



TO: Monterey County Legislative Committee **DATE:** November 11, 2019

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RE: Strategic Grant Services Program: Grants Update

Summary of Recent Program Efforts

- **Judicial Council of California (JCC) Consideration of Priority List for Courthouse Construction Projects:** The Judicial Council's Court Facilities Advisory Committee (CFAC) met and approved staff's proposed methodology used to rank court facilities projects, and the new statewide court facilities project list. The methodology and list will be presented to the Judicial Council for a vote at the November 14 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. We are working with the Judicial Council to coordinate an opportunity for Supervisor Alejo to call into the meeting and provide public comments.
- **Old Jail Rehabilitation Project:** 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 has coordinated a meeting with the State Historic Preservation Officer on November 12 to provide an update on the project and discuss additional potential funding opportunities. We will report back the outcomes of that meeting.
- **Housing and Community Development (HCD) Local Housing Trust Fund (LHTF) Program:** Given that housing is a top priority for the Board of Supervisors, Nossaman has been researching programs to assist with affordable development. The LHTF provides matching funds for entities that set aside funding in a trust fund for affordable housing. One of the barriers to development in the County has been the lack of ability for the County to commit local funds for projects that are seeking tax credits. The creation of a trust fund could provide those matching funds. The County is currently vetting this program to see how it may work best.
- **Housing and Community Development (HCD) Infill Infrastructure Grant (IIG) Program:** This is another program we thought may be of interest to the County, given the focus on affordable housing development. The IIG program supports infrastructure improvements to facilitate new infill housing development. IIG serves to aid in new construction and rehabilitation of infrastructure that supports higher-density affordable and mixed-income housing in locations designated as infill. Infill project sites must have been previously developed, or largely surrounded by development. The County is eligible to be a sub applicant with a developer partner. The County is currently vetting this program to see how it may work best.

- **Support Letter: Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SVBGSA).** IGLA staff coordinated the adoption of a support letter from the Board of Supervisors for the SVBGSA's application to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) for the Round 3 Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program. The request for \$2.5 million would include both technical and planning work to meet SGMA timelines for groundwater sustainability.
- **Receive Grants Matrix:** See attached.