



TO: Legislative Committee
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RE: Strategic Grant Services Program: Grants Update

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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 \$13 million in grant funding for various Departments.

The matrix attached provides 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 17 grant programs on topics such as fire restoration, homelessness, children's services, services for victims of crimes, and redevelopment since January 1, 2017.

SGSP Grants and Legislative/Regulatory Advocacy Effort Highlights:

Interlake Tunnel – White Bass Issue: Water Resources Agency met with the Department of Fish and Wildlife on July 20 and Nossaman attended the meeting, as requested by the Legislative Committee. Mort McMillen from McMillen Jacobs Associates lead the meeting and presented the final White Bass Alternatives Analysis. The completion of the MOU is still targeted for August and WRA is working on a draft for CDFW review. The next meeting is scheduled in Sacramento on August 11, 2017.

Governor Brown's Dam Safety Proposal: Nossaman spoke with the Department of Water Resources to identify whether or not the County will be eligible to apply for funding through the subvention programs for flood control projects in the County of Monterey. There are a number of Federal and State authorizations that must be in place to access this funding. Nossaman is coordinating Federal and State resources to ensure this funding opportunity is fully vetted for the Nacimiento Dam and the Pajaro River Levee.

Report on Meeting with the Environmental Justice Coalition for Water: On July 6, 2017, Nossaman scheduled a follow up meeting for County staff with EJCW to speak in greater detail about the 3 water system consolidation projects. The meeting was informative and the County requested the following 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.

- Detailed project description(s)
- Project status
- Proposal for County involvement – outline of possible roles/responsibilities in as much specificity as possible
- Description of targeted funding sources
- Description of outreach efforts to date, and planned future outreach efforts
- Parcel maps
- Identification of possible physical, political, or other potential project obstacles
- Identification the accepting water systems (CalWater, Pajaro Sunny Mesa)

- Description of the extent of your interactions to date with the proposed water supplier
- Any other relevant information which will assist the County in analyzing financial, workload, or other requirements to assist in moving these projects forward.

Once this information is received from EJCW, the County can make an informed decision about being the applicant for the consolidation of these small systems.

Cal OES Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant: The Resource Management Agency submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) to apply for the Cal OES/FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance Program for the CRFREE project on August 4, 2017. Cal OES will review the NOI's and notify the County to proceed with a full application. The County submitted a full application last year and was not successful. Nossaman coordinated a call with Cal OES to garner feedback on the previous application, and the County was encouraged to reapply. Nossaman will continue to work closely with Cal OES on feedback to better position our application. Nossaman will assist the Resource Management Agency with submitting the full application for funding.

Greenfield Courthouse, Judicial Council: Supervisor Alejo and Supervisor Salinas met with representatives from the Court and the City of Greenfield on July 12, 2017 to discuss the need for funding the construction of a courthouse in Greenfield. Nossaman will assist the County in exploring opportunities to work with the Judicial Council on funding streams for courthouse construction, and moving the Greenfield Courthouse project up on the Judicial Council priority list.

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					
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency (NOAA) FY 2017 Coastal Resilience Grant Program	\$2 Million	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 Due: March 15, 2017 Outcome: Not successful
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, 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 Awards Expected: Mid-2017
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-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.	Submitted: 01/16/2017 Awards Expected: August 2017

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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.	Submitted: 05/12/2017 Awards Expected: September 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 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: Summer 2017
PUBLIC SAFETY					
BSCC Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)	TBD	TBD	Sheriff's Office, Probation Department, Courts	TBD	Applications Due: TBD, Likely September 2017

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U.S. DOJ Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program		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.	Application Submitted: 02/28/2017 Awards Expected: September 2017