

**TO:** Legislative Committee**DATE:** August 26, 2016**FROM:** Jennifer Capitolo, Senior Policy Advisor, Nossaman LLP
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Paul Hierling, Grants Coordinator, County of Monterey**RE:** Strategic Grant Services Program: Grants Update

Background:

This memo provides an update on the activities of the Strategic Grant Services Program, and provides summaries of grants recently awarded, grant applications recently submitted, grant applications currently in progress, and upcoming grant opportunities which will be strategically evaluated.

The Strategic Grants Services Program focuses on identifying funding for the County's priority funding needs. Priorities are defined by the Board's Strategic Initiatives, the Board's Legislative Priorities, availability of grant funding, ability to meet grant requirements, and a strategic analysis of the County's ability to submit a competitive grant application. The program is managed by the County Administrative Office, Intergovernmental and Legislative Affairs Division, with assistance from Nossaman LLP.

Grant Awards Jan 2016 - Present

- ***County Victim Services Program (CalOES)***
 - **Project:** Improve services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child victims of crimes, and other victims
 - **Amount:** \$508,500
 - **Submitted:** May 24, 2016
 - **Award:** Notice of Intent to Award received August 23, 2016. Final award expected September 2016.
 - **Role:** Coordinated, drafted, and submitted the application
 - **Department/Partner(s):** Community Engagement and Advocacy, Health Department - Sexual Assault Response Team (SART), District Attorney – Victims Unit, Probation, Monterey County Voices for Children Court Appointed Special Advocates, Monterey County Rape Crisis Center (MCRCC), Monterey County YWCA, Seaside Police Department, Greenfield Police Department

- ***Supervised Population Workforce Training Grant 2.0 (CA Workforce Investment Board)***
 - **Project:** Improving training and access to the job market for the Monterey County probation population

- **Amount:** \$400,000
- **Submitted:** May 2, 2016
- **Awarded:** May 15, 2016
- **Role:** Gathered support letters from the County's Legislative Representatives, reviewed the application, and assisted with submittal
- **Department/Partner(s):** Economic Development, Probation

- ***Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant (CA Water Resources)***
 - **Project:** To assess groundwater basin levels in the Salinas Valley and monitor basin aquifer water levels
 - **Amount:** \$250,000
 - **Submitted:** December 8, 2015
 - **Awarded:** March 25, 2016
 - **Role:** Prepared an application in cooperation with RMA and WRA
 - **Department/Partner(s):** RMA, WRA

Grant Applications Submitted:

- ***Unserviced/Underserved Child and Youth Advocacy Grant (CalOES)***
 - **Project:** Reestablishment of a victim focused Center in King City to serve children/youth who are victims of violent crimes.
 - **Amount:** \$372,000
 - **Submitted:** August 25, 2016
 - **Award Announcements Expected:** September, 2016
 - **Role:** Notified DA's office of the opportunity. Review of final draft application.
 - **Department/Partner(s):** District Attorney – Victims Unit

- ***Proposition 1 Technical Assistance Program (CA EPA)***
 - **Project:** Program would fund an income study for Chualar to potentially qualify them for additional Proposition 1 funding to repair and upgrade the community's sewer system
 - **Application:** Submitted July 2016, value of award TBD
 - **Awards:** Will be announced in Summer 2016
 - **Role:** Confirmed project eligibility with grantor, wrote draft application narrative, facilitated application
 - **Department/Partner(s):** RMA

- ***California Department of Fish and Wildlife - Proposition 1***
 - **Project:** Carmel River Floodplain Restoration and Environmental Enhancement Program (CRFREE)
 - **Amount:** \$4.2 Million
 - **Submitted:** June 24, 2016
 - **Award Announcements Expected:** November 2016
 - **Role:** Gathered support letters from the County's Legislative Representatives, reviewed the application, and assisted with submittal
 - **Department/Partner(s):** RMA, Big Sur Land Trust

