAST ACTION

San Juan County was awarded funding under the FY2025–2026 Rural County Grant to support economic development initiatives, including business support, workforce training, and community capacity-building.

As implementation has progressed, staff have identified opportunities to better align resources with on-the-ground needs. This amendment request reflects those adjustments and is consistent with allowable grant modifications through GOEO.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no additional fiscal impact to the County General Fund.

The proposed amendment reallocates existing grant funds within the approved FY2025–2026 Rural County Grant budget:

- Total reallocation amount: \$30,000
- No increase to the total grant award
- No additional County match required

This adjustment improves the efficiency and effectiveness of already awarded funds without increasing overall expenditures.