

*Before the Board of Supervisors  
County of Monterey, State of California*

**Resolution No.: 26-221**

- a. Authorize and approve the Director of the )  
Emergency Management or designee to work with the )  
Department of Public Works, Facilities, and Parks, and )  
the Department of Housing and Community )  
Development to submit multiple grant applications to )  
the 2026 California Department of Forestry and Fire )  
Protection (CAL FIRE) Wildfire Prevention Grants )  
Program for a cumulative amount not to exceed )  
\$5,700,000 and no more than \$950,000 per )  
application. Project implementation will occur by the )  
performance period end date of January 15, 2030, to )  
conduct wildfire risk reduction planning activities, )  
wildfire prevention and mitigation education and )  
outreach efforts, as well as increase capability and )  
capacity to implement hazardous fuels reduction and )  
maintenance projects on non-federal lands; and )
- b. Authorize and approve the Director of Emergency )  
Management or designee to execute all necessary )  
forms and documents for the applications to this grant; )  
and )
- c. Direct Department of Emergency Management staff )  
to return to the Board of Supervisors for approval prior )  
to acceptance of any grant awards. )

**RECITALS:**

**WHEREAS**, The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) announced funding for the Wildfire Prevention Grants Program to support locally led efforts that reduce wildfire risk, strengthen preparedness, and help protect lives, property, and critical infrastructure. CAL FIRE’s Wildfire Prevention Grants Program provides financial support for projects that reduce the potential for destructive wildfire in and around communities, including hazardous fuels reduction, wildfire prevention planning, and wildfire prevention education aimed at increasing readiness and reducing wildfire ignition potential; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Emergency Management (DEM) will work with the Department of Public Works, Facilities, and Parks, and the Department of Housing and Community Development to submit multiple grant applications to the 2026 California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Wildfire Prevention Grants Program to conduct wildfire risk reduction planning activities, wildfire prevention and mitigation education and outreach efforts, as well as increase capability and capacity to implement hazardous fuels reduction and maintenance projects on non-federal lands; and

**WHEREAS**, projects will expand community wildfire mitigation efforts through coordinated hazardous fuels reduction and maintenance projects to reduce hazardous vegetative fuels and enhance the County's capability to conduct vegetation management, in addition to supporting wildfire risk reduction planning to provide a comprehensive assessment of wildfire risk countywide and a coordinated strategy to reduce risk, protect lives and property, and improve community resilience through prioritized mitigation actions, fuel reduction, and emergency planning; and

**WHEREAS**, DEM is committed to collaborating with partners and the fire prevention community to ensure the County of Monterey has an evidence-based, data-driven, and community-informed wildfire risk initiatives. This will enhance the Operational Area capacity and lead efforts to unify, implement mitigation strategies, support county-wide wildfire planning, and contribute to statewide data and preparedness initiatives.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors in and for the County of Monterey as follows:

- a. Authorize and approve the Director of the Emergency Management or designee to work with the Department of Public Works, Facilities, and Parks, and the Department of Housing and Community Development to submit multiple grant applications to the 2026 California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Wildfire Prevention Grants Program for a cumulative amount not to exceed \$5,700,000 and no more than \$950,000 per application. Project implementation will occur by the performance period end date of January 15, 2030, to conduct wildfire risk reduction planning activities, wildfire prevention and mitigation education and outreach efforts, as well as increase capability and capacity to implement hazardous fuels reduction and maintenance projects on non-federal lands; and
- b. Authorize and approve the Director of Emergency Management or designee to execute all necessary forms and documents for the applications to this grant; and
- c. Direct Department of Emergency Management staff to return to the Board of Supervisors for approval prior to acceptance of any grant awards.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on this 7th day of July 2026, by roll call vote:

AYES: Supervisors Alejo, Church, Lopez, Root Askew, and Daniels

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book 82 for the meeting on July 7, 2026.

Dated: July 8, 2026  
File ID: RES 26-098  
Agenda Item No.: 61

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Monterey, State of California

  
Margarita Hernandez, Deputy