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Arapahoe County

Board of County Commissioners Study Session

Meeting Minute Summaries

Monday, July 1, 2024
9:00 AM

Administration Building
5334 S. Prince St.
Littleton, CO 80120
West Hearing Room

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Commissioners Present

Carrie Warren-Gully
Jeff Baker
Jessica Campbell
Leslie Summey
Bill Holen

Others Present

Ron Carl
John Christofferson
Michelle Halstead
Melissa Valentine
Todd Weaver
Kim Williams
Sandra Bottoms
Michele Frishman
Anna Miller
Philip Savino

9:00 AM Calendar and Board Updates

Michelle Halstead, Director, Commissioners' Office

11:30 AM E-Team Chair Update

Todd Weaver, Finance Director, E-Team Chair

Kim Williams, Chief Deputy, Treasurer's Office, E-Team Vice Chair

12:00 PM BREAK

STUDY SESSION TOPICS

1:00 PM *2024 Open Space Grant Award Recommendations

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)
[2024 Grant Ranking + Recommendations](#)
[OSTAB Recommendation - 2024 Grant Awards](#)

The purpose of this study session was to present the OSTAB/staff joint recommendation regarding 2024 Open Space grant awards and request BOCC consideration of the recommendation to fund nine standard grants, one small grant, and six planning grants totaling \$5,493,576 as presented on the attached 2024 Open Space Grants ranking sheet.

A PowerPoint presentation was presented, a copy of which has been retained for the record.

Background of the Open Space Grant Program, including the Arapahoe County Open Space Sales and Use Tax, was presented. \$5.5 million were allocated for grants in 2024.

An overview of the Grant Cycle was presented.

Charts of Standard Grants, Small Grants, and Planning Grants (including the applicant, project name, grant request, and final ranking) were listed. Applicants that were not recommended for funding were reviewed.

Recommended Standard Grants, Small Grants, and Planning Grants were presented.

The 2024 Grant Cycle Outcomes were presented.

Map of the grant project distribution was displayed.

The Joint Recommendation was presented. In June 2024, OSTAB and Open Spaces staff recommended to the BOCC approval of funding for nine standard grants, one small grant, and six planning grant, totaling \$5,493,576.

Commissioner asked question about electronic playground components.

5-0 in favor to move recommendations forward to consent agenda.

1:30 PM *Aid to Agencies Mid-Year Update: Comitis Crisis Center

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)
[Presentation](#)

The purpose of this study session was for Comitis Crisis Center to provide a mid-year update regarding their 2024 Aid to Agencies award.

A PowerPoint presentation was presented, a copy of which has been retained for the record.

An overview of the Comitis Crisis Center, including key successes and accomplishments, was presented.

A chart listing demographics was presented.

The Aid to Agency funding uses, including new furniture, IT upgrades, general repairs and maintenance, and staff training were reviewed.

Anticipated challenges, including funding amount reduction and retaining staff, were discussed.

Staff asked questions about the future of the Comitis Crisis Center with the current anticipated challenges.

Staff discussed funding challenges and the impact to the Comitis Crisis Center.

Presentation concluded without vote.

2:00 PM *State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program CrowdStrike Grant

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)
[Grant Evaluation Form](#)
[Grant Application](#)

The purpose of this study session was to discuss the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program for CrowdStrike Falcon Complete, a Managed Detection and Response (MDR) System to detect and mitigate cybersecurity threats.

Background of the request was presented.

Staff presented the details of the cyber security grant that is being managed by the Colorado Division of Homeland Security and is co-shared with the Colorado Office of Information Technology.

The purpose is to fund as many local governments as possible Managed Detection and Response System to detect and mitigate cybersecurity threats.

The County current uses a free service through Microsoft 365 Defender which does not have the capabilities as CrowdStrike. CrowdStrike offers protection from ransomware and malware. The grant would supply Arapahoe County with 2,768 CrowdStrike agents for ACG workstations and 354 CrowdStrike agents for ACG Servers.

Staff stated the grant is due July 9, 2024, and recipients will be notified on July 27, 2024. The first-round recipients will receive CrowdStrike in August 2024.

Staff asked questions regarding future funding needed by Arapahoe County to maintain CrowdStrike. Staff indicated CrowdStrike is a subscription and if necessary, Arapahoe County could switch back to Microsoft 365 Defender.

Commissioner asked question about the increase of cybersecurity attacks. IT staff indicated that the sophistication of cyber-attacks is increasing.

Commissioner asked finance staff if they feel comfortable with staff applying for the grant and what Arapahoe County would be financially responsible for. IT staff stated the quote was \$155,000 to put CrowdStrike on all County endpoints and servers. Arapahoe County would be responsible for 30% of the fee. It is necessary to reapply for the grant each year through October 2027. Staff indicated, if necessary, Arapahoe County could switch back to Microsoft 365 Defender.

5-0 in favor to apply for the grant.

2:15 PM *Executive Session

Executive Session and County Attorney Administrative Meeting [Section 24-6-402(4)(b)C.R.S.](As required by law, specific agenda topics will be announced in open meeting prior to the commencement of the closed and confidential portion of this session)

Ron Carl, County Attorney

The motion was made by Commissioner Summey and duly seconded by Commissioner Holen that the Board go into executive session pursuant to section 24-6-402(4)(3) of the Colorado Revised Statutes to instructed negotiators regarding a collective bargaining agreement for the Sheriff's Office, and also pursuant to section 24-6-402(4)(b) of the Colorado Revised Statutes, to receive legal advice regarding the following:

- 1. A petition for collective bargaining unit election filed by AFSCME;**
- 2. Adoption and enforcement of parking restrictions;**
- 3. Oil and gas permit requirements;**
- 4. Adding defendants to opioid litigation;**
- 5. Response to the Noah Graf claim;**
- 6. A conflict of interest waiver from Davis, Graham and Stubbs; and**
- 7. Sensitive places gun legislation.**

The motion passed 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned.

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