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**GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**MEETING NOTICE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 13, 2024

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**PLACE:** Board of County Commissioners' Meeting Room at the Gunnison County Courthouse  
200 E. Virginia Avenue; Gunnison, CO 81230  
**(REMOTE OPTION BELOW)**

**GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION:**

8:30 am

- Tourism and Prosperity Partnership; 2024 Workplan Update

9:00 am

- Veteran Services Officer Update
  
- Adjourn

Please Note: Packet materials for the above discussions will be available on the Gunnison County website at <http://www.gunnisoncounty.org/meetings> prior to the meeting.

**ZOOM MEETING DETAILS:**

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82753657556?pwd=MjNDbTZHTFNrRVdDemZjdC91aVBIZz09>

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**AGENDA ITEM or FINAL CONTRACT REVIEW SUBMITTAL FORM**

**Agenda Item:** TAPP 2024 Workplan Update

**Action Requested:** Discussion

**Parties to the Agreement:**

**Term Begins:**

**Term Ends:**

**Grant Contract #:**

**Summary:**

TAPP provided the attached materials.

**Fiscal Impact:**

**Submitted by:** Katherine Haase

**Submitter's Email Address:** khaase@gunnisoncounty.org

**Finance Review:**

Required

Not Required

Comments:

Reviewed by: GUNCOUNTY1\PSolheim

Discharge Date: 2/9/2024

**County Attorney Review:**

Required

Not Required

Comments:

Reviewed by:

Discharge Date:

Certificate of Insurance Required

Yes  No

**County Manager Review:**

Comments:

Reviewed by: GUNCOUNTY1\khaase

Discharge Date: 2/9/2024

Consent Agenda

Regular Agenda

Worksession

Time Allotted: 30

Agenda Date: 2/13/2024

Date: February 5, 2024  
From: TAPP Staff and Board  
To: LMD and Matthew  
Subject: Spending Reallocations for TAPP 2024 Fiscal Year

We are proposing a reallocation of spending as envisioned and approved in the 2024 budget.

TAPP's 2024 budget was presented to the LMD in September, 2023. Since that time, the spending needs envisioned for the \$600K allocation to Blister Labs (50% Rady/50% Blister) have been revised downward in part because Rady received a \$100k grant to cover some of the costs of gear testing. Also, we have been unable to secure funding from either Moosejaw/Dick's or REI to continue our National Accelerator. At the same time, we have identified a collaboration between RMBL and Rady as a significant opportunity to support high-paying STEM jobs by propelling the Valley forward as a national center of environmental science.

The \$600K reallocation would consist of:

- \$150K to Rady to finish the gear testing and associated economic development
- \$50K to Blister to publicize Rady progress and results
- \$50K for the continuation of the National Accelerator
- \$200K (50% RMBL/50% Rady) to launch a joint venture between RMBL efforts in atmospheric science and Rady
- \$150K at this point unallocated

We believe the RMBL/Rady collaboration will:

- Grow the Gunnison Valley as a national center for environmental science
- Annually bring millions of dollars to the valley funding new scientific initiatives
- Provide Gunnison Valley STEM career opportunities for Rady graduates

Background:

- RMBL's growing science profile has already brought millions of dollars into the valley
- Over the last 20 years RMBL's payroll has grown from <\$100K to \$2 million+
- RMBL's increasing focus on emerging technologies, including sensors, drones, planes, satellites, and big data creates opportunities to expand the valley's scientific profile, adding atmospheric and hydrological sciences which greatly increase the pool of funds available to support local science
- Rady's programs in mechanical and aerospace engineering, as well as computational sciences perfectly complement this initiative. Furthermore, the collaboration provides a unique differentiator for the program to support student recruitment
- RMBL's next board chair is Susan Avery, a distinguished atmospheric scientist (Chair of the University Consortium of Atmospheric Research, Advisory Board of CU-Boulder Aerospace Engineering) who is well positioned to advance this initiative

Funding in the works:

- \$1million federal earmark (Bennet/Hickenlooper)
- \$3 million proposal to NSF to support postbaccalaureate students working in collaborations between Rady and RMBL
- Contracts with the United States Forest Service to apply remote sensing tools to environmental decision-making
- We are not being asked for ongoing funding commitments

This request will fund two RMBL scientists who will win federal grants and supervise Rady post-grads in efforts we believe will lead to annual funding for scientific work of \$5million-\$10million. The \$100K to Rady will fund the two Rady post-grads and Rady staff working on identified engineering projects coming out of the collaboration. The majority of this funding will remain in the valley and pay for scientists and engineers for their work.

