

**M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** Honorable Chair and Members of the Board of County Commissioners

**FROM:** Joe Kerby, County Manager

**RE:** Gateway to the Rockies Opioid Council Grant – Housing, Economic and Employment Services (HEES) Division – Human Services Department

**Date:** 4/8/2025

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**Staff Recommendation:** That the Board of County Commissioners (a) authorizes the Business & Workforce Center to apply for and, if awarded, accept a grant from the Gateway to the Rockies Opioid Council in an amount of up to \$1,200,000 over three years; (b) authorizes the Executive Director of Human Services to sign a grant agreement with the Gateway to the Rockies Opioid Council for these funds, following approval as to form by the County Attorney’s Office; and (c) directs that any grant funds awarded be included in a supplemental appropriation to Human Services’ budget.

**Resolution No: CC25-092**

**Background:** The Jefferson County Business & Workforce Center started the Behavioral Health Sector Partnership in 2024 in coordination with Boulder and Broomfield Workforce Centers. The Behavioral Health Sector Partnership brings together industry and education partners to address the most critical needs facing this sector. The top priority is addressing the talent shortages, training, and retention strategies. This is the only Behavioral Health Sector Partnership in the greater metro area. The Business & Workforce Center serves Jefferson, Clear Creek and Gilpin counties.

**Fiscal Impact:**  **yes**  **no**

- Year(s) of impact: 2025-2027
- Existing grant or project: No
- New grant or project: Yes

- Requested in adopted budget: No
- Ongoing or one-time: One-time, with the goal of ongoing if available.
- General Fund impact: No
- Staffing impact: No
- Match requirements: N/A
- Mandate/Contractual obligation: No

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