AGENDA ITEM or FINAL CONTRACT REVIEW SUBMITTAL FORM

Agenda Item: STOR Corps

Action Requested: Motion

Parties to the Agreement:

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

Summary:

Review of STOR Corps proposal and budget

Fiscal Impact: 45000

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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: Discharge Date: 6/12/2020

○ Consent Agenda ◉ Regular Agenda ○ Worksession Time Allotted: 15

Agenda Date: 6/16/2020

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To: BOCC

From: Cathie Pagano and Joe Lavorini, Stewardship Coordinator

Date: June 12, 2020

Re: STOR Corps proposal

Background

The Gunnison County Department of Community and Economic Development is leading the development of a "Civilian Conservation Corps" (CCC) for Gunnison County – aka the Gunnison County STOR Corps (GCSC). The GCSC will address the following two objectives:

1) To offer local, urgent, seasonal employment opportunities in the wake of the economic crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, and
2) To proactively address the increased impacts on natural resources and recreation infrastructure on public lands in Gunnison County.

The Gunnison County Department of Community and Economic Development proposes to partner with the National Forest Foundation to implement the program. The two organizations have worked together on various land conservation and sustainable recreation issues over the last three years, including the development of the Gunnison Stewardship Fund and the recent hiring of a Gunnison County Stewardship Coordinator. The Stewardship Coordinator will be responsible for managing the GCSC program, and the Sustainable Tourism and Outdoor Recreation (STOR) Committee will provide valuable input on the structure and work plan of the GCSC. Work would be completed in collaboration with other stakeholders such as Crested Butte Conservation Corps and Gunnison Trails.

Proposed Program Structure

The GCSC would employ ten crewmembers for approximately 40 hours per week, for approximately twelve weeks (anticipated field season of June 29th through September 18th). The crew will focus on various natural resource stewardship projects including public outreach, infrastructure maintenance, and restoration throughout the Gunnison Valley. The GCSC will work in coordination with the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and National Park Service to identify areas of high impact and use that require maintenance and mitigation. The GCSC will also provide a physical presence during high use times to provide education and outreach.

The following is a list of potential work locations and tasks:

- Leave No Trace outreach at high-use locations.
- Designated campsite construction.

- Taylor Park illegal road decommissioning and restoration.
- Gunnison Basin Wet Meadow and Riparian Habitat Restoration Project - focusing on volunteer-led work events to build and rebuild riparian rock structures to improve habitat for the Gunnison sage-grouse.
- Forest health projects (fuels mitigation and thinning).
- Installation of educational kiosks along the Gunnison River.
- Tree planting on the Gunnison National Forest.
- Musician's Camp fencing.

Volunteer Stewardship

The GCSC will also include a volunteer stewardship component. Crewmembers will actively recruit volunteers to assist with outreach and serve as ambassadors at high-use campgrounds and day-use areas.

Draft Budget

The GCSC is envisioned as a short-term, seasonal approach to land stewardship and economic recovery. The proposal aligns with the scope of work approved as part of the GOCO Stewardship Impact grant. Staff proposes a general draft budget overview but will need to work through additional detail to provide a detailed budget.

REVENUE	Amount Requested		Total Funding
Gunnison County BOCC			$ 45,000
National Forest Foundation	$ 51,000		$ 35,000
TAPP	$ 5,000		$ 5,000
Great Outdoors Colorado Grant	$ 30,000		$ 20,000
TOTAL SOURCES OF FUNDS	**$ 86,000**	**$ -**	
			$ 105,000
EXPENSES	**Cost**	**Quantity**	**Total**
Crew Leader (40 hours/week @$20/hr)-12 weeks	$ 9,600	2	$ 19,200
Crew (40 hours/week @$15/hr)-12 weeks	$ 7,200	8	$ 57,600
Payroll Taxes	$ 6,000		$ 6,000
Signs	$ 1,000		$ 1,000
Uniforms	$ 1,000		$ 1,000
Tools, Supplies, Training, Phones/Radios	$ 10,000		$ 10,000
Misc	$ 1,380		$ 1,380
Vehicle Fuel ($120/vehicle)	$ 360	12	$ 4,320
Vehicle Rental (3 vehicles/week @$125/week)	$ 375	12	$ 4,500
SUB-TOTAL			**$ 105,000**
TOTAL EXPENSES			**$ 105,000**