



TO: Monterey County Legislative Committee **DATE:** May 13, 2019

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RE: Strategic Grant Services Program: Grants Update

Program Efforts

- **Greenfield Courthouse:** Nossaman has drafted a letter to the County's legislative delegation updating them on the status of the Greenfield Courthouse project, the County's commitment to ensuring this project gets done, and clarifying misconceptions about the Monterey County Courthouse. Nossaman has met with the Legislative Delegation to brief them on the project.

Nossaman checked in with the Judicial Council of California for an update on the status their re-evaluation of court construction projects. The Judicial Council is currently working to re-rank the projects and present the updated list to the Court Facility Advisory Committee (CFAC) in August and again in October to discuss and issue a solicitation for public comment. The list will be approved by the CFAC and go to the Judicial Council for vote in November. The final list will be presented to the Legislature in December.

Attachment: Draft letter for review by the Committee.

- **Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program:** Nossaman and the County IGLA Division coordinated with the Sheriff, Behavioral Health, Public Defender and District Attorney offices on the JAG application. The application was submitted on April 25, 2019, and the County received notice of rejection on May 7, 2019. IGLA staff and Nossaman will be working to understand how to insure better coordination/accountability across multiple departments for future grant applications.
- **Proposition 68 Cultural, Community and Natural Resources Grant Program:** The County's Laguna Seca Safe Drinking Water project was not selected to move forward to the next step in the application process, which would have been a site visit. The grant program was extremely competitive with over 200 applications totaling over \$400 million in requests. We will work with the California Natural Resources Agency to get more information about why the County's project was not selected, ways we might be able to improve the application next round, and other potential funding sources.
- **San Lucas Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Application:** The State Water Board reached out to RMA regarding the project medium household income, as they determined that the community of San Lucas is considered non-disadvantage. In order to be eligible for grant funds, the project needs to be determined as located in a disadvantaged community.

Previously we used income survey was conducted in 2013 by RCAC, however the State only accepts the survey data for 5 years. There has not been another updated survey completed since then. The State has offered to conduct a new income survey free to the County. The income survey is important because it will help determine if State can offer grant funding depending if results of the survey demonstrate a disadvantage status. Right now through the most recent American community survey the results demonstrate non-disadvantage status therefore this means the project does not qualify for grant funding.

- **Receive Grants Matrix:** See attached.