AGENDA ITEM or FINAL CONTRACT REVIEW SUBMITTAL FORM

Agenda Item: Ratification of Correspondence; United Stated Depa

Action Requested:

Parties to the Agreement:

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

Summary:

Please see attached correspondence for ratification.

Fiscal Impact:

Submitted by: Josh Ost **Submitter's Email Address:** jost@gunnisoncounty.org

Finance Review: ○ Required ◉ Not Required

Comments:

Reviewed by: Discharge Date:

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: 3/3/2017

◉ Consent Agenda ○ Regular Agenda ○ Worksession Time Allotted: 0

Agenda Date: 3/7/2017

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February 28, 2017

Mr. James Maras, Community Program Director
USDA Rural Development, Colorado State Office
Denver Federal Center, Building 56, Room 2300
PO Box 25426
Denver, CO 80225-0426

RE: USDA Community Facilities Direct Loan Program

Dear Mr. Maras,

I am writing to express my support of the Mt. Crested Butte Performing Arts Center's application to the Community Facilities Direct Loan Program. Mt. Crested Butte Performing Arts Center (MCBPAC) is developing the Biery-Witt Center (BWC) and associated Town parking facilities to be located within the Business District of the Town of Mt. Crested Butte (MCB).

MCB is a partner in this Public/Private Partnership created to establish a performing arts, education, events, and conference center along with related parking. This project is an opportunity to bring positive economic, educational, and cultural advances to benefit the community of Mt. Crested Butte, as well as the entire Gunnison County, and meaningfully enhance the infrastructure of the area.

Having a venue such as the BWC will provide opportunities for the residents and local organizations to attend and host events such as educational activities and cultural music performances that were previously unavailable. The business community of Gunnison County will benefit from the development of the BWC with its ability to host conferences. Businesses will be able to expand employment, develop better paying positions and begin to even out the seasonal peaks and valleys of the Gunnison County economy, which is heavily dependent upon the winter and summer tourism seasons.

Please give full consideration of this worthwhile cultural, educational and economic development project which holds great potential for Gunnison County.

Sincerely,

Phil Chamberland, Chairperson | Jonathan Houck, Commissioner | John Messner, Commissioner

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