



**TO:** Monterey County Legislative Committee **DATE:** June 8, 2018

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**RE:** Strategic Grant Services Program: Grants Update

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### **Background:**

The Strategic Grants Services Program (SGSP) focuses on identifying funding for the County's priority funding needs. The program is managed by the County Administrative Office, Intergovernmental and Legislative Affairs Division in partnership with Nossaman LLP. 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. Since Nossaman began working with the County, the SGSP has helped secure over \$23.5 million in grant funding for various Departments.

The matrix attached provides an update on the activities of the SGSP, and will provide information on grants awarded in 2018, grant applications recently submitted, and grant applications currently in progress.

### **SGSP Grants and Legislative/Regulatory Advocacy Effort Highlights:**

- **CalFIRE Fire Prevention Grant:** The Fire Prevention applications were due on June 6<sup>th</sup>. The County submitted an application requesting \$116,789 for removing fuels in the form of dead and dying trees, downed vegetation, and ladder fuel vegetation in a 3-tiered buffer approach around existing Jacks Peak Park roads and maintenance facilities. Nossaman alerted County staff to the grant opportunity and offered assistance. County staff took the lead on this application. Grant awards are expected to be made in July 2018 with agreements in place by September 2018.
- **San Lucas Safe Drinking Water:** The State Water Resources Control Board requested that the County, on behalf of the San Lucas Water District (SLWD), submit a new grant application for the planning phase of this project. In anticipation of the new application, County staff received direction from the State Water Resources Control Board to submit for the full planning stage (bid-ready package) for the project. At its Board of Directors meeting in April, the SLWD Board expressed willingness to consider consolidation with CalWater, in addition to completing the additional feasibility analysis of treated groundwater for consideration in lieu of the intertie pipeline alternative (2013 selected preferred alternative). County staff members have been in communication with local representatives, CalWater, and staff members at the State Water Board to discuss consolidation.

Based on these initial discussions, staff worked with a consultant team to develop a scope of work that would allow for additional feasibility study of the 3 alternatives: 1. Intertie pipeline, 2. Treated groundwater, and 3. Consolidation, as well as complete planning to get bid-ready. This comprehensive expanded scope was estimated to cost more than \$2 million, the majority of the cost being attributed to the pipeline. However, upon presenting this expanded scope of work to the State Water Board, County staff has been directed as follows: 1) to include the feasibility analyses for each of the three alternatives so we can get to a point of comparison (and preferred alternative selection); and 2) to submit the scope of work for all remaining planning tasks beyond the additional feasibility to be specific to the treated groundwater

alternative only. The planning costs for treating groundwater are in the range of approximately \$1 million. Water Board staff indicated that should the SLWD Board of Directors select a different alternative than treated groundwater upon completion and review of the additional feasibility analysis, staff could work with the Water Board at that time to determine how to best proceed with the grant agreement and funding of the project moving forward.

The SLWD Board agenda was full for May, so they have requested that staff return at the June 14, 2018 meeting to present this item. Based on the outcome of the June SLWD Board meeting, staff intends to bring forward the grant proposal (assuming SLWD Board approves the County to submit it) within 2-3 weeks.

- **One California: Immigrant Services Funding:** Nossaman met with Senator Monning's office to discuss One California funding. Senator Monning's office sent an inquiry to the Department of Social Services requesting information about how funding is allocated across the State and Monterey County. The Department of Social Services confirmed there is a significant gap in funding from the One California program for the Central Coast. The Department committed to working with Senator Monning to host a local workshop for local non-profits who are interested in providing immigration counseling services regarding the requirements necessary to apply for One California funding. Nossaman will work with Senator Monning as he plans this workshop. Please let Nossaman know if there are any non-profits that you would like to have invited to this attend this workshop.
- **Receive Grant Track**

## Grant / Issue Tracking Matrix

Grant Program	Request Amount	Project Summary	Department / Partner(s)	SGSP Role	Award Status
<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>					
<i>No Grant Opportunities Identified yet in 2018.</i>					
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>					
<i>No Grant Opportunities Identified yet in 2018.</i>					
<b>HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES</b>					
<i>No Grant Opportunities Identified yet in 2018.</i>					
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE</b>					
Fire Management Assistance Grant (FEMA)	\$10,300,000	Requested reimbursements for County expenses associated with the Soberanes Fire response effort.	RMA, Sheriff's Department, Office of Emergency Services	Collected all expenses from County departments, audited expenses, prepared and submitted reimbursement packet to CalOES to forward to FEMA.	<b>Submitted back up documentation:</b> 01/25/18  <b>Awards Expected:</b> 2018
Congressional Earmark for the Lower Carmel River and Lagoon Floodplain Restoration and Enhancement Project: (US EPA)	\$485,000	Flood reduction and storm water improvements in unincorporated Carmel neighborhoods near Highway 1.	RMA	Facilitated tour with the US EPA, and preparation of bid for project environmental review, required before funds can become available. Project consultant was chosen and a contract is being executed.	<b>Awards Expected:</b> 2018
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>					
<i>No Grant Opportunities Identified yet in 2018.</i>					