



COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE:	April 21, 2026
ITEM TITLE, PRESENTER:	Consideration and Approval of Letter of Support for FY2026–2027 Rural County Grant Application Presented by Talia Hansen, Economic Development Director
RECOMMENDATION:	Staff recommends approval of the Letter of Support for the FY2026–2027 Rural County Grant application 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 the FY2026–2027 Rural County Grant application through the Governor’s Office of Economic Opportunity (GOEO).

The County is requesting \$200,000 to support economic development initiatives that strengthen local capacity, expand workforce opportunities, and provide direct assistance to businesses across San Juan County.

The proposed budget includes:

- Economic Development Staffing Capacity and Operations (\$1,000)
- Vehicle for economic development activities (\$15,000)
- Marketing and Branding (\$3,000)
- Business Basecamp Conference and Training (\$37,000)
- Eastern Utah Economic Summit Contribution (\$1,000)
- Event Sponsorships (\$3,000)
- Business Support Grants (\$140,000)

These investments support business development, workforce training, regional collaboration, and direct business assistance, aligning with the goals of the Rural County Grant program.

HISTORY/PAST ACTION

San Juan County has participated in the Rural County Grant program in prior fiscal years to support economic development initiatives, including business support, training programs, and capacity-building efforts.

The FY2026–2027 application builds on prior implementation and reflects continued alignment with county priorities and community needs.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no direct impact to the County General Fund.

The application requests \$200,000 in grant funding through the Rural County Grant program. All proposed activities will be funded through the grant if awarded, and any required match will be addressed in accordance with program requirements.