



TO: Monterey County Legislative Committee

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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 \$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 20 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:

- i. **Interlake Tunnel – White Bass Issue:** Water Resources Agency (WRA) has submitted the first draft MOU to the Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for their review and response. CDFW has indicated that they will respond this month. We have informed Senator Monning's office that the MOU has been submitted to CDFW.
- ii. **Cal OES Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant:** The Resource Management Agency (RMA) submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) to apply for the Cal OES/FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance Program for the CRFREE project on August 4. Cal OES will review the NOI's and notify the County to proceed with a full application. We anticipate Cal OES will invite the County to submit a full application, and that will likely happen this month. In preparation for the invitation, Nossaman met with RMA and the Big Sur Land Trust to discuss strategy for completing the application. Nossaman will assist RMA with submitting the full application for funding.
- iii. **Cal OES Hazard Mitigation Grant Program:** RMA submitted an NOI to apply for the Cal OES/FEMA Hazard Mitigation Program on June 15 and have been invited to submit a full application by November 1. Nossaman participated in a meeting with RMA and Big Sur Land Trust to discuss the application and strategy for completing the application. Nossaman will assist RMA in submitting the full application.
- iv. **CalRecycle Beverage Retainer Recycling Grant Program:** On August 16, the County received the official confirmation of successful award of \$250,000 in funding to support Monterey County parks. The funding will provide additional recycling and waste facilities and a new refuse collection truck to County Parks. The award was postponed since the initial award notification in January due to State budget restraints. CalRecycle notified the County that funding has been released.
- v. **Grant Track**

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.	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
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: 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.	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
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 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.	Awards Expected: Summer 2017

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PUBLIC SAFETY					
BSCC Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)	TBD	TBD	Sheriff's Office, Probation Department, Courts	TBD	Applications Due: TBD, application expected to be released late 2017.
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.	Application Submitted: 02/28/2017 Awards Expected: September 2017