AGENDA ITEM or FINAL CONTRACT REVIEW SUBMITTAL FORM

Agenda Item: Memorandum of Understanding; Colorado Legal Servic

Action Requested: Board of County Commissioners' Signature

Parties to the Agreement: BOCC & Colorado Legal Services (CLS)

Term Begins: **Term Ends:** 3/1/2019 **Grant Contract #:**

Summary:

See attached documents: MOU for scope of work and Human Trafficking Project Summary. This project will provide community education & outreach on human trafficking, including law enforcement and others with contact to local victims of such crimes. This is a HHS grant awarded to

Fiscal Impact: $4,000 per year

Submitted by: C Worrall **Submitter's Email Address:** cworrall@gunnisoncounty.org

Finance Review: (●) Required ( ) Not Required

Comments:
No concerns. ln

Reviewed by: GUNCOUNTY1\lNienhueser Discharge Date: 6/15/2018

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

Comments:
Please note that item 7 refers to an attached budget; but no budget is attached.
Otherwise, ok db 6/14/18

Reveiwed by: GUNCOUNTY1\dBaumgarten Discharge Date: 6/14/2018 Certificate of Insurance Required

Yes ( ) No (●)

County Manager Review:

Comments:

Reveiwed by: GUNCOUNTY1\jost Discharge Date: 6/15/2018

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

Agenda Date: 6/19/2018

Revised April 2015

Colorado Collaborative

Look Beneath the Surface Victims of Human Trafficking Regional Program

Memorandum of Understanding

Colorado Legal Services ("CLS") and Gunnison County.

WHEREAS, CLS and GUNNISON COUNTY have agreed to collaborate on a regional outreach effort aimed at identifying domestic and foreign national victims of human trafficking and referring them to services, providing training and technical assistance, coalition building and promoting the public's awareness of human trafficking,

NOW, THEREFORE, CLS and GUNNISON COUNTY agree as follows:

1. During the thirty months remaining in the project, starting March 1, 2018 (hereinafter, "project period"), CLS will conduct community education with the goal of identifying domestic and foreign national victims of Human Trafficking in the region. CLS also will provide training and technical assistance, support local anti-trafficking coalitions, including providing administrative support to the Colorado Network to End Human Trafficking (CoNEHT), and promote the public's awareness of human trafficking. CLS will be the lead organization for this grant, and as such will be responsible for establishing a fiscal and program management plan; conducting internal evaluations; collecting, organizing and submitting in a timely manner necessary documentation to the Office on Trafficking in Persons (OTIP), including periodic grant reports; and for communication with OTIP. CLS will participate in regular status meetings by telephone as scheduled by OTIP, conduct semi-annual site visits with the named grant partners, conduct quarterly group meetings with all named partners, review all expenses and reimbursement requests to assess the financial and substantive progress of the project and ensure the regular communication between the grant partners. The CLS Migrant Farm Worker Division will conduct outreach to migrant camps, communities where farm workers and their families reside, and to service providers and law enforcement agencies that have contact with farm workers. The division also will assess potential trafficking cases and, where appropriate, assist farm workers identified as possible trafficking victims. Pursuant to protocols established by the CoNEHT, CLS will respond to and assess potential cases involving non-detained adults referred by the National Human Trafficking Hotline (NHTH), CoNEHT or other sources.

2. During the project period, GUNNISON COUNTY will provide community education on human trafficking and outreach to potential victims of human trafficking and providers of services to victims of human trafficking through a variety of specific tasks. GUNNISON COUNTY will present three or more times total on the topic of human trafficking at community meetings and with agencies that provide social services in Gunnison County; staff information tables at no fewer than two public community events in Gunnison or Crested Butte; provide information to community members visiting the GUNNISON COUNTY office or attending other community events; provide information to persons affected by abuse or their families; inform at least four service agencies in Gunnison County about CoNEHT, labor exploitation and human trafficking; meet with at least one law enforcement agency in Gunnison and with local agencies that provide victim assistance services; visit at-risk populations at housing, community centers and faith communities Gunnison to identify possible human trafficking; disseminate OTIP "Look Beneath the Surface" informational

materials for the community, including to individuals seeking GUNNISON COUNTY services. When making contact with families with minor children, GUNNISON COUNTY will educate the youths and their families about the risks of youth exploitation, including sex trafficking. When potential cases of trafficking are identified, GUNNISON COUNTY will facilitate communication with CoNEHT, CLS or other advocates, as needed and will help to maintain contact with such individuals. Finally, GUNNISON COUNTY will help CLS and other project partners when they are planning community education events in Gunnison.

3. The overall collaboration service area includes a 27-county region in Colorado, although GUNNISON COUNTY' area of responsibility is Gunnison County. The counties to be served are indicated on the map which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

4. The partners agree to collaborate to identify domestic and foreign national victims and refer them to services, to conduct trainings and technical assistance, support CoNEHT, the Colorado Human Trafficking Council and local task forces, and promote public awareness pursuant to the Program Narrative attached and made a part of this agreement.

5. Compensation for non-lead partners' contributions to this project will be provided as outlined in the attached OTIP budget detail, and will be distributed on a monthly or quarterly basis commensurate with a cash request to CLS which will include adequate documentation of staff time and project expenses and compliance with the services to be provided consistent with the narrative. The non-lead collaborators agree to track the time spent and work done under the grant and to provide reports, data and statistics necessary to allow CLS to report quarterly to OTIP. Collaborators agree that reimbursement and compensation is conditioned on their meeting all reporting requirements of OTIP.

6. Any partner may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) as it relates to its organization by providing 30 days' written notice to the other parties. CLS may terminate this MOU with respect to a specific party should that party substantially or repeatedly fail to comply with the terms and conditions set forth herein.

7. By signing below, each entity signifies approval of this collaboration including the proposed budget.

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Jonathan D. Asher, Executive Director date
Colorado Legal Services

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Chairman date
Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners

Human Trafficking Project

4/25/18 Per phone conversation with Patricia Medige, CLS:

Request: Local position in Gunnison County for approximately 10 hours per month to provide assistance to victims of human trafficking that results in acquiring a T-VISA and ultimately US citizenship as well as community outreach and education on human trafficking. The funder is Colorado Legal Services (CLS), a non-profit organization with offices throughout Colorado, with headquarters in Denver. CLS received a 3 year grant with an annual continuation process for which is underway. The local award would be approximately $4,000.

Please see this link to the federal HHS grant that they received:
https://ami.grantsolutions.gov/files/HHS-2017-ACF-IOAS-OTIP-ZV-1210_0.pdf

While CLS is a non-profit, they must work within the federal guidelines associated with this grant, including no lobbying or legislative initiatives.

Background: Process for acquiring VISA for special circumstances is a lengthy one taking multiple years. Many applications are initiated but most are lost to follow up and ultimate completion. Local efforts have resulted in far fewer individuals being lost to follow up than compared to other areas in the state. Please see attached data report comparing Gunnison to other communities.

CLS recognized this local trend and approached Gunnison County DHHS to offer some funding support.
The VISA process:
U VISA application is given to Special Victims.
T VISA is available for human traffick victims

Individuals are supported locally in completing the application process that is done without providing any legal service. (CLS stated that the Gunnison contact does an excellent job not blurring the role of application assistance with legal counseling.)

3 years thereafter the individual can get a Green Card. 5 years later the individual is eligible for citizenship. With a total of 8 years, the potential for lost to follow-up is great. In Gunnison, due to a comprehensive system of multiyear programs, many individuals remain in contact with DHHS.

Please see the attached MOA for this Human trafficking project.