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Ms. Debra Meyer
Acting State Director
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RE: San Juan County Commissioners Letter of Support/ USDA Opportunity Grant

Please accept this letter of support from the San Juan County Commission for the San Juan County Economic Development USDA Opportunity Grant Application.

San Juan County Economic Development is asking USDA to support a request for \$25,000 to host the San Juan County Training and Education Retreat. This Retreat will be held in Blanding, Utah on November 16th, at the USU Arts and Event Center. All San Juan County Businesses will be asked to attend the Training and Education Retreat free of charge.

The goal is to have participation from the 506 current registered businesses in the San Juan County Business community. Training sessions will include Business Planning, Social media, Website design and insight, Employee Training through Custom Fit, and other offerings from USU.

We would also encourage the businesses to sign up for the USU no-cost classes offered outside of the Retreat to obtain a certificate for additional training resources. The San Juan County Economic Development office would work closely with USU to identify these training resources, monitor the businesses signing up, and then provide a certificate upon completion of the free courses offered by USU, SPARK.

These offerings would encompass all of San Juan County. The goal is to also have significant participation from the Native American Community to support their business opportunities.

This Retreat is focused specifically on San Juan County for the Business community and will be very beneficial to the County. The Retreat also supports various areas included in our economic development strategic plan. San Juan County fully supports this application, and we encourage you to fund it in its entirety.

Sincerely,

Willie Grayeyes

San Juan County Commission Chair