# AGENDA ITEM or FINAL CONTRACT REVIEW SUBMITTAL FORM

**Agenda Item:** Grant Application; Gunnison County Multicultural R

**Action Requested:** Other Approval to submit this application to the City of Gunnison.

**Parties to the Agreement:** Gunnison County and City of Gunnison

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

**Summary:**

Department of Health and Human Services, Multicultural Office would like to apply to the City of Gunnison for funding consideration

**Fiscal Impact:**

**Submitted by:** Joni Reynolds **Submitter's Email Address:** jreynolds@gunnisoncounty.org

**Finance Review:** (●) Required ( ) Not Required

Comments:
No concerns, will be included in budget if approved. ln

Reviewed by: GUNCOUNTY1\lNienhueser Discharge Date: 10/12/2017

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

Comments:

Reveiwed by: Discharge Date: Certificate of Insurance Required

Yes ( ) No ( )

**County Manager Review:**

Comments:

Reveiwed by: GUNCOUNTY1\khaase Discharge Date: 10/13/2017

(●) Consent Agenda ( ) Regular Agenda ( ) Worksession Time Allotted: 0

Agenda Date: 10/17/2017

*Revised April 2015*

**Grant Request from the City of Gunnison "**Public Service Grant**"**

**Description* Provide a brief description of the program or service**

The Gunnison County Multicultural Resource Services (MRS) requests funding to assist the City of Gunnison achieve the strategic goal "Increase community engagement efforts and strengthen local and regional partnerships" delineated in the DRAFT 2017 strategic plan.

Of the 200 families served by the MRS annually, 69% reside within the city limits and often are unaware of activities and opportunities offered by the City of Gunnison as well as their responsibilities as community members due to language barriers as well as lack of participation in community discussions.

The MRS was established in 2001 and is part of the Gunnison County Department of Health and Human Services. Several organizations and foundations have provided funding over the years, including: Caring for Colorado Foundation, The Colorado Trust Immigrant Integration Initiative, Office of Health Disparities, and El Pomar Foundation. The MRS has also received local funding from the Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley, the Rotary Club, and Project Hope, as well as through the Gunnison Department of Health and Human Services (Public Health and Human Services programs), such as Mentor's Youth Program Tobacco Education & Prevention grant, FAST (Family Advocacy Support Team), GCSAPP (Gunnison County Substance Abuse Prevention Program), among others.

Currently, 49% of the MRS coordinator's time is funded by the Colorado Health Foundation (funding ends August 2018). Additional funds come from Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment through Healthy Communities (29%) and HCP (Program for children for special needs) (14%) to provide care coordination for children, and for adults and children who have Medicaid and/or Medicare (1%) and County Admin (7%) .

Since the inception of the MRS, our efforts have focused on increasing equitable access to public services, specifically culturally and linguistically appropriate health care for minority Limited English Proficiency (LEP) residents. The MRS coordinator serves as a community resource for information, providing interpretation and translation services, and culturally appropriate health education and information, assisting people in receiving the care they need, giving informal counseling and guidance on health behaviors, and advocating for individual and community health needs.

The MRS works closely with multiple local partners including the local school system, juvenile services, law enforcement, domestic violence programs, substance abuse prevention programs, mentoring programs, adult English education, food pantry, the library, and many other organizations within Gunnison City limits.

Many of these partners contact the MRS for guidance around cultural and linguistic competencies or advice on how to engage the LEP community. Over the years there has been close collaboration with the City of Gunnison.

A few examples include:

- City of Gunnison and Gunnison County requested input into their master strategic plans by inviting the MRS and members of the immigrant community to hear first-hand about the LEP community needs.

