AGENDA ITEM or FINAL CONTRACT REVIEW SUBMITTAL FORM

Agenda Item: Protect Our Neighbor Reg. Planning Grant

Action Requested: Other County Manager Approval to submit application

Parties to the Agreement: CDPHE

Term Begins: August 31st, 2020 **Term Ends:** 11/20/2020 **Grant Contract #:**

Summary:

$50,000 planning grant for HHS on behalf of WCPHP and SW counties to create plan to apply for Protect Our Neighbor and contain COVID 19

Fiscal Impact:

Submitted by: Margaret Wacker **Submitter's Email Address:** mwacker@gunnisoncounty.org

Finance Review: (●) Required ( ) Not Required

Comments:
No concerns, will submit a budget amendment request if grant is awarded. ln

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

Comments:

Reveiwed by: GUNCOUNTY1\mhoyt Discharge Date: 8/13/2020 Certificate of Insurance Required Yes ( ) No (●)

County Manager Review:

Comments:

Reveiwed by: GUNCOUNTY1\mbirnie Discharge Date: 8/14/2020

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

Agenda Date: 8/18/2020

Revised April 2015

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Section I Contact Information

Local Public Health Agency name: Participating West Central Public Health Partnership (Region 10 counties) and Southwest Colorado LPHA's

Counties Served by LPHA: Anticipated participating counties: Archuleta, La Plata, San Juan County, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Mineral, Ouray, Delta, San Miguel, and Montezuma.

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Point of Contact for Application: Margaret Wacker

Point of Contact Email Address: mwacker@gunnisoncounty.org

Point of Contact Phone Number: 970-343-9184

Section II Planning Grant Overview

Please provide a short overview of the focus of your planning grant request and what you aim

to accomplish through the grant activities.

- Overview

  As the first wave of COVID-19 began to subside in our regions of southern Colorado, approximately 250 miles from the urban corridor of the Denver Metro region, local public health officials recognized the need to collaborate and plan for a regional approach to move from an emergency management and crisis response to a long-term, durable, consistent, and more targeted approach that would allow state oversight while providing flexibility and certainty at the local level.

  Given our rural, remote communities, our counties share a common bond of having smaller populations and tourist-based economies that cause unique and significant challenges related to coronavirus. Counties need to plan appropriately and account for seasonal traffic and mobility fluctuations; for example, the local population in a given county can more than double during summer, fall, and winter months.

  Since March, regular regional work and collaborations across local public health agencies and county commissioners has occurred and a desire for a regional approach has remained strong. Currently, the region is moving forward to align the approach around the state's Protect Our Neighbors framework. Protect Our Neighbors planning grant funds will help build upon and move forward efforts to contain COVID-19 transmission and ultimately strengthen the health care and public health infrastructure in each of our counties and across the region.

- Planning Activity 1: Regional planning to identify staffing needs for successful Protect Our Neighbors implementation. This activity will assess county-level and regional staffing needs and priorities to successfully implement Protect Our Neighbors as a region. Capacity and capability gaps will be identified, as well as considerations for long-term support.

Outcomes/deliverables will include: (1) assessment of staffing needs at the county and regional level and (2) prioritization of staffing needs based on capacity and capability gaps. Funding sources will be explored for current needs and long-term support.

- Planning Activity 2: Plan and prepare for Protect Our Neighbors certification and implementation, including development of a containment plans. This activity will build upon regional planning efforts to support long-term, durable public health orders aligned with Protect Our Neighbors framework and metrics. This activity will include regular, facilitated planning meetings to support participating counties in building a regional framework aligned with Protect Our Neighbors.

  Outcomes/deliverables will include: (1) Vet and hire consultants for meeting facilitation/organizational development for a unified regional effort and data expertise; (2) county LPHA's and, if needed, boards of health and/or county commissioners convene for strategic development and data related planning meetings; and, (3) develop a regional framework and county-level containment plans that include measures and threshold indicators that correlate with Protect Our Neighbors metrics.

- Planning Activity 3: Engage communities to identify gaps/needs for populations at risk and/or populations that are disproportionally affected by COVID-19. Engage communities within each county to identify needs, understand barriers, and/or learn about other perspectives. Information gathered will be integrated into regional COVID-19 planning efforts as well as other regional public health improvement efforts.

