



**TO:** Monterey County Legislative Committee **DATE:** March 12, 2018

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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 \$23.5 million in grant funding for various Departments.

The matrix attached provides an update on the activities of the SGSP, and will provide information on grants awarded in 2018, grant applications recently submitted, and grant applications currently in progress.

**SGSP Grants and Legislative/Regulatory Advocacy Effort Highlights:**

- **Interlake Tunnel Project:** As a follow up to the County's meeting with Senator Monning, Director of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), Chuck Bonham, and his staff in Sacramento on February 15, Nossaman has worked with all interested parties to coordinate Senator Monning and Director Bonham's visit to Salinas to meet with the Leadership Group on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Nossaman is participating in bi-weekly conference calls with the County Water Resources Agency (WRA) and CDFW regarding the project. Nossaman will provide assistance to WRA regarding all follow up items, including potential funding opportunities.
- **One California: Immigrant Services Funding:** Supervisor Alejo has requested Nossaman research the distribution of these grants to see if there are any geographic inequities in other regions, similar to Monterey County. This funding program was developed by the legislature to provide services for immigrants such as: community education and outreach, naturalization services, affirmative legal services, defensive legal representation and services, and legal training, legal resources and technical assistance. As pointed out by Supervisor Alejo, the amount of funding being invested in the Central Coast is very minimal in comparison to the rest of the State.
- **California Coastal Conservancy Proposition 1 Funding:** The Coastal Conservancy contacted the County regarding their Proposition 1 Grant solicitation focused on the Central Coast. Nossaman reached out to the Coastal Conservancy to get more information on the types of projects they are looking to fund. Nossaman is communicating with the Water Resources Agency and the Resource Management Agency regarding potential projects. Grant applications are due March 30, 2018.
- **CAL FIRE: Fire Prevention Grant:** Nossaman continues to be in communication with CAL FIRE about the upcoming solicitation for the Fire Prevention Grant Program concept proposals. Nossaman will alert the County when the solicitation is released. If CAL FIRE believes the concept proposal is highly competitive, the County will be asked to submit a full

application. Concept proposals are anticipated to be due in March or April. Nossaman will provide any assistance RMA needs to submit the concept proposal.

- **San Lucas Safe Drinking Water:** RMA received the updated cost estimates from consultants related to the updated scope of work. RMA has sent the scope of work to the State Water Resources Control Board for approval to be included in the funding application. RMA took a resolution to the San Lucas Water Board on March 8<sup>th</sup> and will be taking it to the County Board of Supervisors on March 20<sup>th</sup> that allows the County to enter into a funding agreement with the State. Once the resolution is approved, the County can submit the application to the State Water Resources Control Board within a week.
- **Receive Grant Track**

## Grant / Issue Tracking Matrix

Grant Program	Request Amount	Project Summary	Department / Partner(s)	SGSP Role	Award Status
<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>					
<i>No Grant Opportunities Identified yet in 2018.</i>					
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>					
<i>No Grant Opportunities Identified yet in 2018.</i>					
<b>HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES</b>					
<i>No Grant Opportunities Identified yet in 2018.</i>					
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE</b>					
Beach Erosion and Restoration Grant	\$1,230,470	Carmel Lagoon EPB and SRPS pre-construction costs.	RMA	Arranged meetings with DBW, outlined necessary grant information, drafted narrative, and submitted application on behalf of the County.	<b>Submitted:</b> February 1, 2018
CAL FIRE Fire Prevention Grant	TBD	Jacks Peak County Park fire prevention activities.	RMA	Meet with CAL FIRE, provide feedback to RMA regarding last year's concept proposal, provide strategy during application process, review application and provide suggestions.	<b>Due:</b> March/April 2018
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.	<b>Submitted back up documentation:</b> 01/25/18  <b>Awards Expected:</b> 2018

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.	<b>Submitted:</b> 01/17/17  <b>Awards Expected:</b> Mid-2018
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.	<b>Awards Expected:</b> 2018
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>					
<i>No Grant Opportunities Identified yet in 2018.</i>					