



Policy Name:	Gunnison County Manager Contract-Execution Authority Policy		Policy Number:	1.2.1.2
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PURPOSE

This policy grants limited signatory authority to the County Manager so that he or she may execute contracts with financial considerations on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) in order to take advantage of financial opportunities that would benefit the County and avoid operational delays.

SCOPE

This policy applies to the Gunnison County Manager and, whenever explicit authority has temporarily been granted due to his or her absence, to the County Manager’s chain of succession outlined in Policy #1.2.4.3.1, *Emergency and Disaster Management and Procedures*.

DEFINITIONS

- Consumer Price Index (CPI) Calculator. The CPI is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a market basket of goods and services. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) releases CPI data monthly, and the CPI calculator utilized by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) shall be used to calculate the annual financial increase to the County Manager’s contract-execution authority.

POLICY STATEMENTS

The County Manager of Gunnison County, Colorado is authorized, without further action of the BOCC, to execute on behalf of the BOCC, any and all contracts with an aggregate direct financial payment, or receipt, by Gunnison County over the term of the contract of not more than one-hundred, fifty-three thousand dollars (\$153,000). Execution of any contract with an aggregate direct financial payment or receipt by Gunnison County over the term of the contract of more than one-hundred, fifty-three thousand dollars (\$153,000) shall require further formal action of the BOCC. In February of each calendar year, beginning in 2026, this authority will be automatically adjusted according to the CPI as compared to the previous year’s authority, rounded to the nearest one-thousand (\$1,000) dollars; County Manager’s office staff will inform all department directors of the new limit each February.

The County Manager shall provide each proposed contract to the Gunnison County Attorney and the Gunnison County Finance Director for review and written approval before execution. The County Manager will also schedule each contract executed pursuant to this policy on a BOCC agenda for acknowledgment of his or her signature.

COMPLIANCE

This policy shall be complied with in all respects. Revisions to this policy may occur. However, when deemed necessary in order to fully protect the County’s interests, the interest of the public, and to more fully protect the safety of the public, including employees governed by this policy, this policy may be changed without notice.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION AND/OR RELATED REGULATIONS, POLICIES AND FORMS

- Policy #1.2.4.3.1, *Emergency and Disaster Management and Procedures*

All policies are subject to amendment. Refer to the Gunnison County website (www.GunnisonCounty.org/Policies) for the official, most recent version of any policy adopted by the Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners.