



TO: Monterey County Legislative Committee **DATE:** July 22, 2019

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RE: Strategic Grant Services Program: Grants Update

Program Efforts

- **\$6 Million Proposition 47 Grant Award:** The Behavioral Health Department submitted a Proposition 47 application to fund mental health services, substance use disorder treatment and diversion programs for people in the criminal justice system. In June, the Board of State and Community Corrections approved the County's \$6 million request. Nossaman and the County's IGLA office assisted in the process by reviewing the grant narrative and provided suggesting edits to strengthen the application.
- **Affordable Housing and Homelessness:** Nossaman met with the County's Housing Program Manager to discuss hurdles facing the County in addressing affordable housing and homelessness, which is a priority for the Board. We reviewed several funding opportunities and are setting up regularly scheduled monthly meetings to put additional resources and focus on this issue. In addition, Nossaman is continuing to work with the County and CSAC on concerns related to SB 1 funding being tied to affordable housing development.
- **CRFREE Support Letters:** The Monterey County Resource Management Agency (RMA) and Big Sur Land Trust have proposed the Carmel River Floodplain Restoration and Environmental Enhancement Project for funding through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's National Coastal Resiliency Program. The application is today, July 22. RMA reached out to Nossaman for assistance gathering support letters from the County's State and Federal representatives. Nossaman secured support letters from Congressman Panetta and Assemblymember Stone. Senator Monning's policy is to not write letters of support for federal grant requests; however his office expressed an offer to help on any state grants we may apply for.
- **Climate Change Related Funding Opportunities:** Per the request of Supervisor Adams at the May Legislative Committee meeting, Nossaman provided detailed summaries of three open or upcoming climate change related programs to the County IGLA office, the Resource Management Agency, and the Water Resources Agency. Those included:
 1. Proposition 68 Coastal Conservancy Grant Program (accepted on a continuous basis)
 2. Coastal Conservancy Climate Ready Grant (Deadline passed July 1)
 3. Caltrans Adaptation Planning Grant (Anticipated to open in August)

We have not yet received feedback on any potential projects.

- **North County Fire District:** Nossaman worked with the County IGLA office to meet with North County Fire District and discuss the need for funding five firefighter positions. The District had received a previous FEMA grant called “SAFER” that funded these five positions up until earlier this year. The District did not have the funding necessary to keep those positions past the grant period, and therefore had to lay off these positions. The District missed the opportunity to apply for SAFER again this year, because they still had those five positions employed. The SAFER grant is the only funding program for the hiring of firefighters. The District will be eligible to apply next year, in the Spring of 2020. The District is likely to be eligible for a financial hardship waiver that will lessen the matching amount required.
- **Marina Coast Water District (MCWD) Grant Support Letter:** The MCWD applied for a \$3.2 million grant from the US Bureau of Reclamation for the Regional Urban Water Augmentation Project (RUWAP). The IGLA office worked to secure a County letter of support for this recycled water project. The project is focused on sustainable management of groundwater resources in the area and economic recovery efforts RUWAP in response to the closure of the former Fort Ord military base. The grant was due June 28.
- **Monterey County Resource Conservation District:** Nossaman met with the Resource Conservation District of Monterey County to discuss potential funding sources for a land valuation. The District believes Monterey County would be best suited to have a scaled down version of the Santa Cruz land valuation, and builds upon the “Economic Contributions of Monterey County Agriculture” report. We discussed the funding sources from the Santa Cruz report, and will be further exploring these funding streams to identify whether or not they would work for Monterey County. The District offered to be a resource as we move forward with our research, and gave Nossaman some ideas on potential foundation funding sources. The District expressed they have the capacity to carry out the work of completing a land valuation study and would contract with firms who specialize in this area. Nossaman will continue to alert the District of potential funding opportunities that would benefit the County.
- **Receive Grants Matrix:** See attached.