



**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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**RE:** Strategic Grant Services Program: 2016 Annual Report

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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 chief overall 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

In addition to the high priority projects the program has identified, Nossaman provides grant opportunity research and guidance on all other potential funding applications.

**Summary of Key Accomplishments in 2016:**

The SGSP has collaborated with County departments to achieve the following key accomplishments in 2016.

- **Grant Awards Facilitated:** \$12,123,500
- **Grant Applications Pending:** \$10,521,000
- **Funding Opportunity Alerts:** Sent 71 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 since January 1, 2016.
- **2017 Work Plan:** SGSP has compiled a work plan for CY 2017 and will facilitate at least 15 grants to fund key priority County projects with a portion of the program capacity unplanned to allow for work on unexpected funding needs throughout the year.

**Grant Awards and Accomplishments (2016):**

In 2016, SGSP facilitated \$12,123,500 in grant awards for the County. Key to this success was the facilitation of a \$10,000,000 award through the State Legislature to help fund the Interlake Tunnel project from the Water Resources Agency. Nossaman supported Assemblyman Alejo's and the Water Resources Agency's efforts to secure this funding. During this effort, Nossaman provided assistance, analyzed other potential funding sources, provided information for legislators, and coordinated meetings.

The following lists all successful grant awards facilitated by the SGSP. Departments took the lead on these efforts and the SGSP facilitated and provided assistance. For each grant, we list the project funded, amount of the award, when the grant application was submitted, when the award was made, role of the SGSP in the application process, and partner departments or organizations.

- ***SB 831, State Budget Funding for the Interlake Tunnel Project (DWR)***
  - **Project:** Planning, design, and construction of the Interlake Tunnel between Lakes Nacimiento and San Antonio
  - **Amount:** \$10 million
  - **Submitted:** Introduced by the Legislature August 23, 2016
  - **Awarded:** Signed by the Governor September 13, 2016
  - **Role:** Legislative advocacy for AB 1585/SB 831 in coordination with WRA. Compiled and submitted County support documents to the Legislature and Governor, testified in support at legislative hearings, met with legislators, maintained communications between the County, State Senators and industry partners, and identified the grant award process. Funding will be provided to WRA by the Department of Water Resources.
  - **Department/Partner(s):** WRA
- ***Active Transportation Program FY 2017 Round (California Transportation Commission)***
  - **Project:** Via Salinas Valley: An Active Transportation Education Program to implement a community and school based education program to promote healthy transportation choices in the cities of Gonzales, Greenfield, King City, Soledad, and Salinas
  - **Amount:** \$965,000
  - **Submitted:** June 15, 2016
  - **Awarded:** Staff recommendation to award on November 1, adoption of recommendation by California Transportation Commission expected by December 8, 2016.
  - **Role:** Reviewed application, provided comments and edits to application package.
  - **Department/Partner(s):** Health, TAMC
- ***County Victim Services Program (CalOES)***
  - **Project:** Improve services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child victims of crimes, and other victims
  - **Amount:** \$508,500
  - **Submitted:** May 24, 2016
  - **Awarded:** October 5, 2016
  - **Role:** Coordinated, drafted, and submitted the application.
  - **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

- ***Proposition 1 Technical Assistance Program (CA EPA)***
  - **Project:** Income study for Chualar to potentially qualify for additional Proposition 1 funding to repair and upgrade the community's sewer system
  - **Amount:** TBD based on pre-project meetings with grantor
  - **Submitted:** July 2016
  - **Awarded:** September 19, 2016
  - **Role:** Confirmed project eligibility with grantor, wrote draft application narrative, facilitated application.
  - **Department/Partner(s):** RMA
- ***Supervised Population Workforce Training Grant 2.0 (CA Workforce Investment Board)***
  - **Project:** Improving training and access to the job market for the Monterey County probation population
  - **Amount:** \$400,000
  - **Submitted:** May 2, 2016
  - **Awarded:** May 15, 2016
  - **Role:** Gathered support letters from the County's Legislative Representatives, reviewed the application, and assisted with submittal.
  - **Department/Partner(s):** Economic Development, Probation
- ***Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant (CA Water Resources)***
  - **Project:** To assess groundwater basin levels in the Salinas Valley and monitor basin aquifer water levels
  - **Amount:** \$250,000
  - **Submitted:** December 8, 2015
  - **Awarded:** March 25, 2016
  - **Role:** Prepared application in cooperation with RMA and WRA.
  - **Department/Partner(s):** RMA, WRA
- ***Grant Needs Inventory***
  - Met 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 2017 and policies by which the program operates.

**Grant Applications Submitted (2016):**

The SGSP has facilitated applications for \$10,521,000 in grants which are currently being reviewed by grantor agencies. Funding decisions are expected on these applications by the end of the year.

