



AGENDA ACTION ITEM

DATE: 2024-08-12
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: County Manager Dan Reyes
ITEM TITLE: **Action Item – Grant Proposal SS4A Supplementary**

Summary:

This action item is for the Board to consider a supplementary Safe Streets and Roads for All grant proposal to address wildlife-vehicle Collisions.

Teton County has been awarded an initial Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) to develop a safety action plan for the County’s traffic corridors. On July 22nd, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners (the Board, BoCC), finalized the grant agreement with the FHWA and will begin work once the signed agreement is returned.

The Board also determined that it would like to pursue a supplementary SS4A grant to specifically address wildlife-vehicle collisions (WVCs). To help write a successful grant application, Teton County, Idaho, entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with High Country Resource Conservation and Development Area (High Country RC&D) for a grant writer at \$40/hr. So far, High Country RC&D has worked 12 hours or \$480.

Based on the research done by the grant writer, Pam Herdrich, and County staff, Teton County has determined that it will need to request a minimum of \$300,000 with a 20% grant match, or \$60,000, which can include in-kind contributions. In-kind contributions are non-monetary contributions and include staff (salary and benefits) and volunteer time.

Sponsor’s & Benefactors:

This grant would help reduce the number of serious and fatal WVCs experienced in Teton County resulting in “complete” streets that are safe for motorized & non-motorized traffic, and wildlife, an important resource in Teton County.

Fiscal Impact:

The Fiscal Year 2025 budget is almost finalized, and \$60,000 for a SS4A supplementary grant has not been included. The County budgeted \$30,000 for the initial SS4A grant match, of which only \$20,000 are needed. Considering the County’s initial award is only \$100,000, the entire \$30,000 will be needed for the first grant.

If the supplementary grant is awarded, Teton County would have 5 years to expend the funds, and could budget for the match in FY26.

Attachments:

*SS4A Supplementary Grant Narrative
Teton County Grant Proposal Form*



SUGGESTED MOTION:

Approve the Grant Proposal Form for a supplementary Safe Streets and Roads for All