



TO: Monterey County Legislative Committee **DATE:** February 13, 2017

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RE: Strategic Grant Services Program: Grants Update

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 \$12 million in grant funding for various Departments.

The matrix attached serves as an update on the activities of the SGSP, and provides information on grants awarded in 2017, grant applications recently submitted, and grant applications currently in progress. The SGSP has alerted County departments and nonprofit partners of ten grant programs on topics such as homelessness, children's services, services for victims of crimes, and redevelopment since January 1, 2017.

SGSP Highlights:

California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES): The County has submitted a letter to CalOES to formally request reconsideration of the denial of California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) funding for the Soberanes Fire. The letter also requests a meeting with CalOES to discuss the reconsideration and the future request for the winter storms damage, which was declared as a State of Emergency by Governor Brown on January 23, 2017. The letter was carbon copied to the Governor's Office and the legislative delegation representing Monterey County. Additionally, Nossaman has briefed Assemblyman Stone, Assemblywoman Caballero and staff for Senator Monning and Senator Canella on the appeal to CalOES for the Soberanes Fire and the future need for funding from the CDAA for the winter storms.

Drinking Water Solutions for the Community of San Lucas: In late January, County staff met with representatives from the State Water Resources Control Board to discuss drinking water solutions for the community of San Lucas. Following the call, the State Board sent the County a formal request to prepare a scope of work to further evaluate the treatment alternative for the San Lucas Water District. Once the scope of work, timeline, and budget for evaluating the treatment alternative is finalized, the State has committed to amending the financing agreement to incorporate the necessary work.

Veterans Court Expansion: The SGSP will be working with the Probation Department and the Courts on an application through the U.S. Department of Justice Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program. Nossaman will be taking a lead role on the application, assisting with writing and packaging all necessary supporting documentation to compile a competitive grant program. The County will be requesting 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. Applications are due Tuesday, February 28th.

Cap and Trade Funding: The Legislature has increased funding in the last legislative session for the Cap and Trade program which provides \$900 million for programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Programs from the Cap and Trade funding allocation which closely align with County's priority needs include the Active Transportation Program, the Transformative Climate Communities, and the Urban Greening Program. The SGSP will actively engage with the various state agencies as they implement these grant programs to ensure the County is eligible and able to submit a competitive grant application.

In addition to the grant programs we are actively working on below, we have alerted County Departments and nonprofit partners of ten other funding opportunities since January 1, 2017.

Grant / Issue Tracking Matrix					
Grant Program	Request Amount	Project Summary	Department / Partner(s)	SGSP Role	Award Status
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					
<i>No Grant Opportunities Identified yet in 2017.</i>					
ADMINISTRATION					
<i>No Grant Opportunities Identified yet in 2017.</i>					
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES					
<i>No Grant Opportunities Identified yet 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. Award is conditional upon approval of state budget in June 2017.	Parks, Health - Environmental Health Bureau, CAO- Intergovernmental & Legislative Affairs GoGreen Program, and The Offset Project.	Facilitated cooperation between nonprofit the Offset Project and the Parks Department on application, provided budget support, reviewed application.	Awarded: 01/03/17

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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.	Submitted: 01/18/17, denied funding *In the process of appealing
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.	Submitted: 01/17/17 Awards Expected: Mid-2017
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.	Submitted: 01/16/2017 Awards Expected: 02/22/2017
Proposition 1 Stream Flow Enhancement Program (Wildlife Conservation Board)	\$4.2 Million	Construction of the Carmel River Floodplain Restoration and Environmental Enhancement Program (CRFREE).	RMA	Advised on grant writing strategy and gathered support letters.	Submitted: 08/31/2016 Awards Expected: March, 2016

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Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP)	TBD	Repairs to Palo Colorado Road to improve access to Federal lands.	RMA	Coordinating initial project meetings, advised on competitive projects, review of draft application material.	Application Due: 04/06/2017 Awards Expected: TBD
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 a tour with the US EPA. 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.	Awards Expected: Spring 2017
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

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PUBLIC SAFETY					
Proposition 47 Grant Program	TBD	Opening a South County one-stop facility to provide mental health, substance abuse, and diversionary services to those who have been in the criminal justice system.	Health Department – Mental Health	Provided updated on grant release, participation in grant meetings, review of draft material.	Application Due: 02/21/2017 Awards Expected: June 2017
U.S. DOJ Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program	TBD	The County will be requesting 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, review of supporting documentation, and full application submittal.	Application Due: 02/28/2017 Awards Expected: TBD