



COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: March 03, 2026

ITEM TITLE, PRESENTER: 2026 Rural County Grant Program (RCGP) Selected Awardees Approval and MOU Authorization Presented by Talia Hansen, Economic Development Director

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the Commission approve the selected awardees for the 2026 Rural County Grant Program, approve the attached MOU template, and authorize staff to execute agreements with each recipient and signed my administrator.

SUMMARY

San Juan County received 39 applications for the 2026 Rural County Grant Program (RCGP), administered through the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity (GOEO)

- Tier 1: 14 applications
- Tier 2: 18 applications
- Tier 3: 7 applications

Applicants requested a total of \$1,100,746.32, demonstrating continued demand for economic development investment in San Juan County.

Entity breakdown:

- For-Profit: 35
- Nonprofit: 4

Awardees were selected through a formal scoring and review process conducted by the San Juan County Economic Development Board, established in alignment with grant requirements to ensure transparency, fairness, and alignment with state economic development priorities.

The total award amount for 2026 remains \$140,000 (per GOEO allocation). Final award notifications will be formally announced on March 13, 2026, at the San Juan County Business Basecamp Conference. Selected Awardees by Tier:

Tier 1

- The Overbite
- S&S Pro Construction, LLC
- Ticola Photography
- Anahita Rising

Tier 2

- E' Market
- Glamping Canyonlands

Tier 3

- 4 Point Meat Processing
- Small Town Hub

HISTORY/PAST ACTION

San Juan County applied for and was awarded Rural County Grant Program funds through the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity (GOEO) to support locally led economic development projects. The Economic Development Board was formed in alignment with grant requirements to ensure transparency and fairness in the evaluation and award process.

In 2025, the County received 39 applications and awarded \$140,010 to selected projects across three tiers.

Total applications: 39

- Tier 1: 12 applicants
- Tier 2: 16 applicants
- Tier 3: 10 applicants

FISCAL IMPACT

Each awardee will enter an MOU with the County outlining allowable use of funds, reporting requirements. The funds are provided through a GOEO grant and do not impact the County funds.