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RE: Strategic Grant Services Program: 2017 Annual Report

The Strategic Grants Services Program (SGSP) was created by the Board of Supervisors in recognition of the need to concentrate funding efforts on the County's highest priority needs and projects. Nossaman began working with County's Intergovernmental & Legislative Affairs Division (IGLA) in September 2014 on the new program to enhance the County's success at securing multiple and varied grant awards. Nossaman works in close collaboration with the IGLA office to align our efforts with the County's Legislative Program. This alignment ensures that the many narrowly focused state and federal grant funding opportunities still support the County's primary goals.

The designation of "priority projects" which Nossaman has/or will work on is based on the following criteria:

- Alignment with the Board's Strategic Initiatives & Milestones
- Alignment with the Board's Legislative Priorities
- Availability of grant funding
- Ability to meet grant requirements
- Grant matching fund requirements
- Analysis of the ability to develop a competitive grant application

Nossaman engages on a regular basis with County Departments to provide feedback and suggest strategies regarding funding needs for priority projects. Often times this preparation work sets up projects for future funding opportunities, such as upcoming bond programs.

Summary of Key Accomplishments in 2017:

The SGSP has collaborated with County departments to achieve the following key accomplishments in 2017.

- **Total Grant and Funding Secured since September 2014:** \$23,622,866
- **Grant Awards in 2017:** \$11,499,366
 - \$2,894,000 – Active Transportation Program, Las Lomas
 - \$7,587,000 – Active Transportation Program, Moss Landing
 - \$249,000 - Beverage Container Recycling Grant Program
 - \$400,000 - U.S. DOJ Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program
 - \$369,366 – Reauthorization of County Victim Services Program Grant

- **Funding Opportunity Alerts Sent in 2017:** Sent 25 funding opportunity alerts to County departments and nonprofit partners on topics such as homelessness, water, infrastructure, children's services, services for victims of crimes, and redevelopment.
- **2018 Work Plan:** SGSP has compiled a work plan for 2018 and will facilitate funding research and application assistance for at least 14 key priority County projects with a portion of the program capacity unplanned to allow for work on unexpected funding needs throughout the year.
- **Grant Needs Inventory:** Consulted with all department heads and Supervisors and collected information on critical unfunded projects which need grant funding. There is currently a backlog of over 100 County projects which need funding to proceed.
- **Strategic Grant Services Program Work Plan and Policies:** Under the guidance of the Board's Legislative Committee and in collaboration with departments, SGSP developed a program work plan for calendar year 2018 and updated policies by which the program operates.

Specific Grant Awards and Applications in 2017:

In 2017, SGSP played a role in successful grant applications amounting to \$11,499,366 in funding for the County. Funding secured this year brings the total program success amount to **\$23,622,866.**

Below we have included details about the successful grant applications in 2017 that the SGSP was engaged in. In addition, the attached table is organized by the Board of Supervisor's Strategic Initiatives and outlines all of the grant applications the SGSP played a role in throughout this year. The County's Departments took the lead on applications and the SGSP facilitated and provided assistance as outlined in the descriptions.

- **Active Transportation Program, Las Lomas:** The project will widen Las Lomas Drive from Hall Road to Thomas Road in the disadvantaged community of Las Lomas by constructing new curb and gutter, retaining wall at the east side of the street, water treatment facility, sidewalks, driveways and parking spaces. The SGSP was involved in the original application development process for the ATP Statewide solicitation in 2016. This application was resubmitted by the Public Works Department for 2017 Augmentation funding and was successful.
 - **Amount:** \$2,894,000
 - **Awarded:** October 2017
 - **SGSP Role:** Participated in several meetings with Department to discuss application strategy. Reviewed application and provided comments.
 - **Department/Partner(s):** Resources Management Agency, Public Works.
- **Active Transportation Program, Moss Landing:** The Project consists of constructing a separate paved bicycle path and pedestrian/bicycle bridge connecting the disadvantaged Community of Moss Landing. The SGSP was involved in the original application development process for the ATP Statewide solicitation in 2016. This application was resubmitted by the Public Works Department for 2017 Augmentation funding and was successful.
 - **Amount:** \$7,587,000

- **Awarded:** October 2017
- **SGSP Role:** Toured project site. Participated in several meetings with Department to discuss application strategy. Reviewed application and provided comments.
- **Department/Partner(s):** Resources Management Agency, Public Works.

