



**TO:** Monterey County Legislative Committee **DATE:** April 9, 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:** Nossaman has assisted the County in organizing a meeting with Senator Monning and Director Bonham in Salinas to meet with local agricultural leaders regarding the Interlake Tunnel Project. This meeting is scheduled for mid-April. Nossaman continues to participate in bi-weekly conference calls with the County Water Resources Agency (WRA) and CDFW regarding the project. As requested, Nossaman will provide assistance to WRA on this project, including exploring potential funding opportunities.
- **One California: Immigrant Services Funding:** As requested by Supervisor Alejo, Nossaman is researching the grant funding investment by the One California program in the County of Monterey. Local non-profits believe that the program is not providing funding assistance in Monterey County. In terms of next steps, Nossaman suggests drafting a letter from Senator Monning to the Department of Social Services inquiring for more details about funding that has been awarded to organizations serving Monterey County. Nossaman looks forward to receiving feedback from the Committee on this approach, including questions that should be included in the letter.
- **California Coastal Conservancy Proposition 1 Funding:** The Water Resources Agency and the Resource Management Agency (RMA) could not identify any projects that fit within the grant priorities. Nossaman solicited feedback from the Coastal Conservancy about two projects RMA suggested and the State provided feedback that they were not a good fit for the program.
- **San Lucas Safe Drinking Water:** The County Board of Supervisors will be approving the resolution allowing the County to enter into a funding agreement with the State on April 24 or May 1. The San Lucas Water District requested the County present on the project and resolution for a second time at the April 12 meeting. The District expressed their willingness to consider consolidation with Cal Water. The County has begun conversations with Cal Water and consultants about what that scope of work would look like. Nossaman will work

with the State Water Resources Control Board to ensure an expedited review process, as discussed with State Board staff in previous meetings.

- **Beach Erosion and Restoration Grant:** Nossaman worked with the RMA on a grant application for the Carmel Lagoon project and it was submitted on February 1, 2018. Given that RMA will be requesting further direction from the Board of Supervisors on the project and funding, as well as the significant 50% matching requirement of the grant program, RMA decided to not move forward with the review of this grant application. Nossaman will hold off on pursuing any grant funding for this project until further direction is given from the Board.
- **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>Withdrawn</b>
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> April/May 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 (CDA)	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>					