

Agenda Item 1.2

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BRIEFING PAPER

Topic: RESTORE Grant – Amended Agreement – Open Space

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Date: 10/15/2024

For Information

For Discussion/Board Direction

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Issue:

Jefferson County Open Space (JCOS) staff requests approval from the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) for the Chair to execute Amendments One and Two to the Contract Between Larimer County and Jefferson County Open Space.

Background:

The RESTORE Colorado Program (Restoration and Stewardship of Outdoor Resources and the Environment) employs a collaborative funding model to support large-scale habitat restoration and stewardship projects across public and private lands. The program is administered by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF).

Larimer County was the applicant for the RESTORE grant awarded in 2022 and JCOS was a subrecipient.

Discussion:

The original Agreement dated August 30, 2022 (attached as Exhibit A to Amendment One to the Contract) for \$26,250 identified Jefferson County as one of the recipients of a grant from NFWF to restore winter habitat needed for elk and mule deer. Larimer County and Jefferson County are requesting an amendment to the original contract to increase the grant to Jefferson County by \$20,625 for a total award of \$46,875.

In the original Agreement, it was agreed that Larimer County's portion of the NFWF grant was not to exceed \$161,625. The original Agreement between Jefferson County and Larimer County requires the mutual consent of Colorado Parks and Wildlife, City of Fort Collins, Boulder County, Jefferson County, and Larimer County in order to increase Larimer County's overall contribution under the Agreement between Larimer County and Jefferson County. The purpose of this Amendment is to increase the total Agreement dollar amount to be contributed by Larimer County to \$171,675.00.

The additional funds coming to JCOS and Larimer County (\$20,625 to JCOS and \$10,050 to Larimer County) are coming from funds Boulder County is unable to use. There are no additional match requirements.

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

Under Amendment One, JCOS will receive an additional \$20,625 in grant funds. The original match was \$9,616; no additional matching funds are required. Amendment Two has no fiscal impact.

- Year of impact: 2024-2026
- TABOR impact: None
- Existing grant or project: None
- New grant or project: None
- Requested in adopted budget: No
- Ongoing or one-time: One-time
- General Fund impact: None
- Staffing impact: N/A
- ARPA impact: No
- Match requirements: 25% of project cost
- Mandate/Contractual obligation: Cooperative agreement between NRCS and JCOS

Revenue Limits Impact: **yes** **no**

SPA Review: Support, no concerns

County Attorney Review: Anthony Chambers, October 7, 2024

Facilities Review: No fiscal impact

BIT Review: No fiscal impact

Fleet Review: No fiscal impact

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

Recommendations:

That the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) consider authorizing the Chair to execute Amendments One and Two of the Contract between Larimer County and Jefferson County and supporting a supplemental budget increase of up to \$21,000 at a future hearing.

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