

Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity 60 East South Temple Suite 300 Salt Lake City, Utah

To Whom it May Concern,

On behalf of the San Juan Economic Development Board, I express our full support for the San Juan County Economic Development Department's application for the 2025 Rural Communities Opportunity Grant (RCOG) in the amount of \$541,323.00.

The proposed project involves critical infrastructure improvements, including upgrades to sewer, water, natural gas, and electrical systems at and around the San Juan County Fairgrounds. These enhancements will lay a strong foundation for future growth in the area, enabling development that supports agricultural programs, tourism, and workforce development.

These infrastructure improvements will significantly enhance the versatility of the land in this area. They will provide essential resources for the agriculture and ranching industries by creating a space to support workforce development training, 4-H programs, FFA events, Extension workshops, and college-level agricultural initiatives. Additionally, the improved facilities will expand opportunities for hosting a broader range of community events, enhancing revenue streams and community engagement.

The grant funding will allow San Juan County to phase in additional upgrades over time, ensuring the infrastructure adapts to evolving community needs and continues to drive long-term growth in our local agricultural and ranching sectors. This project aligns with the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity's strategic goals of promoting economic diversity and job creation, and it will provide valuable support to businesses, community events, and strategic projects across the region.

We fully endorse the San Juan County Economic Development Department's grant application and the positive impact this project will bring to our community. Thank you for considering this important investment in our future.

Sincerely,

Kaeden Kulow, Chair San Juan County Economic Development Board