AGENDA ITEM or FINAL CONTRACT REVIEW SUBMITTAL FORM

Agenda Item: COVID-19 Recovery Update

Action Requested: Discussion

Parties to the Agreement:

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

Summary:

Discussion of proposed allocation of CO Protect our Neighbor grant funds.

Fiscal Impact:

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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: GUNCOUNTY1\mbirnie Discharge Date: 11/6/2020

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

Agenda Date: 11/10/2020

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From: Cathie Pagano, Director of Community and Economic Development

Date: October 30, 2020

Re: Protect our Neighbor Implementation Grant Allocation

Gunnison County has been awarded $300,000 for the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment *"Protect Our Neighbor" implementation grant*.

As a reminder we utilized the $141,826.93 balance of the pooled CARES money as a match for the grant and $8,173.07 of the County's own CARES funds to come up with a total match of $150,000.

Recovery has collaborated and also worked with the Incident Command team to recommend the following allocation of funds:

Activity	Partner	Allocation
Additional Testing Capacity and vaccination supplies.	GVH, HHS	$28,000
Purchase 169 HEPA air filters for distribution to businesses and community organizations.	Gunnison County to purchase and distribute	$152,800
Emergency Operations technology and equipment (i.e. audio, video, computers)	Emergency Operations Center	$10,000
Communications (printing, advertising, video)	Gunnison County PIO	$15,834
Food support for vulnerable populations	Gunnison County Food Pantry	$42,000
Early childhood support	Early Childhood Providers	$30,366
Mental Health Support services	Gunnison Valley Health	$21,000
Total		**$300,000**

COVID Testing

After discussion with Joni Reynolds and Incident Command, we recommend funding testing costs to

accommodate increased needs. The allocation is based on the average number of tests occurring over a three week period (testing occurs 5 days/week). This support will help offset the costs that are incurred by GVH now that the State is not processing community testing at the State lab. Funds also include purchase of vaccination supplies such as needles, syringes, PPE, etc. for a future covid vaccine.

Air Filters

Please note that Gunnison County did already purchase 175 HEPA air filters for distribution to businesses and community organizations. The original allotment of 175 will be distributed this week to all restaurants, bars, churches, gyms, personal service businesses, healthcare businesses because they were identified as the highest risk categories. Those air filters will also be deployed to the 4-way stop transit center in Crested Butte, the transit center in Mt. Crested Butte, and libraries. The air filters that are proposed to be purchased with the grant/shared funds and will be distributed to the remaining businesses and organizations that have applied for a filter such as offices, manufacturers, municipal offices, and any that may have missed the first application round. We have not purchased replacement filters for the units because the filters last approximately two years and the cost of replacement is $60. We have also included a 10% contingency purchase of additional filters to cover any entities that may have missed the application period or for any units that are damaged over the coming months.

Emergency Operations Technology

The Emergency Operations Center has requested funding support for the purchase of audio, video and computers. The EOC has been borrowing equipment from the ICELab and it is important the EOC be well-equipped.

Communications

We have included additional funding for communications for purchase of ads, printing of additional signage, and the development of an inspiration video series. We recommend the development of the video series to help inspire our community members and businesses to continue to stay the course of compliance and help keep our community safe and open.

Food Support

We recommend providing additional funding support for the Gunnison County Food Pantry. Katie Dix, Executive Director has provided detailed information describing the gaps and needs that are upcoming for the remainder of 2020 and also expenditures back to March. Our community members have had an increased need for food supplement from the Food Pantry and Health and Human Services. This funding will allow the Food Pantry to continue to provide high quality food for individuals and families in need.

Early Childcare Support

The Early Childcare Council (ECC) has proposed providing funding support to early childhood care providers. The ECC has obtained information from each of the providers, including in-home providers, which identifies the tuition that has not been paid in 2020 since March. We recommend providing the below funding to the childcare providers to cover the costs related to unpaid tuition. The funding will also relieve parents of the back-tuition owed to the provider.

TOTAL REQUESTED FOR EACH LICENSED CENTER	
Tenderfoot	$7,200
Seasons	$3,000
Lake	$5,348
Little Red	$1,380
Paradise Place	$6,840
Stepping Stones	$2,448

In-Home Providers	$3,750
TOTAL	**$30,366**

Mental Health Support

We recommend support for funding of mental health services through Gunnison Valley Health and CB State of Mind. The proposed funding will distribute scholarships to community members in need of mental health services. Individuals can received up to seven sessions ($100/session).

Funds will be distributed as follows: $6,000 to CB State of Mind and $15,000 to GVH.

CB State of Mind has been successful at dispersing 37 scholarships to community members in need over the past six months. They are connecting individuals to resources and we should continue to support that resource. The GVH Peer Support Specialists often are "first responders" to community members who need behavioral health assistance and are a trusted resources. By providing GVH with scholarship to connect individuals we are eliminating barriers to accessing care. These are often individuals who are in crisis or need acute behavioral health care and expediting the process to getting services will be hugely beneficial.

We appreciate your timely response. It is critical that we purchase the next round of air filters ASAP because they are becoming are harder to obtain. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Thank you for your consideration.