

MEMORANDUM



COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE INTERGOVERNMENTAL & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIVISION

January 13, 2020

TO: Legislative Committee

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SUBJECT: **Legislative Program Update & 2020 Strategic Grant Services Program**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Review the proposed edits to the 2020 Legislative Program, provide direction to staff on any requested changes, and recommend the Program to the Board of Supervisors for approval on January 28, 2020.

Review the proposed 2020 Strategic Grant Services Program, provide direction to staff on any requested changes, and recommend the Program to the Board of Supervisors for approval on January 28, 2020.

The County Administrative Office – Intergovernmental and Legislative Affairs (IGLA) Division is charged with the development and execution of the County's Legislative Program and Strategic Grant Services Program. Each year, IGLA staff meets with members of the Board of Supervisors and works with County departments to develop these programs to reflect the interests and priorities of the Board of Supervisors.

Once the programs are drafted, they are reviewed by the Legislative Committee, which provides direction regarding desired changes, and considers a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to approve the program documents. Staff recommends that the Legislative Committee take these actions today, so that the Board of Supervisors may consider adoption of these recommendations at their January 28, 2020 meeting.

Alignment with Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives:

The Legislative and Strategic Grants Services Programs are organized to align with the Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives (Economic Development, Administration, Health and Human Services, and Public Safety) in order to report on the comprehensive efforts undertaken by both programs in the advancement of Board priorities. This alignment assists IGLA staff and the County's legislative advocates and grant consultants to maximize the impact of their efforts. Together the programs seek to impact funding opportunities from state and federal budget authorizations – which translate into available funding opportunities for local projects and programs.

2020 Legislative Program

The Board adopted the 2019-2020 Legislative Program on January 29, 2019, as a two-year program to correspond with the two-year legislative cycles of the state and federal legislatures. The 2020 Legislative Program is an update to the previously adopted program. The Legislative Program was developed in close collaboration with County departments and the County's state and federal legislative advocates (Nossaman LLP and Ballard Spahr LLP) in order to represent the County's state and federal legislative

interests. Once adopted by the Board, the Legislative Program will provide authority and guidance regarding the County’s legislative efforts – enabling actions to be quickly taken to protect or defend the County’s interests in our state and national capitals. The Program contains:

1. Legislative Principles: Which provide broad direction and authority to IGLA staff and the County’s legislative advocates to advance the County’s interests.
2. Legislative Priorities: Which define the priority interests and concerns of the County and include descriptions of each issue along with key objectives to guide advocacy efforts.

EXHIBIT A – Legislative Program Update

A tracked changes version of the Legislative Program has been attached so that the Committee is able to recognize items added or deleted from the program document. A summary of significant changes follows:

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES		
Page 6	Sustainable Job Growth	Language added to address clarification of independent contractor law
Page 6	Workforce Development and Working Families	Language added to address need for investment in public infrastructure to create more job opportunities.
Page 6	Housing & Homelessness	Language added to address need to equitably allocate funding to address homelessness.
Page 7	Civil Rights & Civic Engagement	Language added to address language needs, access to government, fair practices, and diversity within government structures.
Page 8	Health & Human Services	Language added to address DSH funding and attempt to require posting of hospital contracts.
Page 8	Public Health	Language added to address climate resilient communities and public health principles to protect people and the environment.
Page 8	Public Safety	Language added in support of justice policy reforms
Page 11	Immigration	Updates on Farm Workforce Modernization Act and “public charge” rule. Language added to oppose restrictions of benefits to immigrants and support access and rights of immigrants.
Page 12-14	Cannabis	Multiple updates New section – cannabis industry stabilization New section – cannabis statute of limitations
Page 14-15	Industrial Hemp	New section seeking funding for enforcement activities, uniform pesticide/contaminant standards, and research related to pollen travel and contamination.
Page 15	FORA	Multiple updates
Page 15	Federal Opportunity Zones	Language added to assess effectiveness of opportunity zones in alleviating poverty and promoting job creation.
Page 17	Old Monterey County Jail	New section seeking funding for tbd capital project
Page 17	Broadband & Telecommunication Services	Expanded language to include the need for cellular services
Page 15	Housing	Language added in support of added vouchers, housing subsidy pools, Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC), farmworker housing needs, and need for infrastructure to support housing

		development.
Page 20-21	2020 Census	Multiple sections updated New section – apportionment and redistricting Language added in support of Census Bureau staffing to ensure a complete count.
Page 21	Social, Health and Racial Equity	Language added to highlight the County’s GARE Action Plan
Page 23	Public Charge Determinations	Languages added related to other potential impacts
Page 24	Public Health, Health Care Coverage, Access & Integration	Language added related to communicable disease control, behavioral health, chronic disease prevention, and healthy living.
Page 25	Behavioral Health	Language added related to Mental Health Services Act/Prop 63 funding.
Page 27	Public Guardians, Administrators and Conservators	Language added related to safeguarding financial assets
Page 29	Assure Safe & Legal Shelter for All	Language added to address need to equitably allocate funding to address homelessness, alternative affordable housing approaches, and support for an increase in McKinney-Vento student homeless funding.
Page 30	Honor our Veterans	Language added to more comprehensively cover veterans’ needs, county need for subvention funding, need for facilities,
Page 32	Transportation	Updated section – safety improvements
Page 36	Violence Prevention and Reduction	Language added highlighting County annual Youth Violence Prevention and Intervention Conference
Page 38	Post-Sentence Relief and Reintegration to Reduce Recidivism	Language updated on Bail Reform Act referendum
Page 38	Access to Justice	Language updated to reflect current status of court facilities process
Page 39-40	Emergency Preparedness and Response	Language added to address communication needs, fuel mitigation, and PSPS events

2020 Strategic Grant Services Program

Once adopted by the Board, the Strategic Grant Services Program provides authority and guidance regarding the efforts of IGLA staff and the County’s grant consultants (Nossaman LLP) in the pursuit of grant funding for the County’s highest priority projects.

Link provided in document to: *Policies Governing Program Activities* which is now available online in the Board Policy Manual. The Policies outline the roles of the Board of Supervisors, IGLA staff, the County’s grant consultants, and County departments in the execution of the Program.

2020 Work Plan

A result of close collaboration with County departments, the Work Plan identifies priority projects and funding sources to guide efforts over a 12-month period. The Work Plan is designed to be flexible to adjust to the County's changing priorities and leaves 20% of Program capacity unallocated in order to take advantage of new or unanticipated funding opportunities.

2020 Grant Needs Inventory

A comprehensive inventory of County projects which require a source of grant funding developed in consultation with the Board and department heads. This every evolving list guides the research of IGLA staff and the County's grant consultants.

Thank you to the Legislative Committee, County department heads/staff, the County's legislative advocates and grant consultants, and IGLA staff for their contributions to the 2019-2020 Legislative Program Update and 2020 Strategic Grant Services Program.

Attachments:

- Exhibit A 2019-2020 Legislative Program Update – *with tracked changes*
- Exhibit B 2020 Strategic Grant Services Program – *with tracked changes*