

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Joe Kerby, County Manager

RE: Proposition 123 Grant Application

Date: 10/22/2024

Staff Recommendation:

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2022, the Colorado State Legislature added article 32, 29-32-103(2) creating the State Affordable Housing Fund and,

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado, Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) was appointed to administer a grant program under the State Affordable Housing Fund and,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) authorizes the Jefferson County Department of Human Services Executive Director to sign the DOLA grant in an amount up to \$250,000 to fund a staff position for 1-2 years to comply with Proposition 123, as approved as to form by the County Attorney's Office.

Resolution: CC24-322

Background: The County's commitment to Proposition 123 requires establishing an expedited review process for affordable housing development and creating 502 new units over the next three years. Additionally, the successful implementation of the County's 15-Year Housing Plan will be critical. However, current staffing levels are insufficient to fully achieve these goals.

To address this, the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) is offering Proposition 123 funds to support staffing for affordable housing initiatives. The County's application will request up to \$250,000 to fund a staff position for 1-2 years, depending on the award. This position would be shared between Housing Employment and Economic Services (HEES) and Planning and Zoning, working closely with the Human Services and

Development & Transportation Departments. The staff member would oversee joint initiatives and ensure housing policies align with the Comprehensive Plan, 15-Year Housing Plan, Housing Blueprint, 5-Year Consolidated Plan, and other County and municipal objectives.

Fiscal Impact: Up to \$250,000 impact to the county's revenue limits

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