- ***State Responsibility Area Fire Prevention Fund (SRAFPF) and Tree Mortality (TM) Grant (CalFire)***
  - **Project:** Mowing for fire prevention along County roads in high fire risk areas including Big Sur, Carmel Valley, Cachagua, Robinson Canyon, and Prunedale
  - **Amount:** \$250,000
  - **Submitted:** September 28, 2016
  - **Award Announcements Expected:** December, 2016.
  - **Role:** Vetted the grant for RMA, advised on project design, coordinated all grant meetings, co-wrote narrative, advised on budget strategy, circulated drafts for review.
  - **Department/Partner(s):** RMA – Public Works.
- ***Quagga and Zebra Mussel Prevention Grant***
  - **Project:** Prevent introduction of invasive mussels at Lakes Nacimiento and San Antonio
  - **Amount:** \$250,000
  - **Submitted:** September 15, 2016
  - **Award Announcements Expected:** December 2016
  - **Role:** Compiled and submitted application in cooperation with RMA.
  - **Department/Partner(s):** RMA
- ***Proposition 1 Stream Flow Enhancement Program (Wildlife Conservation Board)***
  - **Project:** Construction of the Carmel River Floodplain Restoration and Environmental Enhancement Program (CRFREE)
  - **Amount:** \$4.2 Million
  - **Submitted:** August 31, 2016
  - **Awards:** December 2016
  - **Role:** Advised on grant writing strategy and gathered support letters.
  - **Department/Partner(s):** RMA
- ***Unserved/Underserved Child and Youth Advocacy Grant (CalOES)***
  - **Project:** Reestablishment of a victim focused Center in King City to serve children/youth who are victims of violent crimes
  - **Amount:** \$372,000
  - **Submitted:** August 25, 2016
  - **Award Announcements Expected:** December, 2016
  - **Role:** Notified DA's office of the opportunity. Review of final draft application.
  - **Department/Partner(s):** District Attorney – Victims Unit
- ***California Department of Fish and Wildlife - Proposition 1***
  - **Project:** Carmel River Floodplain Restoration and Environmental Enhancement Program (CRFREE)
  - **Amount:** \$4.2 Million
  - **Submitted:** June 24, 2016
  - **Award Announcements Expected:** December 2016

- **Role:** Gathered support letters from the County's Legislative Representatives, reviewed the application, and assisted with submittal
- **Department/Partner(s):** RMA, Big Sur Land Trust
- **Safe and Thriving Communities Program (DOJ)**
  - **Project:** Establish crises teams to respond to violent crimes to discourage retaliation and promote healing
  - **Amount:** \$1 Million
  - **Submitted:** June 21, 2016
  - **Award Announcements Expected:** December 2016
  - **Role:** Provided guidance on application process, reviewed, provided assistance with application
  - **Department/Partner(s):** CAO – Community Engagement and Advocacy, NMC, Health, Seaside Police Department, Greenfield Police Department
- **Beverage Container Recycling Grant (CalRecycle)**
  - **Project:** 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
  - **Amount:** \$249,000
  - **Submitted:** July 5, 2016
  - **Award Announcements Expected:** December 2016
  - **Role:** Facilitated cooperation between nonprofit the Offset Project and the Parks Department on application, provided budget support, reviewed application
  - **Department/Partner(s):** Parks, Health - Environmental Health Bureau, CAO- Intergovernmental & Legislative Affairs GoGreen Program, and The Offset Project. If awarded, the Offset Project will take the lead managing the grant.

**Work in Progress (2016):**

This section includes SGSP activities related to securing funds for ongoing County needs, including securing a clean and stable water supply, flood prevention, addressing homelessness, and improving public safety.

- **Cap and Trade Funding Increase (AB 1613) Project:** The Legislature has recently increased funding for the Cap and Trade program which provides \$900M for programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Up to \$265M of funding closely aligns with County priority needs for transportation, transit, active transportation, fire prevention, parks, and tree planting:
  - \$135 million for the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital program, helping fund local capital projects to keep Californians moving by bus and commuter rail
  - \$10 million for the Active Transportation Program to fund bicycle and pedestrian programs that make walking or biking to school and work safer and easier
  - \$25 million for the Healthy Forest program, which preserves existing forests by reducing the threat of wildfires by reducing fuels, removing dead trees, and providing long-term protection to forest land
  - \$80 million for the Urban Greening program to create green spaces and parks in communities in California that lack green space

- \$15 million to continue the successful Urban Forestry program which helps urban disadvantaged communities plant trees in their neighborhood
- **Role:** Nossaman will actively engage in the implementation of grant programs on behalf of the County
- **Department/Partner(s):** Several County departments may benefit from these programs
- ***San Lucas Pipeline Project***
  - **Project:** Nossaman and IGLA staff have been assisting RMA throughout 2016 to identify fund sources to provide clean drinking water to the community of San Lucas.
- ***Proposition 1 Technical Assistance Program (CA EPA)***
  - **Project:** Planning for clean water for the South County community of San Lucas
  - **Application:** Will be submitted in 2016/17 depending on project meetings and needs
  - **Awards:** Rolling, awards are made as applications are reviewed
  - **Role:** Informed RMA of opportunity, explained program, advised on application strategy
  - **Department/Partner(s):** RMA
- ***Congressional Earmark for the Lower Carmel River and Lagoon Floodplain Restoration and Enhancement Project: (US EPA)***
  - **Project:** Flood reduction and stormwater improvements in unincorporated Carmel neighborhoods near Highway 1
  - **Amount:** \$485,000
  - **Application:** Submission TBD
  - **Awards:** TBD
  - **Role:** Facilitated the preparation of bid for environmental review of project, a prerequisite step before funds can become available. A consultant was chosen to work on the project and a contract is being executed. Consultant work expected to start Winter 2016/17, grant funds expected by Winter 2016/17.
  - **Department/Partner(s):** RMA
- ***Water Resources Agency Projects***
  - We continue to be in communication with Assemblyman Alejo regarding the draw down of \$10 million provided by SB 831 for the Interlake Tunnel Project.
  - We have alerted WRA of the Proposition 1 Groundwater program, Proposition 1 Technical Assistance program for well-head treatment and planning in disadvantaged communities like Castroville and Pajaro, Proposition 1 Stream Flow Enhancement Program, Proposition 1 Restoration Grant Program Proposition 1 Urban Rivers Grant Program, and Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Management Planning and Disadvantaged Community Programs.
- ***Funding Opportunity Alerts***
  - Sent 71 funding opportunity alerts to County departments and nonprofit partners on topics such as homelessness, children's services, services for victims of crimes, and redevelopment since January 1, 2016.