- **County Victim Services (XC) Program (CaIOES):** Reauthorization of 2017 grant funding to add additional funding in 2018. Funding will improve services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child victims of crimes, and other victims.
 - **Amount:** \$369,366
 - **Awarded:** Fall 2017
 - **SGSP Role:** Coordinated, drafted, and submitted the original application for funding in 2016.
 - **Department/Partner(s):** CAO - Office of Community Engagement and Strategic Advocacy, Health Department - Sexual Assault Response Team (SART), District Attorney – Victims Unit, Probation, Monterey County Voices for Children Court Appointed Special Advocates, Monterey County Rape Crisis Center (MCRCC), Monterey County YWCA, Seaside Police Department, Greenfield Police Department

- **Beverage Container Recycling Grant Program:** The grant provides additional recycling and waste facilities and a new refuse collection truck to County Parks, diverting approximately 300,000 more recyclable beverage containers away from landfills each year, and provide educational signage.
 - **Amount:** \$249,000
 - **Awarded:** January 2017
 - **SGSP Role:** Facilitated cooperation with nonprofit Offset Project and the Parks Dept. on application, provided budget support, and reviewed application.
 - **Department/Partner(s):** Parks, Health - Environmental Health Bureau, CAO - Intergovernmental & Legislative Affairs GoGreen Program, and The Offset Project.

- **U.S. DOJ Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program:** Funding will be provided over a three year period to support a new full time Probation Officer position with a sole focus on the Veterans Court and expanding the amount of cases the Court is able to hear.
 - **Amount:** \$400,000
 - **Awarded:** September 2017
 - **SGSP Role:** Participated in several meetings with Department to discuss application strategy. Provide grant narrative writing, assistance with attachments, and review of supporting documentation.
 - **Department/Partner(s):** Probation Department

On-going Projects:

Nossaman assists with several on-going projects. These efforts don't necessarily take the shape of a grant application, but lay the groundwork for future funding opportunities or implement secured grants. Below is an outline of these on-going SGSP projects.

- **Interlake Tunnel Project:** Nossaman has continued to be very involved in the Interlake Tunnel Project. Nossaman has attended many of the meetings between the County Water Resources Agency and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Nossaman has continued to inform the Monterey legislative delegation about the progress on the project.

Water Resources Agency is currently in negotiations with the Department of Fish and Wildlife on a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) regarding a technical and financial solution to contain white bass in Lake Nacimiento. Nossaman most recently participated in a meeting on November 30 with Senator Monning, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, Supervisor Alejo, and the Water Resources Agency to discuss the MOA and next steps.

- **San Lucas Pipeline Project:** Nossaman has continued to offer assistance, as needed, to RMA to facilitate the funding necessary to provide clean drinking water to the community of San Lucas. This assistance has included facilitation of meetings with the State Water Resources Control Board, and feedback on potential funding sources. Nossaman is currently coordinating a meeting with the State Water Resources Control Board to discuss the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Planning grant application.
- **Environmental Justice Coalition for Water:** At the direction of the Legislative Committee, Nossaman met with the Environmental Justice Coalition for Water (EJCW) on June 20, 2017. EJCW is requesting that the County be the lead applicant on a number of grant applications to provide new water connections for safe, clean drinking water for state small systems and private domestic wells in the County of Monterey. Two of the water systems are outside of the City of Salinas and one is near Elkhorn Slough. These state small water systems and private wells are not eligible for funding under the state revolving fund and require a public water system to be the lead applicant. EJCW has proposed writing the grant and managing the project. They have requested the County to be the applicant for the funding and the lead on the grant administration process. On July 6, 2017, Nossaman has scheduled a follow up meeting for County staff with EJCW to speak in greater detail about the 3 projects. The meeting was informative and the County requested further information to better understand the County's role in working with EJCW to bring safe clean drinking water to the identified communities in Monterey County. The SGSP will continue to engage with the EJCW on ways to accomplish these important water projects.
- **Carmel River Floodplain Restoration and Environmental Enhancement (CRFREE) Project:** Nossaman has continued to offer assistance, as needed, to RMA to facilitate the funding necessary to complete the CRFREE project. Nossaman supports the RMA efforts on the project by participating in funding strategy meetings in partnership with the Big Sur Land Trust, providing grant writing when needed, providing review of applications, and coordinating meetings with funding agencies to discuss grant opportunities.

