

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT – SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-03

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE FY 2025 USDA RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE REGIONAL AGRICULTURE INCUBATOR & TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, San Juan County is committed to fostering sustainable economic development, workforce opportunities, and the growth of small and emerging businesses in our rural communities; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2025 USDA Rural Business Development Grant provides funding support for public bodies to assist rural businesses in areas with high unemployment and persistent poverty; and

WHEREAS, the County has prepared a grant application for \$75,000 to launch and implement the Regional Agriculture Incubator & Technology Innovation Initiative based at the Nuuva Business Hub in White Mesa, Utah, which aims to support rural entrepreneurs and improve food security, business development, and job creation; and

WHEREAS, this initiative directly supports county-wide goals of agricultural resilience, economic mobility, Indigenous agricultural preservation, and youth workforce development; and

WHEREAS, the project will support at least 15 small and emerging rural businesses and is projected to create or save a total of 60 jobs across the Four Corners region; and

WHEREAS, this program will be managed by the San Juan County Economic Development Department in alignment with existing strategic plans and in collaboration with local, tribal, and state partners;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the San Juan County Commission does hereby fully support the submission of the FY 2025 USDA Rural Business Development Grant application and affirms its commitment to the implementation and long-term sustainability of the Regional Agriculture Incubator & Technology Innovation Initiative.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of April, 2025.

San Juan County Board of Commissioners

Silvia Stubbs, Chair

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Lori Maughan, Vice-Chair

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Jamie Harvey, Commissioner

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ATTEST:

Mack McDonald

Mack McDonald, County Administrator