



## SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSION

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Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity (GOEO)  
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### **RE: Letter of Support – FY2026–2027 Rural County Grant Application**

To Whom It May Concern,

The San Juan County Commission has reviewed and supports the proposed FY2026–2027 Rural County Grant budget and application. The County is requesting \$200,000 in funding to support key economic development initiatives that strengthen local capacity, expand workforce opportunities, and support business growth across San Juan County. The proposed budget includes the following priority investments:

- **Economic Development Staffing Capacity and Operations (\$1,000)**, including support for administrative needs and program implementation.
- **Vehicle (\$15,000)** to improve transportation capacity for economic development activities, including site visits, regional coordination, and service delivery across the County's large and rural geographic area.
- **Marketing and Branding (\$3,000)** to enhance outreach, visibility, and engagement with businesses and community partners.
- **Business Basecamp Conference and Training (\$37,000)** to expand access to business education, workforce development, and capacity-building opportunities at both the county and community levels.
- **Eastern Utah Economic Summit Contribution (\$1,000)** to support regional collaboration and economic development partnerships.
- **Event Sponsorships (\$3,000)** to strengthen local events that contribute to economic vitality and community engagement.
- **Business Support Grants (\$140,000)** to provide direct assistance to local businesses for growth, expansion, and resilience.

The proposed budget reflects San Juan County's commitment to a strategic economic development plan. The San Juan County Commission formally supports this application and respectfully requests consideration and approval by the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity.

Sincerely,

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Lori Maughan, Commission Chair