- In December 2016 the City of Gunnison recognized the International Day of the Migrant by signing a Proclamation welcoming all immigrants in our community.
- As a result of the County-wide OVPP (One Valley Prosperity Project) some of the needs of this population were addressed by the City of Gunnison, such as establishment of better communication with local law enforcement and substandard housing conditions.
- The MRS coordinator assists LEP community members in understanding utility bills and calling Finance to ask questions on behalf of City residents
- The MRS has translated documents for the Rec. Center.
- The City Court regularly requests interpreters.
- The MRS often translates posters for events organized by the City of Gunnison, promotes the events among the LEP community, and gather volunteers for City cleanups.
- City Police often contact the MRS for help and advice when they have an encounter with a LEP family, especially when there is a youth in conflict where the officer needs cultural and linguistic information.
- The MRS coordinator is responsible to communicate to the LEP community members in case of emergencies, such as possible flooding, possible epidemics (H1N1, hepatitis A, flu, etc.)
- The MRS coordinator has often been responsible for good turnout at community meetings at the request of a City of Gunnison

**Funding Impact* Please describe the resulting impact to your program or service in the event funding is not approved or your application is only funded in part.**

The MRS has a long standing relation with the LEP community and knows how to communicate and engage this sector of our population. This is a population that does not typically join community discussions, which would change with the active involvement of the MRS.

The MRS works very closely with the CAFE program out of Gunnison Library, and HAP (Hispanic Affairs Project), two organizations in the community that serve the LEP community in different capacities. The MRS plans to collaborate with both organizations, as well as local pastors of the three Spanish speaking churches to help achieve the City of Gunnison's objectives.

**Population Served***

The MRS served 204 families in 2016, comprised of 590 individuals, of which 262 were children. 69% of the families live within the City of Gunnison limits.

**Justification* Why do you think the program or service should be funded by the taxpayers of the City of Gunnison?**

We live in ONE VALLEY and the Prosperity of the entire population is affected by the wellbeing of every segment. Lack of funding to provide services for the LEP community members impacts our entire community as demonstrated during a lapse of diminished funding from July 2016-August 2017 when 95% of the funding received by the MRS was directed towards care coordination for Medicaid and Medicare community members, only leaving a few hours a week to serve the LEP community. During that time the number of contacts between MRS coordinator and providers (a contact is any type of communication on behalf of MRS clients) were reduced by 20% during the first 8 months of 2017 compared to the same period in 2016. Even though the number of contacts stayed relatively high, the quality of the services provided was diminished due to lack of time. For example, the number of youth signing up for the Choice Pass decreased by 33% during the time when the MRS

coordinator was not available to promote the program for LEP families and help them sign up. Anecdotal information by Public Health staff also indicates a substantial reduction in LEP community members participating in mass immunization clinics when MRS coordinator engagement efforts were reduced due to funding issues.

**Objective #1***

By March 2018 the MRS coordinator will increase the quality, frequency, and variety of tools used to engage and inform the LEP community. This objective will be achieved by meeting with key employees of the City of Gunnison and providing Cultural and Linguistic recommendations and suggestions that can help build trust with these community members.

**Objective #2***

By the end of the grant period fliers for all events organized by the City of Gunnison will be translated into Spanish and disseminated to the LEP community. This will be demonstrated by the production of fliers that can be updated every year.

**Objective #3***

By the end of the grant period, LEP community members (adults and children) will increase their participation in community events organized by the City of Gunnison. This will be quantified by a phone survey to MRS clients asking if they participated in a list of events during the grant period vs participated in the past.

Amount requested: $8,840 for 1 year (December 1, 2017-November 30, 2018)

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# Monthly Revenue/Expense Report - Department

