AGENDA ITEM or FINAL CONTRACT REVIEW SUBMITTAL FORM

Agenda Item: Funding Request for Baseline Trails Planning; $3,0

Action Requested: Motion

Parties to the Agreement:

Term Begins: **Term Ends:** **Grant Contract #:**

Summary:

CED Department requests $3,000 to hire fellow to assist in preparing baseline trails report

Fiscal Impact: $3000

Submitted by: Cathie Pagano **Submitter's Email Address:** cpagano@gunnisoncounty.org

Finance Review: (●) Required ( ) Not Required

Comments:
$3,000 would be available in 2016 in the Contributions - Economic Development activity line item if needed to fund this request.

Reviewed by: GUNCOUNTY1\lNienhueser Discharge Date: 10/26/2016

County Attorney Review: ( ) Required (●) Not Required

Comments:

Reveiwed by: Discharge Date: Certificate of Insurance Required

Yes ( ) No ( )

County Manager Review:

Comments:

Reveiwed by: GUNCOUNTY1\mbirnie Discharge Date: 10/26/2016

( ) Consent Agenda (●) Regular Agenda ( ) Worksession Time Allotted: 5

Agenda Date: 11/1/2016

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From: Cathie Pagano

Date: October 21, 2016

Re: Funding request for baseline trails planning

During the OVPP process the Sustainable Tourism and Recreation working group identified multiple objectives related to trails including:

- Create a winter and summer master trails plan for the Gunnison Basin
- Develop strategies to disperse and/or concentrate trail usage depending on location
- Identify trail usage priorities in winter and summer
- Identify management and resource strategies for trails, trailheads and supporting infrastructure
- Proactively address new trail proposals that are compatible with other seasonal uses and needs such as grazing, wildlife, hunting and/or other recreational uses

Community Development proposes to develop a baseline of trail information to lay the foundation for possible future trails and/or recreation planning projects as described above. This work would occur in November and December of 2016 and include:

- Identification of all mapped trails in Gunnison County (much of this work has already been completed by GIS Dept.)
- Identification of numerous trails stakeholder groups (i.e. Federal agencies, municipalities, nonprofit trail user groups) trail plans, priorities and challenges
- Report identifying overlapping priorities, gaps and opportunities for trail connection, maintenance and development

It is proposed that we hire a graduate student fellow for assistance in completion of this baseline report. The fellow would work up to 20 hours per week (approximately $15/hr) for the remainder of the year at a cost to the County of no more than $3,000. Community Development staff would provide oversight, guidance and direction to the fellow.

The proposed work product would enable Community Development to have an accurate and thorough baseline of information. The BOCC may wish to utilize this information during their strategic planning sessions in 2017.