GRANT TRACKING MATRIX

Grant Program	Request Amount	Project Summary	Department / Partner(s)	SGSP Role	Award Status
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					
<i>No Applications Submitted in 2017.</i>					
ADMINISTRATION					
<i>No Applications Submitted in 2017.</i>					
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES					
<i>No Applications Submitted in 2017.</i>					
INFRASTRUCTURE					
Beverage Container Recycling Grant Program FY 2017-18 (CalRecycle)	\$249,000	Provide additional recycling and waste facilities and a new refuse collection truck to County Parks, diverting approximately 300,000 more recyclable beverage containers away from landfills each year, and provide educational signage.	Parks, Health - Environmental Health Bureau, CAO- Intergovernmental & Legislative Affairs GoGreen Program, and The Offset Project.	Facilitated cooperation with nonprofit Offset Project and the Parks Dept. on application, provided budget support, and reviewed application.	Successfully Awarded: 01/03/17
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.	Pending Application Submitted: 01/18/17 Awards Expected: 2018

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California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA)	TBD	Requested assistance for repairing damage to County infrastructure associated with January 2017 flood events.	Office of Emergency Services	Reviewed and provided comments and narrative to application.	Pending Application Submitted: 01/17/17 Awards Expected: 2018
Volkswagen Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Settlement	\$354,000	Installation of electric vehicle charging stations throughout County parking lots and purchase of additional electric vehicles for use in the County fleet.	Contracts and Purchasing	Made department aware of application, reviewed and provided comments on project.	Pending Application Submitted: 01/16/2017 Awards Expected: 2017
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.	Pending Application Submitted: 2016 Awards Expected: 2017
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency (NOAA) FY 2017 Coastal Resilience Grant Program	\$2,000,000	Construction of the Carmel River Floodplain Restoration and Environmental Enhancement Program (CRFREE).	RMA, Big Sur Land Trust	Participated in several strategy calls, drafted letter of support, assisted in securing letters of support.	Application Submitted: March 15, 2017 Award Outcome: Not funded

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Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP)	\$9,000,000	Repairs and improvements to Palo Colorado Road, Tassajara Road, Carmel Valley Road, Coast Road, and Los Burros Road to improve access to Federal lands.	RMA	Coordinating initial project meetings, advised on competitive projects, review of draft application material, assisted in securing letters of support.	Application Submitted: 05/12/2017 Award Outcome: Did not receive funding.
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	TBD	Drinking water solutions for the community of San Lucas. The County is preparing a scope of work to further evaluate the treatment alternative for the San Lucas Water District.	RMA	Participated in meetings with RMA to assist with strategy on funding opportunities.	Awards Expected: TBD
PUBLIC SAFETY					
U.S. DOJ Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program	\$400,000	The County requested funding for a new full time Probation Officer position with a sole focus on the Veterans Court and expanding the amount of cases the Court is able to hear.	Probation Department	Alerted the Departments of the solicitation. Provide grant narrative writing, assistance with attachments, and review of supporting documentation.	Successfully Awarded: September 2017

