



2021-22 Legislative Program Update

2022 Strategic Grant Services Program

MONTEREY COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

JANUARY 11, 2022

Recommended Actions

- a. Adopt 2021-2022 Legislative Program Update
- b. Approve 2022 County Sponsor Legislation and State Budget requests
- c. Adopt 2022 Strategic Grant Services Program
- d. Receive a report from the County's federal lobbyist – Brent Heberlee, Ballard Spahr LLP
- e. Receive a report from the County's state lobbyist – Ashley Walker, Nossaman LLP
- f. Receive a report from the County's funding advocate – Ashley Walker, Nossaman LLP

Legislative Program

Monterey County maintains a long-standing and successful Legislative Program, ensuring that the interests of the County are well represented in Sacramento and Washington, D.C.

The program provides the County a voice in state and federal funding and policy decision-making and ensures that County leaders are fully apprised of evolving state and federal initiatives impacting the County and its residents.

Once adopted, the Legislative Program provides authority to advocate in support or defense of issues, enabling actions to be taken quickly to protect or defend the County's interests in Sacramento and Washington D.C.

2021-2022 Legislative Program Update

Monterey County's two-year Legislative Program aligns with the two-year cycles of the State and Federal legislatures.

Program Development:

- *Legislative Committee – In collaboration with Board Members and County Departments*
- *Board Strategic Initiatives*
- *Community Priorities – 2018 Community Engagement Process*
- *COVID-19 Pandemic Disparate Impacts – Legislative Advocacy Priorities*

Legislative Principles: *Provide broad direction and authority to staff and the County's legislative advocates to advance the County's interests*

Legislative Priorities: *Define priority interests and concerns of the County and lay out key objectives to guide advocacy efforts*

In August 2020, the Board of Supervisors received the ***COVID-19 Pandemic Disparate Impact Report***.

The County adopted a “Health in All Policies” strategy as part of its efforts to eliminate social, racial, economic, and environmental inequities that impede the attainment and maintenance of good health, including health care access.

Even before the pandemic, the Legislative Program focused on numerous priorities in the areas of health, human services, economic development and public safety.

Since the pandemic began the County has and continues to engaged in advocacy efforts to ensure that state and federal officials are aware of the County challenges and needs to fight and recovery from the pandemic.

PRIORITIES:

- State and Federal Investment
- Health Care for All, Health infrastructure, vaccines/testing/contact tracing
- Public Assistance for Basic Needs
- Housing
- Economic Relief and Recovery
- Protecting Youth and Families
- Childcare
- Language access
- Virtual access
- Closing the Digital Divide
- Education

COVID-19 PANDEMIC DISPARATE IMPACTS Legislative Advocacy



Economic Development

Legislative Principles

- General
- Sustainable Job Growth
- Workforce Development and Working Families
- Housing & Homelessness
- Agriculture
- Military Installations

Legislative Priorities

- Broadband and Telecommunication Services
- Housing
- Immigration
- Labor Force
- Workforce Development
- Youth Employment
- Agriculture
- Cannabis
- Industrial Hemp
- Tourism
- Arts & Culture
- Old Monterey County Jail



Administration

Legislative Principles

- General
- Local Revenue Generation
- Government Efficiency & Privacy
- Brown Act
- Civil Right & Civic Engagement
- Strategic Collaboration

Legislative Priorities

- Local government funding and authority
- Social, Health and Racial Equity



Health and Human Services

Legislative Principles

- General
- Public Health
- Social Services

Legislative Priorities

- Public health, Health Care Coverage, Access and Integration
- Behavioral Health
- Public Guardians, Administrators and Conservators
- Public Health and Prevention Policies: Cannabis and Tobacco
- Early Childhood Development
- Promote Child Well-Being and Prevention of Child Abuse
- Sustain and Strengthen Safety Net & Employment Support Resources
- Assure Safe & Legal Shelter for All
- Strengthen Resources for Seniors and People Living with Disability
- Honor our Veterans



Infrastructure

Legislative Principles

- General
- Environmental Review
- Water Resources
- Energy
- Land Preservation

Legislative Priorities

- Resilient and Sustainable Communities
- Transportation
- Water Resources Sustainability
- Preserve and Enhance Water Supply
- Protect Water Resources and the Environment



