



2021-22 Legislative Program

2021 Strategic Grant Services Program

MONTEREY COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

JANUARY 26, 2021

Recommended Actions

- 1. Adopt 2021-2022 Legislative Program**
- 2. Adopt policies governing legislative activities**
- 3. Adopt 2021 Strategic Grant Services Program**
- 4. Adopt policies governing grant program activities**
- 5. Receive a report from the County's federal lobbyist, Brent Heberlee, Ballard Spahr LLP**
- 6. Receive a report from the County's state lobbyist, Ashley Walker, Nossaman LLP**
- 7. 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

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

Program Development

- *Collaboration with Board 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*

Legislative Priorities

The Legislative Program addresses a multitude of County priorities related to economic development, administration, health and human services, infrastructure and public safety.

County policy concerns are most often centered on resources to carry out state and local service responsibilities, the authority to carry out those responsibilities in local communities, and partnerships with the state and federal governments.

Major priorities in the program include:

- COVID-19 response and recovery;
- County fiscal stability;
- Affordable housing;
- Homelessness;
- Closing the digital divide;
- Healthcare reform; and
- Resiliency in dealing with disasters.

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

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



Administration

- Local government funding and authority
- 2020 Census and Redistricting
- Social, Health and Racial Equity



Health and Human Services

- Public health, Health Care Coverage, Access and Integration
- Behavioral Health
- Public Charge Determinations
- 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

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



Public Safety

- 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 Program

Policies Governing Legislative Activities

The Policies Governing Legislative Activities outlines the roles and responsibilities in the execution of the Legislative Program for the:

- Board of Supervisors
- Department Heads and staff
- CAO-IGLA staff
- The County’s state and federal legislative advocates; and
- County advisory boards and commissions.

The Legislative Committee reviewed the policies and recommends adoption with the following substantive changes:

1. Under “Representation on State and Federal County Advocacy Organizations” include the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC); and
2. Under “Correspondence & Lobbying” adopt a policy for the approval and signature of urgent correspondence by the County Administrative Officer. – **EXHIBIT B.**



Legislative Program Webpage Update

The Legislative Program page provides information on the Board's Legislative Program, Legislative Committee, and contacts for the program. It also provides links to:

- Legislative Program
- Legislative Committee Agendas
- Legislative Advocacy Letters – ***New Feature***
- Policies Governing Legislative Activities
- Legislative Resources
- Subscribe to Legislative Committee Meeting Notices – ***New Feature***



2021 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 focuses on the County's high priority 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 2021.

- **TBD project to help meet SB 1383 food waste recovery goal of 20%** - *CalRecycle Food Waste Prevention and Rescue Grant Program*
- **Carmel River Flood Reduction and Environmental Enhancement (CRFREE) Project** - *Construction Funding*
- **Carmel Lagoon Adaptive Management – Scenic Road Protective Structure, Ecosystem Protective Barrier, Sandbar Management Plan** - *Planning and Construction Funding*
- **San Lucas Water Supply Replacement** - *Consultation Drinking Water State Revolving Fund*
- **Road, Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure Improvements** - *Caltrans Active Transportation Program (ATP)*
- **Habitat Management in County Parks** - *Habitat Conservation Fund*
- **San Lorenzo Park and Lake San Antonio** - *Proposition 68: Statewide Parks Program*
- **Interlake Tunnel & Fish Screens** - *California Department of Fish & Wildlife and I-Bank*
- **San Antonio and Nacimiento Dam and Spillway Improvements and Security** - *TBD*
- **Salinas River Management Program and Habitat Conservation Plan** - *TBD*



California Grants Portal

In 2020, the California State Library launched a new tool, the California Grants Portal, to allow billions of dollars in state grant opportunities from dozens of state departments and agencies to easily be accessed from their website.

For more information email
CAGrantsPortal@library.ca.gov



Grant Needs Inventory

- The grant needs inventory is a comprehensive 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.



Strategic Grant Services Program Policies Governing Program Activities

The Policies Governing Program Activities outlines the roles and responsibilities in the execution of the Strategic Grant Services Program for the:

- Board of Supervisors
- CAO-IGLA staff
- Grant consultants
- County departments

The Legislative Committee reviewed the policies and recommends adoption of changes to align with current program activities. – **EXHIBIT D.**



Annual Reports

The annual reports provided by the County's federal and state legislative advocates and grant consultant highlight County activities undertaken in 2020.

The presentations will focus on anticipated major issues or projects for 2021, 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

County Department Heads & Staff

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CAO-IGLA Team

