



Memo

To: City Council

From: Shannon Scott, Economic Development Manager

Date: 1/2/2023

Re: Northwest Colorado Development Council OJT Staffing Capacity Grant Matching Funds

In June of 2021, the regional partners of the Northwest Colorado Development Council (NWCDC) applied for a Rural Resiliency and Recovery Roadmaps (REDI) grant through the Department of Local Affairs. The grant assisted with hiring Upsize Marketing Strategies which provided a contracted project manager and administrative assistant to work on economic development, project development and coordinated regional planning for the NWCDC for approximately two years. As the original contract neared expiration at the end of 2023, the NWCDC partners applied for a grant through the Office of Just Transition for the continuation of additional regional staff capacity for 2 more years. The NWCDC partners were informed in December of 2023, that they were awarded the grant in the amount of \$430,135 from the Office of Just Transition to continue these efforts. Because of the pending status of the grant award during the 2023 City of Craig's budget sessions, the grant matching dollars were not included in the budget for 2024.

As part of the grant requirements, a match is required from each of the NWCDC regional partnering entities. The matching structure below is what is being recommended by the NWCDC, (with the \$8,000 being asked from the City of Craig) and is based off of the same structure that was utilized for the original REDI grant in 2021.

Cost match based on REDI grant local match	breakdown per County/municipality
Yampa	\$200.00
Oak Creek	\$200.00
Rangely	\$1,085.00
Meeker	\$1,085.00
Hayden	\$1,085.00
City of Craig	\$8,000.00
Moffat County	\$8,000.00
Rio Blanco County	\$8,000.00
Routt County	\$15,000.00
City of Steamboat Springs	\$15,000.00
	\$57,655.00