AGENDA ITEM or FINAL CONTRACT REVIEW SUBMITTAL FORM

Agenda Item: Methane Working Group Grant

Action Requested:

Parties to the Agreement:

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

Summary:

Please see the attached letter for ratification of Chairperson's Signature.

Fiscal Impact:

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

Finance Review: (●) Required ( ) Not Required

Comments:
No concerns, County portion could be covered in 2018 adopted budget. ln

Reviewed by: GUNCOUNTY1\lNienhueser Discharge Date: 1/19/2018

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

Comments:

Reveiwed by: Discharge Date: Certificate of Insurance Required

Yes ( ) No ( )

County Manager Review:

Comments:

Reveiwed by: GUNCOUNTY1\jost Discharge Date: 1/19/2018

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

Agenda Date: 1/23/2018

Revised April 2015

Kimberly Bullen

December 19, 2017

Regional Manager
Colorado Department of Local Affairs
222 South 6th Street, Room #409
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To Whom It May Concern:

Methane is a major contributor to greenhouse gas emissions and is approximately 25 times more powerful than carbon dioxide when it's lifetime and radiative efficiencies are taken into account. In Gunnison County, most methane is released into the atmosphere in the form of coal mine methane (CMM). This gas is naturally stored within coal seams and the surrounding strata and is held in place by surface and hydrostatic pressures. Over time, some makes its way to the surface and is released in negligible amounts naturally. The *North Fork Coal Mine Methane Working Group* hopes to address the impact of CMM through the development of an education, mitigation and economic utilization strategy, the latter of which refers to putting the gas to use thereby offsetting its eventual environmental impact. Attached is a MOU for the participants in the working group that highlight the mission and goals and objectives. Below is an itemized list of the request.

Expense:		Revenue:	
$3,150	Facilitator fee	$1,663	Cash Match Gunnison County
$3,000	Technical Advisors Expense	$1,662	Cash Match Delta County
$500	Preparing/Publishing Final Report	$3,325	DOLA
Total: $6,650		Total: $6,650	

The facilitator would be contracted by Gunnison County in accordance with our purchasing policies. Anticipated budget for the facilitator includes $50/ hr (3 hrs per meeting) for meetings of which there would be 12 total in a timeframe of 1 calendar year. In addition, the facilitator contract will include $800 for development and distribution of meeting minutes for the working group, $250 for travel anticipated outside of Delta County and $300 for office and operating expenses. The expectation would also be that the facilitator would compile a final report that would comprise the findings of the working group and the final implementation strategies for the participants and the budget reflects $500 for this effort. In addition, the budget includes an expense of $3,000 for the contracting of different technical experts to share information on CMM capture and utilization technologies, economic feasibility, regulatory analysis and assistance in developing implementation strategies. These would be industry professionals, engineers and researchers in the field of Coal Mine Methane. Thank you for considering this group as a recipient of grant funds.

Sincerely,

Phil Chamberland

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Chairman Gunnison County Commissioners