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To: Whom it may concern

**RE: 2010 State Community Development Block Grant for Planning and Technical Assistance Allocation-
Economic Development Block Grant**

As representative of local businesses and other community organizations to promote an economic development plan, the Divide Chamber of Commerce would like to ask for your serious consideration of this grant application.

Our economic dream requires a plan that is unique to our community and many organizations and stakeholder groups that coming together to ask how we can grow a sustainable economy for our residents while maintaining, but enhancing, our current way of life.

Our economic potential resources are many and varied.. recreation/tourism...from our Gold Rush history to our world renown 4-wheel drive trek across the Sierras, to our hiking, biking and horseback riding, along with world-class white water rafting. Our needs are many and varied as well... more local employment opportunities for residents (reduce our carbon footprint), local transportation services, improved communication technology –cell phone reception and high speed internet access, to retain and expand existing business and industry that compliments and builds upon our current attributes and infrastructure.

This grant would provide essential information to develop a plan to build up the economic capacity of the local area, creating sustainable employment and revenues for both state and local economies.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Cathy Sarmiento

Cathy Sarmiento, President
Divide Chamber of Commerce