- ***Safe and Thriving Communities Program (DOJ)***

- **Project:** Establish crises teams to respond to violent crimes to discourage retaliation and promote healing
- **Amount:** \$1 Million
- **Submitted:** June 21, 2016
- **Award Announcements Expected:** Summer 2016
- **Role:** Provided guidance on application process, reviewed application, provided assistance with application
- **Department/Partner(s):** CAO – Community Engagement and Advocacy, NMC, Health, Seaside Police Department, Greenfield Police Department

- **Active Transportation Program**
 - **Project:** Moss Landing Section of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail
 - **Amount:** \$7.5 Million
 - **Submitted:** June 15, 2016
 - **Award Announcement Expected:** October 2016
 - **Role:** Reviewed application, helped obtain letters of support from legislators
 - **Department/Partner(s):** RMA-Public Works

- **Active Transportation Program**
 - **Project:** Improvement of curbs and sidewalks in Los Lomas
 - **Amount:** \$2.8 Million
 - **Submitted:** June 15, 2016
 - **Award Announcement Expected:** October 2016
 - **Role:** Reviewed application, helped obtain letters of support from legislators
 - **Department/Partner(s):** RMA-Public Works

- **Active Transportation Program**
 - **Project:** Safe Routes to Schools Project
 - **Amount:** \$965,000
 - **Submitted:** June 15, 2016
 - **Award Announcement Expected:** October 2016
 - **Role:** Reviewed application
 - **Department/Partner(s):** Health, TAMC

- **Beverage Container Recycling Grant (CalRecycle)**
 - **Project:** Provide additional recycling and waste facilities and a new refuse collection truck to County Parks, diverting approximately 300,000 more recyclable beverage containers away from landfills each year, and provide educational signage.
 - **Amount:** \$249,000
 - **Submitted:** July 5, 2016
 - **Award Announcements Expected:** December 2016
 - **Role:** Facilitated cooperation between nonprofit the Offset Project and the Parks Department on application, provided budget support, reviewed application
 - **Department/Partner(s):** Parks, Health -Environmental Health Bureau, CAO-Intergovernmental & Legislative Affairs GoGreen Program, and The Offset Project. If awarded, the Offset Project will take the lead managing the grant.

- **Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) and Pre-Disaster and Flood Mitigation (PDFM) Grant. CalOES.**
 - **Project:** Carmel River Floodplain Restoration and Environmental Enhancement Program (CRFREE)
 - **Amount:** \$11.5M
 - **Submitted:** May 20, 2016
 - **Award Announcements Expected:** September 2016
 - **Role:** Participated on a conference call with staff at OES about RMA application, recommended application for a second category of funding in which the County was determined to be more competitive, helped obtain letters of support from legislators and the County's congressional representative.
 - **Department/Partner(s):** RMA

Work in Progress:

- **AB 1613 (Budget) Cap and Trade Expenditure Plan**
 - **Project:** The Legislature is considering a Cap and Trade expenditure that may provide several grant funding opportunities for the County. Nossaman will monitor the legislative session and development of the final plan.
 - **Application:** TBD, 2016-17
 - **Awards:** TBD
 - **Role:** Monitoring legislation, assistance with County grant applications resulting from this legislation, alerting the County of related opportunities.
 - **Department/Partner(s):** Several County Departments will benefit from these programs.
- **AB 1585 (Alejo)/SB 831 (Budget)**
 - **Project:** Assemblymember Alejo introduced AB 1585 to provide funding for the Interlake Tunnel Project. AB 1585 is currently dead; however the Assemblyman is pursuing other funding options for the project including SB 831 which was amended on 8/23/16 to provide a \$10 million appropriation for the project.
 - **Application:** N/A
 - **Awards:** N/A
 - **Role:** Nossaman has worked closely with the Assemblyman's office to help secure funding for the Interlake Tunnel Project.
 - **Department/Partner(s):** WRA
- **Proposition 1 Stream Flow Enhancement Program, Wildlife Conservation Board**
 - **Project:** Funding is being requested to fund construction of the Carmel River Floodplain Restoration and Environmental Enhancement Program (CRFREE)
 - **Application:** Due August 31, 2016
 - **Awards:** December 2016
 - **Role:** Participated in strategy conference calls and gathered support letters.
 - **Department/Partner(s):** RMA
- **U.S. Department of Interior 3D Elevation Program (3DEP) Data Collection Grant**
 - **Project:** County is exploring applying for funding to update the County's GIS County mapping system with new data.
 - **Application:** Due Fall, 2017