Public Safety

Legislative Principles

- General
- Violence Prevention

Legislative Priorities

- Emergency Preparedness, Response and Recovery
- Fire Insurance
- County Control of Emergency Medical Services
- Violence Prevention and Reduction
- Domestic Violence Prevention
- Post-Sentence Relief and Reintegration to Reduce Recidivism
- Access to Justice
- Offenders with Mental Health Conditions



Legislative Priorities – Major Issues 2022

- Continued COVID-19 response and recovery
- Public health (including mental and behavioral health)
- Housing and homelessness
- Broadband
- Brown Act modernization
- Wildfire, climate change, sustainability
- Drought response, water storage, water affordability
- Cannabis
- Congressionally Designated Spending (CDS) Request for FY 2023
- Implementation of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
- Implementation of Build Back Better Act (if enacted)

Approve 2022 Monterey County Sponsor Legislation & State Budget Requests

- Sponsor Bill – Establishing a Veterans Home in Monterey County
- \$312 million - Water Storage Infrastructure and Maintenance Projects (\$300 million) and San Lucas Clean Drinking Water Project (\$12 million)
- Dam Safety and Infrastructure Funding
- \$15 million - Old Monterey County Jail
- \$40 million - Mental Health Rehabilitation Facility
- \$10 million – Health Clinic in Marina, CA

2022 Strategic Grant Services Program

- The Strategic Grant Services Program works with County departments to identify grant opportunities and provide strategic expertise to craft competitive grant applications.
- Following Board approval, the program operates under the direction of the Legislative Committee, and works closely with the Legislative Program to develop funding opportunities.
- The program has a limited workload capacity of 10-15 grants per year, varying depending on their complexity, focusing on funding needs that:
 - Align with Board Strategic Initiatives and Legislative Priorities;
 - Have an available funding source (opportunity & timing);
 - Are able to meet the grant requirements; and
 - Are able to put forth a competitive application.
- Flexible to adjust to changing priorities and opportunities.



Work Plan

Developed in a consultation with County departments, identifies priority projects and potential grant programs the County expects to focus on in 2022.

CANNABIS PROGRAM

- CEQA Compliance, Equity, and Licensing Programs

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PUBLIC WORKS, FACILITIES AND PARKS

- San Lucas Sustainable Drinking Water Supply Project
- Carmel Lagoon Adaptive Management – Scenic Road Protective Structure, Ecosystem Protective Barrier, Sandbar Management Plan

PUBLIC WORKS, FACILITIES AND PARKS

- Carmel River Flood Reduction and Environmental Enhancement (CRFREE) Project
- Drought Related Projects
- Habitat Management in County Parks
- Old Jail Rehabilitation Project
- Road, Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure Improvements
- Toro Park, Fort Ord, San Lorenzo Park, Lake San Antonio and 855 East Laurel, Salinas



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SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM

- Electric Vehicle Readiness Project
- Workforce Training for Electrification and Energy Efficiency in Buildings
- Zero Emissions Shared Mobility

WATER RESOURCES AGENCY

- Interlake Tunnel & Fish Screens
- Lake San Antonio and Lake Nacimiento Dams and Reservoirs Infrastructure and Maintenance Projects
- Salinas River Management Program and Habitat Conservation Plan



Grant Needs Inventory

The grant needs inventory is an inventory of County projects which require a source of grant funding. The inventory is developed in consultation with the Board and County departments. The grant needs inventory helps guide the research efforts of program staff and the County's grant consultant.



Annual Reports

The annual reports provided by the County's federal and state legislative advocates and grant consultant highlight County activities undertaken in 2021.

The presentations will focus on anticipated major issues or projects for 2022, with special emphasis on COVID-19 disparate impact legislative advocacy strategies.

Reports will be provided by:

- Brent R. Heberlee, Ballard Spahr LLP – Federal Legislative Advocate – **EXHIBIT E**
- Ashley Walker, Nossaman LLP – State Legislative Advocate and Grant Consultant – **EXHIBITS F & G**



Thank You

Board of Supervisors / Legislative Committee

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