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Executive Director | Evan Williams

September 10, 2025

Esperanza Lucero, Behavioral Health Investment and Reform Administrator
Administrative Office of the Courts
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RE: District 11 Behavioral Health Regional Planning Grant Application
San Juan and McKinley Counties of Northwest New Mexico

Dear Esperanza Lucero:

Here is our application for your review in terms of applying for District 11 Behavioral Health Regional Planning Grant.

Letter of Commitment: This letter stands as our letter of commitment from the Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments as the accountable entity. The COG agrees to parameters set below and believe our experience in this space and in these ways has been demonstrated well and is respected by communities of interest:

It is important to emphasize that the selected entity will not be responsible for designing the regional plan itself. Instead, its role will be to coordinate the planning process, ensuring broad participation, facilitating communication, and managing the logistical requirements of this effort. The planning must be conducted in a way that is inclusive, respectful, and transparent, so that the voices of municipalities, counties, and tribal governments are all heard and valued.

List of Counties and Tribal Governments Represented:

- McKinley County
- San Juan County
- Navajo Nation
- Pueblo of Zuni
- Ramah Navajo

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Letter of Support from each County Manager within the Behavioral Health Region: See attached.

Identification of in-kind funding:

- Health Council funding
- Governmental Results & Opportunity Fund (GRO) funding & Capacity Building funding
- Use of meeting space and governmental staff support
- Access to technology platforms and other in-kind support for events

Budget:

Budget Items	Grant Funding	In-kind Options	Budget Amount
1. Establish a Regional Stakeholder Planning Committee	\$15,000	\$3,750	\$18,750
2. Community Outreach	\$5,000	\$1,250	\$6,250
3. Regional Behavioral Health Plan	\$25,000	\$6,250	\$31,250
Total	\$45,000	\$11,250	\$55,250

Budget Items	Item #1	Item #2	Item #3	Total
Personnel	\$4,000	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$10,000
Travel	\$1,500	\$500	\$0	\$2,000
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies	\$500	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,000
Contractual	\$12,500	\$3,250	\$26,000	\$40,750
Construction	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$500
Total	\$18,750	\$6,250	\$31,250	\$55,250

Again, we stand fully in support of this project and will be here as a partner to make it successful for the region.

Sincerely,



Evan Williams
Executive Director

Terri Fortner
Chair

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Member

Gary McDaniel
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September 9, 2025

To: Esperanza Lucero, Administrative Office of the Courts

Re: Letter of Support for Regional Accountable Lead, Behavioral Health Investment and Reform Act (BHRIA)

Dear Administrative Office of the Courts,

As County Manager of San Juan County, I am pleased to express support for Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments (NWNMCOG) to serve as the Accountable Lead for our behavioral health region under BHRIA.

We believe NWNMCOG is well-positioned to:

- Coordinate regional planning efforts in collaboration with counties, tribes, and local governments.
- Facilitate SIM/E-SIM mapping and identify service gaps.
- Engage stakeholders across health, justice, and community sectors.
- Support the development of a strong, community-driven behavioral health plan.

For these reasons, San Juan County endorses NWNMCOG as the regional Accountable Lead and looks forward to partnering in the implementation of BHRIA.

Sincerely,

Mike Stark
San Juan County Manager



September 10, 2025

To: Esperanza Lucero, Administrative Office of the Courts

Re: Letter of Support for Regional Accountable Lead, Behavioral Health Investment and Reform Act (BHRIA)

Dear Administrative Office of the Courts,

As County Manager of McKinley County, I am pleased to express support for Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments (NWNMCOG) to serve as the Accountable Lead for our behavioral health region under BHRIA.

We believe NWNMCOG is well-positioned to:

- Coordinate regional planning efforts in collaboration with counties, tribes, and local governments.
- Facilitate SIM/E-SIM mapping and identify service gaps.
- Engage stakeholders across health, justice, and community sectors.
- Support the development of a strong, community-driven behavioral health plan.

For these reasons, McKinley County endorses NWNMCOG as the regional Accountable Lead and looks forward to partnering in the implementation of BHRIA.

Sincerely,

Anthony Dimas, Jr.
County Manager, McKinley County