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ChatGPT Summary of Monterey County Housing & Public Service Grant Funding

Question posed to ChatGPT:

How much does Monterey County receive in state and federal grants for community development, housing, homelessness, behavioral health, health, and social services activities and from what sources?

ChatGPT Response:

Monterey County receives tens of millions of dollars annually in state and federal funding across housing, homelessness, behavioral health, public health, and social services programs. The funding is highly fragmented, coming from HUD, HHS/CMS, California HCD, CalHHS, DHCS, CDSS, and various competitive grant programs.

Estimated Scale of Funding

Based on publicly reported awards and program allocations:

Area	Approximate Funding Level	Major Sources
Housing & Community Development	~\$8–15 million annually	HUD CDBG, California HCD PLHA, REAP, housing planning grants
Homelessness Programs	~\$15–30+ million annually	HHAP, Encampment Resolution Funding (ERF), federal earmarks, Continuum of Care-related funding
Behavioral Health	\$100+ million annually	Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health, Behavioral Health Services Act (Prop 63/MHSA), CalAIM, DHCS grants
Public Health	Tens of millions annually	Medi-Cal, CDC, HRSA, state public health grants, emergency preparedness funding
Social Services	Hundreds of millions annually	CalWORKs, CalFresh administration, IHSS, Child Welfare Services, Adult Protective Services, Community Services Block Grants

The largest funding streams are generally behavioral health, Medi-Cal-related programs, and social services, which dwarf housing and homelessness grants.

Housing & Community Development

Monterey County Housing & Community Development reported managing approximately **\$7.86 million in active grant funding during FY 2024.** ([County of Monterey](#))

Major current funding sources include:

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Program	Source	Amount
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	U.S. HUD	\$1.19 million FY25
CDBG-CV (CARES Act)	U.S. HUD	\$1.87 million
Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA)	California HCD	Multiple awards totaling roughly \$5 million+ over several years
Regional Early Action Planning (REAP)	AMBAG / State Housing Programs	\$180,000

The County's Housing Programs division also manages federal CDBG funding used for:

- Affordable housing
- Infrastructure improvements
- Public facilities
- Public services for low- and moderate-income residents
- Housing planning and development activities ([County of Monterey](#))

Homelessness Funding

Homelessness funding has expanded significantly in recent years.

Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP)

The Monterey region received approximately **\$27.5 million** through HHAP rounds 1–5 between 2019 and 2025.

Of that amount:

- **\$12.3 million went directly to Monterey County**
- Approximately \$10.9 million has been obligated
- Approximately \$9.1 million has been spent ([Accountability](#))

Encampment Resolution Funding (ERF)

The Monterey area received approximately **\$31.7 million** through California's ERF program.

Of that amount:

- **\$19.2 million went directly to Monterey County**
- About \$11.2 million has been spent so far ([Accountability](#))

Recent ERF awards include:

- ~\$6.4 million for King City projects
- ~\$4.7 million for Soledad projects
- ~\$8 million for the Pajaro River/Watsonville encampment resolution effort ([Salinas Valley Tribune](#))

Federal Earmarks

The County also secured:

- \$2 million in congressional earmark funding for a homeless youth supportive housing campus in South County ([County of Monterey](#))
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Behavioral Health Funding

Behavioral health funding is likely the County's largest grant-supported human services category.

Major funding streams include:

Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health

Administered through the County Behavioral Health Bureau under contracts with:

- California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)
- Federal Medicaid (Medi-Cal)

Funding supports:

- Specialty Mental Health Services
- Crisis services
- Mobile crisis
- Psychiatric treatment
- Residential treatment
- Substance use disorder programs

Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA/MHSA)

Funding comes from California's former Mental Health Services Act (Proposition 63), now transitioning into the Behavioral Health Services Act framework.

Funds support:

- Full-Service Partnerships
- Prevention and Early Intervention
- Housing supports
- Workforce development
- Innovation programs

Monterey County reports approximately **641 individuals enrolled in Full-Service Partnerships**, one indicator of BHSA-funded activity. ([Accountability](#))

CalAIM and Housing-Related Behavioral Health Programs

Additional state and federal funds support:

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- Enhanced Care Management
 - Community Supports
 - Behavioral health bridge housing
 - Recuperative care
 - Permanent supportive housing services
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Public Health Funding

The County Health Department receives funding from:

Federal Sources

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

State Sources

- California Department of Public Health (CDPH)
- California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)
- California Department of Social Services (CDSS)

Programs funded include:

- Immunization programs
- Maternal and child health
- Disease surveillance
- Emergency preparedness
- HIV prevention
- Tuberculosis control
- Environmental health
- Community health initiatives

These programs collectively represent many tens of millions of dollars annually.

Social Services Funding

The Department of Social Services manages some of the County's largest state and federal allocations.

Major funding sources include:

Federal

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

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- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Social Services Block Grant (SSBG)
- Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)
- Child Welfare Services funding
- Older Americans Act programs

State

- CalWORKs
- CalFresh administration
- In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)
- Adult Protective Services
- Foster care and child welfare programs

The Community Action Partnership (CAP) specifically receives funding through the federal **Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)** program. ([Coalition of Homeless Services](#))

Largest Funding Sources Overall

If you rank Monterey County's major external funding sources in these sectors, they are roughly:

1. **Medi-Cal / Medicaid (federal + state behavioral health and health funding)**
2. **CalWORKs, IHSS, and social services allocations**
3. **Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA/MHSA)**
4. **HHAP homelessness funding**
5. **Encampment Resolution Funding (ERF)**
6. **HUD Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)**
7. **Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA)**
8. **Federal earmarks and competitive housing grants**
9. **Community Services Block Grants (CSBG)**
10. **Public health categorical grants (CDC, CDPH, HRSA, SAMHSA)**

A reasonable estimate is that Monterey County receives **well over \$300 million annually** when all state and federal funding streams for health, behavioral health, social services, homelessness, housing, and community development are combined, with the majority flowing through Medi-Cal, social services, and behavioral health systems rather than housing grants alone. ([County of Monterey](#))

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