AGENDA ITEM or FINAL CONTRACT REVIEW SUBMITTAL FORM

Agenda Item: Grant Application; CDPHE

Action Requested: Motion

Parties to the Agreement:

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

Summary:

Approval for application for CDPHE Protect our Neighbor Implementation Grant.

Fiscal Impact: $150,000

Submitted by: Cathie Pagano **Submitter's Email Address:** cpagano@gunnisoncounty.org

Finance Review: (●) Required ( ) Not Required

Comments:

No concerns, will develop into the 2020 projections in the 2021 budget preparation, and request budget amendment when needed. ln

Reviewed by: GUNCOUNTY1\lNienhueser Discharge Date: 9/29/2020

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

Comments:

Reveiwed by: GUNCOUNTY1\mhoyt Discharge Date: 9/30/2020 Certificate of Insurance Required

Yes ( ) No (●)

County Manager Review:

Comments:

Reveiwed by: GUNCOUNTY1\mbirnie Discharge Date: 10/1/2020

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

Agenda Date: 10/6/2020

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To: Matthew Birnie, County Manager

From: Cathie Pagano, Director of Community and Economic Development

Date: September 25, 2020

Re: Protect our Neighbor Implementation Grant

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has established a *"Protect Our Neighbor" implementation grant*. Maximum awards for Infrastructure Grants will be $150,000 state share with local communities providing up to $150,000 in matching funds for a total of $300,000.

Infrastructure Strengthening Grants may support activities, such as, but not limited to:

- Community Resource Coordination through partnerships with other county government or community based partners
- Communication advisory councils and/or education and outreach strategies
- Funding for community-based partners and cultural brokers
- Enhanced prevention and containment efforts

I recommend that we apply for this grant and utilize the $130,126.93 balance of the pooled CARES money as a match for the grant. Additionally, I recommend that the County utilize $19,873.07 of its own CARES funds to come up with a total match of $150,000.

I have consulted with Joni Reynolds, Health and Human Services Director, and Scott Morrill, Emergency Operations Manager to identify the proposed activities for funding by the grant. I have included a very broad list of potential activities to allow us the most flexibility in utilizing the funds.

Below are the proposed Infrastructure Strengthening activities as described in the grant application:

- Continued compliance with local and state public health orders. Funding to support communications campaigns and product deliverables including signage, advertisements, videos, radio spots, and social media posting.

- Support high levels Influenza vaccination uptake. Funding for purchase of supplies for vaccination needs and communications campaign to support broad public participation in vaccination clinics.

- Promote high levels of mask wearing in public settings. Funding to support communications campaigns and product deliverables to encourage mask wearing. Capacity support for data collection on mask wearing. Purchase of masks for public distribution at visitor's centers, university, and other sites.

- Promote compliance and operations of critical facilities such as school district, childcare centers, and Western Colorado University. Support infrastructure and facility needs at childcare and school settings to support continued operation of those facilities. The needs may include but are not limited to ventilation, PPE, and/or direct funding for capacity needs related to Covid-19.

- Promote and support economic recovery and resiliency. Funding for business support related to Covid-19 impacts. This activity includes but is not limited to: ventilation needs; support for food delivery program; shop local incentive program; grant and loan support to businesses in need; and targeted placemaking

improvements at the municipal level that encourage shopping local and in alignment with public health order restrictions.

- Support vulnerable communities and provide necessary resources. Funding support for needs related to vulnerable communities including food, housing and utility assistance related to impacts of Covid-19.

- Promote and support mental health and trauma recovery. Support for local mental health programs and outcomes that alleviate the impacts of Covid-19 on community members.

- Promote compliance and enforcement of public health orders. Support for staff and materials to promote education and compliance with public health orders.

- Technology upgrades for the Emergency Operations Center. Support for equipment purchase for the EOC which will enable virtual meetings among multiple parties, including the stakeholder and public meetings.

- Funding for additional capacity for language translation services. There is very limited staff capacity for this function currently.