  Outcomes/deliverables will include: (1) Develop a common approach to engage communities and involve at risk populations; (2) determine strategies for counties to engage communities; and, (3) summarize common themes and priorities to include in county containment and mitigation plans.

- Planning Activity 4: Develop a regional strategy for durable public health orders or alternate suppression/mitigation plans based on measures and threshold indicators (i.e., Planning Activity 2) and information gathered from community engagement efforts to understand the experiences and needs of communities impacted by and at an increased risk of COVID-19 (i.e., Planning Activity 3). The actions and outcomes outlined in the preceding Planning Activities are critical to support LPHA's in rural central and southwest regions of Colorado.

  Outcomes/deliverables will include: (1) A regional approach that includes a common language, aligned metrics, and considers the unique nature of our rural communities that account for high mobility and a significant increase in population during summer, fall, and winter seasons. This approach will include durable public health orders or alternate suppression/mitigation plans consistent with the Protect Our Neighbors framework and associated metrics.

Priority Populations:

Populations at high risk of COVID 19 disease include: people over 65, people with underlying health conditions that put them at risk, non-English speaking people and people of color. Other priority populations may include essential workforce and children. Additionally, counties have seen outbreaks in high-density housing units and will work to engage residents and households that live in shared housing or high-density housing structures. Other priority populations to engage are also individuals that face barriers to accessing healthcare and that are affected by behavioral health conditions.

As part of our regional approach, as outlined in Planning Activity 3, will be to engage populations or communities that are disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. An overall approach to engaging communities will be regional to ensure consistency, however engagement will happen at the county-level. Data collected and information gathered will be compiled and synthesized into a summary document with common themes and identified priorities.

Additional Information:

- Partnership History & Background: The West Central Public Health Partnership (WCPHP) is an enduring regional collaborative that began in 2006 with funding from the Colorado Trust. The six-county partnership has built a strong framework informed by literature and best practices describing continuums of collaboration, such as, a common goal and vision, commitment, building trust, coordinating, standardizing, centralizing and having leadership. In 2010, the Colorado Trust grant project ended. However, the partnership endures and continues to identify and implement collaborative projects that build and strengthen the public health infrastructure for each county. An Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) is maintained and the current agreement is through June 30, 2023.
- Regional COVID Response: On March 20th, WCPHP public health directors convened virtually to begin the discussion around COVID-19. The benefit of this partnership is the strategic considerations specific to rural communities in central and southwest Colorado. In the following four months (March – August), WCPHP has met weekly and bi-weekly to develop a long-term, durable, and consistent approach. This approach is now aligning with Protect Our Neighbors and larger coordination with additional counties in the rural southwest region.
- These activities will greatly strengthen the health care and public health infrastructure in each of our counties and across the region.

Section III Budget

Planning Grant Funds are federal CARES Act funds and may only be spent on for expenses

that:

1. Are Necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19);
2. Were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 (the date of enactment of the CARES Act) for the State or government; and
3. Were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020.

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Budget Request:

Please provide the total amount requested, up to $50,000.

Proposed Budget: $50,000.

Expenses: WCPHP staff time and coordination and consultation to meet deliverables and complete outlined activities.

Estimated expenses for the 90-day funding period:

- Staffing / Personal Services
  - WCPHP Staff Time & Coordination: up to $15,000 (depending on number of hours)
- Meeting Expenses and Supplies
  - Meeting kits, technology costs, translation services, stipends, printed materials: up to $9,000
- Contracts
  - Consultation (epidemiological support, data expertise, and/or organizational development and meeting facilitation): up to $20,000
- Other Direct Costs $1,450
- Indirect Costs $4,545

Budget Narrative:

Staffing – payroll and fringe	$15,000	West Central Public Health Partnership staff, Coordinator and Planner for hosting and coordinating planning meetings, .50 FTE total
Meeting Expense and Supplies	$9,000	Food, meeting supplies, Zoom costs, stipends for participants
Contracts	$20,000	Contracted Consultants for facilitation, and data expertise
Other Direct Costs	$1,450	Computer costs, travel
Indirect Costs	$4,545	10% Indirect costs to Gunnison County for phone, rent, fiscal management
Total	$49,995	

Information for Applicant Review Only

RFA business documents detail the rules and expectations for the grant application process and outlines the terms and conditions that typically appear in State of Colorado purchase orders and contracts.