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RE: Request for an EIAF Administrative Planning Grant for the 2024 Housing Needs Assessment

Patrick,

We are writing to you today to request your consideration of an administrative planning grant for an update to our regional housing needs assessment which was last completed in 2018.

With the continued growth of our area, including the significant impacts of the COVID pandemic, we have observed incredible changes to the housing markets within our region. As our needs for affordable and attainable housing were already significant and have seemingly only become more acute throughout the past five years, conducting this study will provide an enhanced picture of community need and allow us to plan our individual and collective efforts more effectively as we forge ahead.

The partners to this effort have agreed in principle within our last joint board meeting held on November 6, 2023, and have developed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) for cooperation on this effort. As part, the lead agency will be the San Miguel Regional Housing Authority (SMRHA) and the partner governments will create an advisory board to work on this effort.

Our Budget is currently \$98,500 broken down with contributions from each member organization and the Department of Local Affairs as follows:

Partner	Contribution
San Miguel County	\$ 24,625
Town of Mountain Village	\$ 24,625
Town of Telluride	\$ 24,625
DOLA EIAF Admin Grant	\$ 24,625
TOTAL	\$ 98,500

These amounts reflect the joint commitment of each of our communities knowing we each have many challenging and capital intensive efforts and projects ongoing and in the near future.

We are currently finalizing the previously mentioned MOU and initiating our request for proposals (RFP) process to identify and select a proven organization which has the expertise and experience in completing Housing Needs Assessments to meet our broad community needs. With that understanding, we are hopeful to complete the RFP process within the next two months, then proceed through the study with a goal of project completion in the early fall of 2024. We feel this

timeframe will provide appropriate expediency to complete the effort while also allowing time to conduct the research that will be needed.

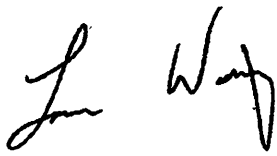
We are hopeful you will look upon our request favorably, as our community need for housing is great, as have our previous partnerships with the Department of Local Affairs. Our hard rock mining legacy and broad community resources helped to build our region, and through our partnerships to understand and plan, we hope to continue to thrive as a community for all of our residents. If there are any questions or concerns regarding this request please don't hesitate to reach out and I will work to address them.

Thank you for your consideration and support!

Best Regards,



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SMRHA Manager



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