

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 Mid Valley Project

Dear Mr. Garcia,

The Routt County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) strongly supports the Yampa Valley Housing Authority's \$10,000,000 grant request to the DOH Transformational Affordable Housing, Homeownership, and Workforce Housing Grant Program for gap financing funding for the development and construction of the housing units for the Mid Valley project. The BCC understands the critical need for housing in Routt County, and the Mid Valley project will be developed in a shorter timeframe than Brown Ranch to meet the immediate housing need.

The Mid Valley project will result in the development of affordable housing, consisting of 150 rental units and 84 ownership units. The project will increase new for-sale housing stock, for which there is significant demand among the local workforce. The project will feature all-electric residential buildings that will result in decreased carbon emissions, and it will 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.

The Mid Valley project will be a dense, efficient use of infill land. The project is located at the end of Mid Valley Drive in Steamboat Springs, adjacent to a bus stop on the free bus line, the Yampa River Core Trail, a daycare, an urgent care center, a coffee shop, and a drug store, and it is within 0.25 miles of a grocery store.

We believe that efforts like the Mid Valley project demonstrate an ongoing and proactive commitment to addressing the housing crisis in Routt County. Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

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