



MEMORANDUM

TO: Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Larry Walton (Finance Advisor)

SUBMISSION DATE: February 11, 2021

RE: Consideration and Approval of an Application for a DOLA Grant to Finish Construction of a Third Courtroom and a Commons Room

BOCC MEETING DATE: February 16, 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY/BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On January 19, 2021, the Board considered and approved making a request to convert a DOLA “design” grant into a grant for “construction” of a third courtroom and a commons room within the Court Facility currently being constructed. While that request was quickly approved by DOLA, the amount approved was only enough to shell out the two rooms.

Since construction crews are already mobilized and present, the total cost to finish these rooms will be less if the work can be scheduled soon. Yet, funding is short to cover the cost.

Staff would like to submit another grant application to DOLA, this time to help cover the costs of finishing those two rooms.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

The total expected cost to finish the two rooms is currently being estimated and will be added to the grant application when the amount is finalized. The County request will be for 50% of that cost, being the maximum share DOLA will consider. The County its share to be less than \$100,000 and will cover that out of the 2021 “contingency” budget within the Justice System Capital Fund.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval to submit the attached grant application to DOLA, ahead of their March 1, 2021 deadline.

ALTERNATIVES: N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Grant Application