AGENDA ITEM or FINAL CONTRACT REVIEW SUBMITTAL FORM

Agenda Item: Grant Application; State of CO

Action Requested:

Parties to the Agreement: Help Colorado Now

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

Summary:

provides funding for emergency assistance and administrative costs.

Fiscal Impact: $25000

Submitted by: Elizabeth Holena **Submitter's Email Address:** Elizabeth.holena@state.co.us

Finance Review: (●) Required ( ) Not Required

Comments:
No concerns, will include as budget amendment request if granted. ln

Reviewed by: GUNCOUNTY1\lNienhueser Discharge Date: 4/9/2020

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

Comments:
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Reveiwed by: GUNCOUNTY1\dBaumgarten Discharge Date: 4/10/2020 Certificate of Insurance Required

Yes ( ) No (●)

County Manager Review:

Comments:

Reveiwed by: GUNCOUNTY1\mbirnie Discharge Date: 4/17/2020

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

Agenda Date: 4/21/2020

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State of COLORADO

Gunnison DHHS
COVID Emergency Assistance

ID: R-202003-00399
Proposal Contact: Elizabeth Holena

Amount Requested: $25,000.00

▼ Organization Information

Organization:	Gunnison DHHS
Proposal Contact:	Elizabeth Holena
CEO/President/ED:	Joni Reynolds
Tax Status/Organization Type:	Other (Please specify)
Other - please provide details:	
Local Government Entity	
Does this grant include a Fiscal Sponsor?	No

▼ Grant Information

Proposal Title:	COVID Emergency Assistance
Have you previously received funding from the Colorado COVID Relief Fund?	No

Proposal Description:

Gunnison County Department of Health and Human Services(DHHS) shall provide emergency basic needs assistance to vulnerable populations to combat the economic impact of reduced and lost work due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Eligible expenses are: mortgage/rental assistance, motel vouchers, household utilities, gas vouchers, bus passes, minor auto repairs, medical, dental, behavioral health, vision care, child care, pharmaceutical assistance, and administrative expenses.

Program:	Help Colorado Now
Total Amount Requested:	$25,000.00
Total Project Budget:	$25,000.00

▼ Financial Information

Current Assets:	$30,465,699.00
Current Liabilities:	$4,140,495.00
Unrestricted Cash:	$26,325,204.00
Restricted Cash:	$0.00

Total Cash:	$26,325,204.00
Programmatic Expenses:	$0.00
Administrative Expenses:	$3,886,159.00
Total Operating Expenses:	$3,886,159.00

▼ Proposal Information

Priority Area: Impact

Location of Services

Gunnison
Hinsdale

Target Population

Older adults living on low income (e.g., at or below the poverty line)
People with disabilities
Children from families living on low income (e.g., at or below the poverty line) who are impacted by school or child care closures

Are the activities being coordinated with local Office of Emergency Management? Yes

Planned activities:

Gunnison County Department of Health and Human Services will accept and screen applications from residents of Gunnison County requesting assistance with basic needs due to the economic impact of COVID-19. Applicants will be required to complete a Grant Screening Form through the DHHS office and must demonstrate annual income below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level through verification such as pay stubs, income tax returns, employer letter, social security benefits notice, and CBMS research in order to be eligible. In emergency situations when circumstances make it impossible or impracticable to obtain income documentation, self-declaration may be acceptable or a prior income versification from the past 18 months can be used. Each application is evaluated by a team of eligibility technicians and tracked both within Human Services and the Finance Department.

Determination for assistance is based on an assessment of each households unique situation. Factors that are considered are not only the situation but also what other community resources and natural supports may also be of assistance. A monthly budget is maintained and funds are used to meet the needs of the most vulnerable first, those with children, dependents, the immigrant population, disabled, elderly or otherwise facing multiple barriers. An intake worker will be available to meet with applicants to assure the assessment of the situation is accurate and that use of funds is appropriate. The intake worker will provide information, assistance and referrals to other community services.

Desired outputs:

MAJOR TASK OR ACTIVITY

Project Manager will develop and refine screening tool to screen applicants

Budget: $800 (laptop cost)

Completion Date: 04/20/2020

MAJOR TASK OR ACTIVITY

Project Manager will open grant and collaborate with existing networks to reach the most vulnerable in the community

Budget: $1,732.00

Completion Date: 04/20/2020

MAJOR TASK OR ACTIVITY

Case Manager will work with 30 contacts each month to assist in providing funding for critical needs

Budget: $22,468.00

Completion Date: 08/15/2020

How many people do you hope to reach or serve? 120

How do you ensure that you are reaching the vulnerable members of your community?

A coordinated and community-driven strategy to improve service delivery to vulnerable members of the community is a fundamental part of Gunnison DHHS infrastructure. Currently Gunnison County hosts the Basic Needs Subcommittee of the Community Health Coalition of the Gunnison Valley (CHCGV), a coalition focused on equity, inclusion, and overall community health. The Basic Needs subcommittee will collaborate with other entities providing emergency assistance to vulnerable populations to assure there are no gaps or duplication and, more critically, that vulnerable members of the community have access to services.

Case management will assist with the coordination of services at the micro level while the Basic Needs subcommittee will focus on process, outcomes, gaps and barriers, as well as problem solving and planning for the program services. In addition to the Basic Needs subcommittee, internally centralized case management functions identifies needed services and determines areas in which other resources are needed or could be better coordinated. Primary linkage will be through the designated centralized assistance case management functions. Weekly staff meetings are held which serve to facilitate internal service coordination. The Basic Needs subcommittee and the Community Health Coalition of the Gunnison Valley serves as our structured mechanism for information sharing among community partners. Service outcomes will be entered with the other demographic information and service request so that a cumulative analysis of need, services provided, and other resources needed can be systematically reviewed, shared, and used for planning purposes. Centralized data collection improves capability to review requests and the outcome related to the assistance rendered.

How are you coordinating your activities with other organizations and partners in the community?

Partners within the Health Coalition of the Gunnison Valley and the Basic Needs Subcommittee include Family Advocacy and Support Team, Gunnison Watershed School District, 7th Judicial District, Center for Mental Health, numerous faith based organizations, Law Enforcement, Child Welfare, Senior Resources, TANF, the Red Cross, Center for Mental Health, The Housing Authority, The Food Pantry, Mountain Roots, Project Hope, Gunnison Valley Hospital and the Senior Center. Local partners meet in a variety of contexts and contribute with data,input, problem solving and planning for program services. Duplication of services is avoided utilizing the Basic Needs Subcommittee, which identifies emergency assistance available within the community and process of information sharing to assure activities are coordinated with partners.

What other sources of funding are available to support your work, and how are you leveraging them?

Gunnison County receives funding through the Community Service Block Grant, which provides limited assistance for basic needs. Gunnison County is exploring additional funding opportunities through No Kid Hungry.

▼ Documents

REQUEST DOCUMENTS

W-9 Gunnison County.pdf

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Added by Elizabeth Holena at 4:05 PM on April 3, 2020

Applicant Patriot Act and Required Payment Information form 4.3.2020.pdf

Applicant Patriot Act and Required Payment Information
Added by Elizabeth Holena at 3:36 PM on April 3, 2020

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