Fiscal year thru period ending 09/30/2017

## Health & Human Services

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| Description | Actual PTD 9/30/2017 | Actual YTD 9/30/2017 | Budget | Budget Variance | % Budget Used |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 340 Self-Sufficiency Dev | .00 | 239,900.12 | 214,700.00 | 25,200.12 | 111.74 |
| 350 Program Support | .00 | 833,306.89 | 1,339,511.00 | (506,204.11) | 62.21 |
| 360 Chldrn & Fam Svcs | .00 | 474,471.39 | 846,966.00 | (372,494.61) | 56.02 |
| 365 Child Support Services | .00 | 44,745.03 | 83,020.00 | (38,274.97) | 53.90 |
| 380 Public Assistance | .00 | 1,037,523.25 | 2,099,684.00 | (1,062,160.75) | 49.41 |
| 530 Senior Resources | .00 | 134,660.16 | 379,590.00 | (244,929.84) | 35.48 |
| 550 Child & Family Health | .00 | 122,885.76 | 262,562.00 | (139,676.24) | 46.80 |
| 555 Community Health Services | (6,242.93) | 269,579.46 | 635,787.00 | (366,207.54) | 42.40 |
| 556 | 6,242.93 | 90,594.33 | .00 | 90,594.33 | .00 |
| 560 Family Planning | .00 | 91,088.48 | 163,717.00 | (72,628.52) | 55.64 |
| Total Revenue | .00 | 3,338,754.87 | 6,025,537.00 | (2,686,782.13) | 55.41 |
| 340 Self-Sufficiency Dev | 13,194.99 | 293,937.17 | 273,641.00 | (20,296.17) | 107.42 |
| 350 Program Support | 72,169.23 | 629,344.98 | 1,342,692.00 | 713,347.02 | 46.87 |
| 360 Chldrn & Fam Svcs | 45,081.61 | 662,171.64 | 1,009,530.00 | 347,358.36 | 65.59 |
| 365 Child Support Services | 6,206.78 | 74,025.15 | 112,345.00 | 38,319.85 | 65.89 |
| 380 Public Assistance | 5,495.57 | 1,043,505.64 | 2,104,367.00 | 1,060,861.36 | 49.59 |
| 530 Senior Resources | 14,314.57 | 244,113.79 | 366,495.00 | 122,381.21 | 66.61 |
| 550 Child & Family Health | 15,757.64 | 176,042.45 | 255,574.00 | 79,531.55 | 68.88 |
| 555 Community Health Services | 20,151.17 | 310,763.91 | 652,625.60 | 341,861.69 | 47.62 |
| 556 | 8,561.66 | 100,185.36 | .00 | (100,185.36) | .00 |
| 560 Family Planning | 4,072.15 | 97,170.44 | 152,713.00 | 55,542.56 | 63.63 |
| Total Expenditure | 205,005.37 | 3,631,260.53 | 6,269,982.60 | 2,638,722.07 | 57.92 |
| Net revenue over (under) expenses | (205,005.37) | (292,505.66) | (244,445.60) | (48,060.06) | 119.66 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Taxes | .00 | 372,205.61 | 562,875.00 | (190,669.39) | 66.13 |
| Intergovernmental | .00 | 2,528,864.54 | 4,934,684.00 | (2,405,819.46) | 51.25 |
| Charges for Services | .00 | 77,211.53 | 87,585.00 | (10,373.47) | 88.16 |
| Contributions and Other Grants | .00 | 17,894.49 | 52,019.00 | (34,124.51) | 34.40 |
| Fines & Forfeitures | .00 | .00 | 9,300.00 | (9,300.00) | .00 |
| Investment Income | .00 | 6,538.14 | 7,000.00 | (461.86) | 93.40 |
| Transfers In | .00 | 283,245.00 | 268,245.00 | 15,000.00 | 105.59 |
| Other Financing Sources/Misc | .00 | 52,795.56 | 103,829.00 | (51,033.44) | 50.85 |
| Total Revenue | .00 | 3,338,754.87 | 6,025,537.00 | (2,686,782.13) | 55.41 |
| Personnel | 189,003.37 | 1,696,167.21 | 2,423,274.00 | 727,106.79 | 69.99 |
| Supplies | 722.70 | 115,241.90 | 224,269.00 | 109,027.10 | 51.39 |
| Purchased Services | 15,279.30 | 499,537.18 | 771,000.60 | 271,463.42 | 64.79 |
| Community Prgms/Contributions | .00 | 1,185,892.54 | 2,406,965.00 | 1,221,072.46 | 49.27 |
| Transfers Out | .00 | 128,979.25 | 443,290.00 | 314,310.75 | 29.10 |
| Capital Outlay | .00 | 5,442.45 | 4,625.00 | (817.45) | 117.67 |
| Miscellaneous | .00 | .00 | (3,441.00) | (3,441.00) | .00 |
| Total Expenditure | 205,005.37 | 3,631,260.53 | 6,269,982.60 | 2,638,722.07 | 57.92 |
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