



County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors
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Board Report

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RECOMMENDATION:

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SUMMARY:

Staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors authorize the execution of all documents needed to implement the Transformative Climate Communities Grant Program Award that was authorized by this Board on February 28, 2023. The grant agreement was executed by all parties on July 10, 2023, and the grant term is July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2025 as set by the grantor, the Strategic Growth Council of California.

DISCUSSION:

The State of California, Strategic Growth Council issued a Grant Application Guide on April 28, 2022, under the Transformative Climate Communities program. These funds are intended for local jurisdictions to fund ambitious measures to build climate adaptation and resilience through planning, research, capacity building, restoration, and sustainable infrastructure.

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The Board of Supervisors authorized Staff to apply to this grant on June 21, 2022 and to accept the grant award on February 28, 2023; the Legistar file IDs for these actions are 22-621 and 23-166, respectively.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Sustainability Program staff are coordinating with the Long-Term Recovery Plan, Housing Community Development, Office of Emergency Services, and the Health Department to synergize the efforts of this grant.

FINANCING:

The total grant award is \$299,113.97 to be disbursed during FY23/24 and FY24/25. There are no budgetary considerations for this report because they were addressed in Board Order A-16178 attached to this report.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

Climate action planning is essential to the health and safety of the County's future.

Mark a check to the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives

Economic Development

Administration

Health & Human Services

Infrastructure

Public Safety

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Attachments:

Board Report

Board of Supervisors Resolution 22-233

Board Order A-16178

Draft Standard Agreement Community Initiatives

Executed TCC Grant Award