

January 31, 2023

Rick M. Garcia  
Executive Director  
Colorado Department of Local Affairs  
1313 Sherman Street, Suite #518  
Denver, CO 80203

RE: Yampa Valley Housing Authority Grant Request for Brown Ranch Development

Dear Mr. Garcia,

The Routt County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) wishes to express its strong support of the Yampa Valley Housing Authority's \$10,000,000 grant request to the DOH Transformational Affordable Housing, Homeownership, and Workforce Housing Grant Program. This project is for the design of infrastructure that will serve Neighborhood "A" of Brown Ranch, as well as construction of on-site infrastructure improvements for the first three blocks of Neighborhood A, which will contain approximately 160 housing units. The BCC understands the critical need for housing in Routt County and recognizes the unique opportunity to invest in a long-term solution at Brown Ranch.

On August 23, 2022, the BCC unanimously approved a \$1,000,000 contribution to support detailed infrastructure design for Phase 1A of the Brown Ranch development, which includes Neighborhood A. This contribution is intended to serve as a catalyst for the design process, a local cash match for this grant request, and to demonstrate a vote of confidence in this project to our community and beyond.

Additionally, YVHA is strongly considering a community geothermal system at Brown Ranch, and the system design and construction is included in its grant request. YVHA is pursuing an all-electric development, pending success with geothermal funding. The Brown Ranch development presents an opportunity to serve as a model for sustainable development in mountain towns, focused on the cleanest energy that is economically viable. As such, it will reduce carbon emissions and advance the goals of the Climate Action Plan, which is the result of a joint effort between Routt County, the City of Steamboat Springs, and the Towns of Hayden, Oak Creek, and Yampa.

We encourage you to join Routt County in supporting this next critical step in the Brown Ranch development process and building sustainable, affordable housing for our local workforce.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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Chair, Routt County Board of County Commissioners

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