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Dear Ms. Bennett,

We propose a re-budget of 38.19%, reducing “Travel” by \$32,855.00, “Supplies” by \$4,608.66, and “Other” by \$161,141.34, and with those funds, increasing “Contractual” from \$0 to \$198,605.

This HRSA Grant has enabled San Juan Public Health to launch the Monticello Cancer Screening Program in December 2023. Early in 2024, San Juan County received a Notice of Award (NoA - CE1HS52728) that would continue the Monticello Utah Cancer Screening Program until 2026, but this NoA was mistakenly classified as Construction funding. The delay in addressing this mistake and concerns about continued funding has taken away from Program functions and led to fewer screenings taking place.

We have since learned that these “Construction” funds (CE1HS52728) can be used in the same manner as our first batch of “Non-Construction” funds. We have also received a No-Cost Extension (NCE) for GE1HS46225 until January 31, 2025. With this NCE in place, we now propose building momentum through increased, targeted marketing during the current fiscal year. Along with that we have also found that there has not been a means for what we had proposed to do with the funds under the “Travel” category. These are the reasons for the proposed reduction of the “Other” and “Travel” portions of the budget.

We anticipate the increase in marketing efforts translating into additional cancer screenings taking place throughout the rest of the fiscal year and especially into the new budget period. We have contracted with a reputable marketing firm so that this increase in the marketing budget can be effectively translated into marketing activities. This has begun with those activities originally proposed and approved by HRSA. If this re-budget is approved, the firm would be able to initiate additional advertising activities that go beyond what the current program staff can accomplish. Furthermore, the “Supplies” originally proposed are now part of the marketing firm’s contract. Ultimately, this will help increase the number of screenings conducted among people who were exposed to uranium mill tailings in Monticello between the 1940s and 2002. Our Re-budget Justification document explains this in more detail.

Sincerely,

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