This reallocation request will touch on these parts of TAPP's mission:

- Supporting Rady/Western
- Creating more high paying jobs in the valley
- Generating positive publicity for the Valley

It also recognizes TAPP's efforts to remain nimble and act quickly on new opportunities.

We recommend you leave TAPP with the \$150K unallocated at this time. There may be more opportunities for generating publicity, demands placed on us via the National Accelerator, or other opportunities that arise from these partnerships.

We hope you agree.

**AGENDA ITEM or FINAL CONTRACT REVIEW SUBMITTAL FORM**

**Agenda Item:** Veteran Service Officer Update

**Action Requested:** Discussion

**Parties to the Agreement:** Veterans Service Officer (VSO)

**Term Begins:**

**Term Ends:**

**Grant Contract #:**

**Summary:**

Stephen Otero will present a Veterans Service Officer annual update briefing

**Fiscal Impact:** 0

**Submitted by:** Joni Reynolds

**Submitter's Email Address:** jreynolds@gunnisoncounty.org

**Finance Review:**

Required

Not Required

Comments:

Reviewed by:

Discharge Date:

**County Attorney Review:**

Required

Not Required

Comments:

Reviewed by:

Discharge Date:

Certificate of Insurance Required

Yes  No

**County Manager Review:**

Comments:

Reviewed by: GUNCOUNTY1\mbirmie

Discharge Date: 1/31/2024

Consent Agenda

Regular Agenda

Worksession

Time Allotted: 30

Agenda Date: 2/13/2024

# VETERAN SERVICES

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GUNNISON COUNTY, COLORADO

STEVE OTERO



# VETERAN SERVICES

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2023-24 YTD

Cases Opened, Contested, Pending ALJ Review - 33

Events - 25 outreach, 3 with VA, monthly VA visits to American Legion from VA Denver Regional

Veteran population remains stable. New care contracts in fact finding stages within GVH and Palliative Care.

# VETERAN SERVICES

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- ▶ 2019 Gunnison County Vet Population – 759
- ▶ Total Expenditure - \$5,116,000
- ▶ Comp & Pen - \$2,565,000
- ▶ Education - \$434,000
- ▶ Medical Care - \$2,065,000
- ▶ Unique Patients – 224
- ▶ 2022 Gunnison County Vet Population – 812 (per VA, Census-890)
- ▶ Total Expenditure - \$5,186,000
- ▶ Comp & Pen - \$2,940,000
- ▶ Education - \$365,000
- ▶ Medical Care - \$1,864,000
- ▶ Unique Patients – 222
- ▶ 2024 Gunnison County Vet Population – 827 (per VA, Census-890, local data 900)
- ▶ Total Expenditure - \$5,977,000
- ▶ Comp & Pen - \$3,920,000
- ▶ Education - \$283,000
- ▶ Medical Care - \$2,266,000
- ▶ Unique Patients – 202

