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**RE:** Strategic Grant Services Program: Grants Update

## **Program Efforts**

- Old Jail Rehabilitation Funding: The Resource Management Agency (RMA) made a recent presentation to the Board of Supervisors regarding the rehabilitation and project options for the Old Jail. Nossaman researched and provided information to RMA regarding potential funding for the park project and an incentive program for the rehabilitation of the building. We are also working on setting up a meeting with the State Historic Preservation Office to discuss additional potential funding opportunities. Assemblymember Rivas met with Supervisor Alejo and staff to discuss the project and funding needs, as well as tour the project site. Nossaman informed Senator's Caballero and Monning's offices about the funding needs and status of the project as well.
- Judicial Council Court Facilities Advisory Committee Funding List: The Judicial Council's Court Facilities Advisory Committee (CFAC) met on August 29 to review the first draft newly proposed methodology used to rank court facilities projects, and the new statewide court facilities project list. Supervisor Alejo offered public comment during the meeting, and he and Supervisor Lopez submitted a comment letter regarding the two court projects in the County and expressed concerns that the Greenfield Courthouse was lower on the priority list than the Fort Ord Courthouse. On October 1, CFAC met again and voted to approve the draft methodology and project list. Supervisor Lopez offered public comment during this meeting. The methodology and list will be presented to the Judicial Council for a vote at the November 11/12 meeting. It is anticipated the Council will approve the staff recommendations. The methodology and list will be presented to the Legislature in December. We anticipate the Legislature will have questions and be engaged in taking a close look at the new list.
- Hydration Stations Funding: Nossaman was asked to research potential grant funds available to purchase 4 hydration stations for schools in Chualar. The project would provide chilled/filtered drinking water fountains that have the addition of the spout to fill water bottles at the back. The project would serve about 500 kids at each location, plus serve an additional unknown number of people after school hours when the grounds are used for various other activities. Nossaman provided the County with two grant funding opportunities that may be a good fit for the project: The Recyclebank Green Schools Program and the Peace Love Planet's Go Green Grants. We will continue to work with staff on vetting these programs and researching opportunities for this project.
- Receive Grants Matrix: See attached.