

MEMORANDUM

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE INTERGOVERNMENTAL & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIVISION



DATE: November 16, 2018

TO: Legislative Committee

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CC: Nicholas E. Chiulos, Assistant County Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: 2019-20 Legislative Program and Strategic Grant Services Program Development

This memo is to provide the Legislative Committee with an update on the progress of the 2019-20 Legislative Program and Strategic Grants Services Program Work Plan development. Since the Committee's last meeting, staff and the County's state and federal lobbyist have conducted meetings with each member of the Board of Supervisors and County department heads to discuss their legislative and funding priorities for the next legislative session. As of 11/13/18, there are six remaining department heads which we need to meet with.

A list of legislative and funding priority items identified to date through these meetings follows. We are seeking input and direction from the Legislative Committee regarding which of these issues to include in the Program documents as priorities:

Potential County priority issues for this discussion include, but are not limited to, the following:

Cannabis

- Inclusion of cannabis/hemp crop data in Agricultural Commissioner Crop Reports
- Banking
- Legalization efforts/declassification as Schedule 1 drug
- Funding for law enforcement against black market operations

Census

- Funding to ensure a complete count
- Oppose inclusion of a citizenship question on the Census
- Citing of a Census Office in Salinas/Monterey County

Early Childhood Development

Economic Development

- Funding to maintain or enhance Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

FORA Extension or Transition

Greenfield Courthouse

Homelessness

- Support funding for ongoing operations of HEAP programs/projects
- Strengthening "by right" permitting or CEQA streamlining for safe parking programs

Housing

- Exempt employer-sponsored housing for unaccompanied employees from school impact fees

Immigration

- Oppose proposed “public charge” rule change
- Executive actions on immigration (e.g.: Sanctuary City, DACA, family separation, protected status, etc.)

Interlake Tunnel Project

Old Monterey County Jail

Pajaro River Flood Risk Reduction Project

- Support funding of \$1 million in FY19 ACOE Work Plan

Racial Equity

San Antonio and/or Nacimiento dam/spillway repair/replacement

Veterans Cemetery

- Support funding for ongoing operations and maintenance
- Support funding to allow for in ground burials

Youth Violence Prevention

The next step in this process is to continue to work with County departments to update the language in the Legislative and Strategic Grant Services Program documents. During this process we will also incorporate language that reflects countywide community priorities as identified by “Impact Monterey County” and the Cannabis Tax Revenue Community meetings which took place earlier this year. We have also reviewed the policy platforms of the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), which will be adopted at the end of November at the CSAC Annual Meeting, and National Association of Counties (NACo) policy platform.

Timeline

Nov.-Dec. 2018 *Complete Meetings with Department Heads*

December 10, 2018 *Legislative Committee*

- Present first draft of Legislative Program
- Present first draft of Strategic Grant Services Program Work Plan

December 17, 2018 *Board of Supervisors - Legislative Workshop*

- Discuss priorities with the County’s State and Federal Legislators, the Board of Supervisors, and County department heads.

January 14, 2019 *Legislative Committee*

- Present “final” draft of Legislative Program
- Present “final” draft of Strategic Grants Services Program Work Plan

January 29, 2019 *Board of Supervisors* - Consider recommendation from Legislative Committee to:

- Approve 2019-20 Legislative Program
- Approve Strategic Grant Services Program Work Plan
- Receive annual reports from Nossaman LLP regarding state and federal advocacy and funding efforts.