AGENDA ITEM or FINAL CONTRACT REVIEW SUBMITTAL FORM

Agenda Item: Ratification of BOCC Chair Sign.; LOS CDPHE

Action Requested: Other Ratification of BOCC Chair Signature

Parties to the Agreement:

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

Summary:

Requesting ratification of BOCC Chair signature on the letter of support to CDPHE re: State Protect Our Neighbors phase of COVID-19 response / recovery.

Fiscal Impact:

Submitted by: Liz Mense **Submitter's Email Address:** EMense@gunnisoncounty.org

Finance Review: ○ Required ◉ Not Required

Comments:

Reviewed by: Discharge Date:

County Attorney Review: ◉ Required ○ Not Required

Comments:
ok db 7/15/20

Reveiwed by: GUNCOUNTY1\dBaumgarten Discharge Date: 7/15/2020 Certificate of Insurance Required

Yes ○ No ◉

County Manager Review:

Comments:

Reveiwed by: GUNCOUNTY1\emense Discharge Date: 7/17/2020

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

Agenda Date: 7/21/2020

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July 6, 2020

Ms. Jill Hunsaker Ryan
Executive Director
Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
4300 Cherry Creek Drive South
Denver, CO 80246

Dear Director Ryan,

The Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners is fully supportive of Gunnison County Public Health in their application to certify under the State Protect Our Neighbors phase. The response by Gunnison County Public Health and our municipal partners along with our anchor institutions has allowed us, as a countywide community, to manage the Covid-19 challenges and develop significant capacity in all areas of management necessary to protect our citizens, guest and neighbors.

Specifically, The Gunnison County application is based on our Coronometer Guidelines. This Risk Level Indicator tool is valuable not only to measure metrics for re-opening but is also useful for imposing future restrictions should that become necessary. As the data shows, Gunnison County has low disease transmission levels with only 4 positive cases since June 18th. Gunnison County has developed and established a contract tracing process that aligns with Protect Our Neighbors metrics and our testing ability is strong due to our dedicated testing site at Gunnison Valley Hospital, which can test up to 28 individuals a day. In addition, Gunnison Valley Hospital has a surge plan in place that includes setting up an alternative patient care site for an additional capacity of 20 patients. Our current public health order requires masking indoors and outdoors when social distancing guidelines can not be met.

As I believe you are aware, Gunnison County has a long tradition and practice of collaborative work in county and with our state partners. The City of Gunnison, Towns of Crested Butte and Mount Crested Butte along with Pitkin and Marble have longstanding relationships that have enabled our combined nimble and strongly coordinated response to Covid as a countywide community. Combined with our anchor institutions leadership (Western Colorado University, GVH and Crested Butte Mountain Resort and the Gunnison Watershed School District) and partners such as the Chambers of Commerce, our non-profit community and public land managers we have a strong and reliable network of communication and collaboration. With these assets and a strong Joint Information Center for public messaging in place

we have been able to educate, influence positive behaviors and move our citizens to strong protective measures that can be seen in how far the community has progressed since our initial outbreak.

It is this track record of capacity, combined with our detailed and thoughtful application to certify under Protect Our Neighbors that we feel substantiates our request to you. We are committed to a partnership with the state that meets goals you have set forth while also being compatible with our counties unique geography, demographics and needs. We look forward to developing this opportunity to best serve the safety and welfare of Gunnison County.

Best Regards,

Jonathan Houck
Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners Chair