

**JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Kate Dean, Commissioner

DATE: June 12, 2023

SUBJECT: Discussion: Gatheringplace Request for a Grant Application Letter of Support

STATEMENT OF ISSUE:

Gatheringplace is a non-profit organization focused on enriching the lives of people with disabilities. They also work to help break down stigmas and prejudices that others may have regarding people with disabilities.

Gatheringplace has rented space at the County Fairgrounds which has proven to be a great fit for their participants and community members and their activities. They are hoping to expand their presence at the Fairgrounds by construction a building with the help of Washington State Department of Social and Health Services grant funds they are applying for. The grant application deadline is June 30, 2023.

ANALYSIS:

In order to qualify and be competitive for these grant funds they need a letter from the County indicating the County's intent to lease property to Gatheringplace on which to locate the building for a period of at least 10 years.

In order to lease property, the County must publicly advertise the lease opportunity and conduct a public hearing. Gatheringplace would need to compete for the lease opportunity with any other interested parties.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This request has no financial impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board discuss Gatheringplace's request for a letter of support containing an intent to lease space at the Fairgrounds for at least 10 years and provide guidance to staff.

REVIEWED BY:


Mark McCauley, County Administrator Date 8/9/23