- **Awards:** TBD
- **Role:** Confirm project eligibility with grantor, assisting with identifying funding partners.
Department/Partner(s): Information Technology Department

- **Quagga and Zebra Mussel Prevention Grant**
 - **Project:** Program would fund the continuation of the invasive Quagga/Zebra Mussel prevention programs at Lake Nacimiento and San Antonio.
 - **Application:** Due September 15, 2016
 - **Awards:** December 2016
 - **Role:** Confirmed project eligibility with grantor, and assisting in updating previous application narrative.
 - **Department/Partner(s):** RMA, Parks, WRA

- **Congressional Earmark for the Lower Carmel River and Lagoon Floodplain Restoration and Enhancement Project (US EPA)**
 - **Project:** Flood reduction and stormwater improvements in unincorporated Carmel neighborhoods near Highway 1
 - **Application:** Submission TBD
 - **Awards:** Expected by Winter 2017
 - **Role:** Facilitated the preparation of bid for environmental review of project, a prerequisite step before funds can become available. A consultant was chosen to work on the project, awaiting contract execution. Consultant work expected to be completed by Summer 2017, grant funds expected by Winter 2017.
 - **Department/Partner(s):** RMA

- **Water Resources Agency Projects**
 - We continue to be in communication with Assemblyman Alejo regarding AB 1585 for funding the Interlake Tunnel Project, and SB 831 which would be the new Interlake Tunnel funding bill.
 - We have alerted WRA of the Proposition 1 Groundwater program, Proposition 1 Technical Assistance program for well-head treatment and planning for disadvantaged communities, Proposition 1 Stream Flow Enhancement Program, Proposition 1 Restoration Grant Program Proposition 1 Urban Rivers Grant Program, and Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Management Planning and Disadvantaged Community Programs.

- **Departmental and Supervisor Grant Meetings**
 - Met with all County departments and Supervisors since March, 2016 to review their grant funding priorities.

- **Funding Opportunity Alerts**
 - Sent 60 funding opportunity alerts to County departments and nonprofit partners on topics such as homelessness, children's services, services for victims of crimes, and redevelopment since January 1, 2016.

- **Twelve Month Work Plan:** The Grants Program is developing a twelve month work plan to outline what grant opportunities are in the pipeline. The work plan will be shared with the Legislative Committee at the September meeting and as it is developed and updated.

Upcoming Grants:

- **Cap and Trade Funding:** The Legislature has introduced a bill that provides a framework for the Cap and Trade expenditures, including opportunities which may be potential funding sources for the County. These include:
 - \$50 million for energy efficiency and renewable energy in public buildings.
 - \$100 million for Urban Greening Programs.
 - \$180 million for Transformative Climate Communities with an emphasis on disadvantaged communities.
 - \$100 million for the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program.
 - \$5 million for the Active Transportation Program.
 - \$30 million for wetland and watershed restoration programs.
 - \$100 million for the Clean Vehicle Rebate Project.
 - \$150 million for the Enhanced Fleet Modernization Program and Plus-up Pilot Project.
 - \$150 million for heavy duty vehicles and off-road equipment investments.
 - \$100 million for energy efficiency upgrades and weatherization projects.
 - \$15 million for the State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program.
 - \$20 million for the Healthy Soils Initiative.