

Agenda Item 1.2.1

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BRIEFING PAPER

Topic: Approval to Accept Accelerator Advisory Group Incentive Funds

Presented by: Mary C. Berg, Human Services Department Executive Director

Date: 4/29/2025

☐ For Information

☒ For Discussion/Board Direction

☐ Consent to
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Issue: The Jefferson County Human Services Department seeks authorization from the Board of County Commissioners to accept incentive funds in an amount of up to \$15,000 from Gary Community Ventures in exchange for participation in the Accelerator Advisory Group.

Background: Gary Community Ventures issued a request for proposals inviting counties interested in maximizing public benefit utilization to join a cohort of their peers to explore collaborative solutions. This innovation cohort will consist of smaller, rural counties. To support this effort, Gary Community Ventures would also like to form an 'Accelerator Advisory Group,' composed of four larger metro area counties. This group will advise the innovation cohort on developing solutions that are adaptable, feasible, and scalable within large, complex health and human service systems. Jefferson County Human Services has been identified as a valuable partner, and Gary Community Ventures has requested the department's participation in the Accelerator Advisory Group.

Discussion: The Accelerator Advisory Group requires a one-year commitment from two Human Services staff members, who would provide strategic guidance and participate in scheduled, facilitated discussions with the innovation cohort.

Fiscal Impact: ☒ yes ☐ no

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

- New grant or project: Yes
- Requested in adopted budget: No
- Ongoing or one-time: One-time
- General Fund impact: N/A
- Staffing impact: No
- Match requirements: No
- Mandate/Contractual obligation: No

SPA Review: Support with no concerns, Sherry Wilger 4/17/25

County Attorney Review: Support with no concerns, Jean Biondi, 4/18/25

Facilities Review: Does not apply/no fiscal impact, Mark Danner, 4/17/25

BIT Review: Does not apply/no fiscal impact, Kara Dorobek, 4/17/25

Fleet Review: Does not apply/no fiscal impact, Janice Mayer, 4/17/25

County Human Resources Review (new FTE only): N/A

Recommendations: That the Board of County Commissioners (a) authorizes the Human Services Department to accept up to \$15,000 from Gary Community Ventures as an incentive payment for participation in the Accelerator Advisory Group; and (b) directs that any incentive funds awarded be included in a supplemental appropriation to Human Services' budget.

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