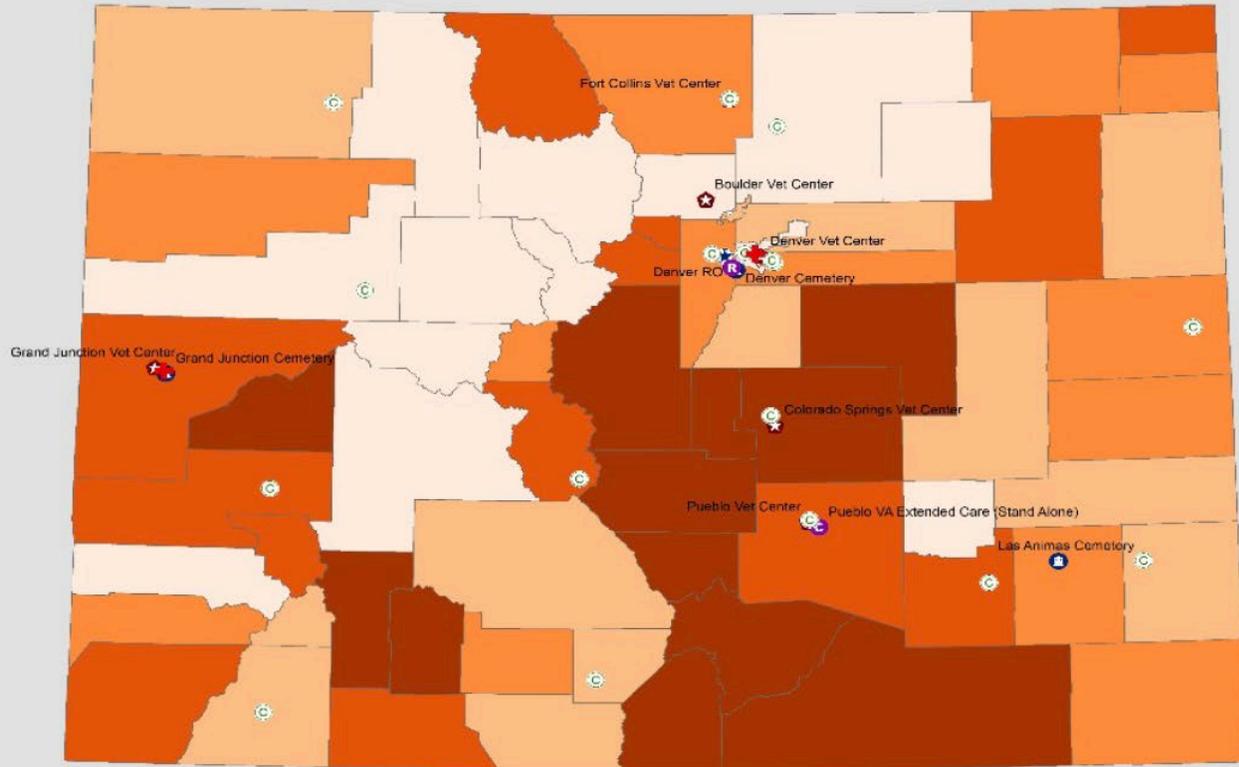
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- Ongoing need to reinvigorate American Legion building for the next generation, recent energy audit, accessible restroom completed, next phase will address audit items
- VA Mobile Medical Unit serving Gunnison and surrounding counties – Second Tues and Weds at GVH campus
- Continued support of federal legislative efforts which benefit rural veterans – “Task Force on Outdoor Recreation for Veterans” bi-monthly meetings in DC area
- S106 – “CVSO ACT” passed Senate unanimous consent – at desk in House



# Veterans as a Percent of County Population (FY2017): Colorado



- + VA Medical Center with Hospital Service
- + VA Medical Center without Hospital Service
- + VA Clinic
- C VA Extended Care (Stand Alone)
- R VA Residential Care (Stand Alone)
- ★ Vet Center
- ★ Regional Office
- C VA Cemetery

## Veteran Population Density by FY2017 County

- 2.80% - 5.64%
- 5.64% - 6.49%
- 6.49% - 7.61%
- 7.61% - 8.95%
- 8.95% - 14.28%

Colorado ranks #17 in total Veteran Population

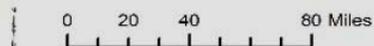
Veteran Population = 403,327

Sources: Population: VA Office of Data Governance and Analytics: VetPop2016 as of 9/30/2017, U.S. Census Bureau County Population Estimates 2017.

VHA Office of Policy and Planning: VAST data FY18Q2.

[National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics](#) [Contact us](#)

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## Discussion

Data sources are local collection, VA.gov, Census.gov