AGENDA ITEM or FINAL CONTRACT REVIEW SUBMITTAL FORM

Agenda Item: Correspondence; Amended Letter of Support; Office

Action Requested:

Parties to the Agreement:

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

Summary:

Letter of support for Somerset opportunity zone application.

Fiscal Impact:

Submitted by: Josh Ost **Submitter's Email Address:** jost@gunnisoncounty.org

Finance Review: ○ Required ◉ Not Required

Comments:

Reviewed by: Discharge Date:

County Attorney Review: ○ Required ◉ Not Required

Comments:

Reveiwed by: Discharge Date: Certificate of Insurance Required

Yes ○ No ○

County Manager Review:

Comments:

Reveiwed by: GUNCOUNTY1\mbirnie Discharge Date: 3/22/2018

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

Agenda Date: 3/27/2018

Revised April 2015

GUNNISON COUNTY, COLORADO
DELTA COUNTY, COLORADO

March 20, 2018
Michelle Haynes
Region 10
300 Cascade Ave Suite #1
Montrose, CO 81401

RE: Gunnison and Delta County Opportunity Zones—Amended Letter

Dear Michelle,

Gunnison and Delta Counties are submitting this joint letter to amend our previous submittals. Both of our respective counties feel that the Somerset area should be added to our original letter. Specifically we are requesting designation of Tract 08051963900 in Gunnison County be added. This census tract has a strong economic connection with Delta County and certainly falls within the distress area as the primary economic activity has been the coal mines.

In the last five years, Delta and Gunnison Counties have lost over 800 coal mining jobs and their families due to numerous factors. Adding this area to our previous submittals will allow for commercial infrastructure that already exists in the area to be re-purposed for sustained economic activity and benefit to both counties. In addition this designation will help attract investment into this region and add to the tools that our respective counties can use to diversify our economy.

If you have questions or would like to review our analysis, please reach out to Elyse Casselberry at 970-874-2105 or ecasselberry@deltacounty.com.

Sincerely,

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Doug Atchley, Board Chair
Delta Board of Commissioners

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Phil Chamberland, Board Chair
Gunnison Board of Commissioners