



COUNTY OF MONTEREY
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



ASSEMBLY BILL 102 PAJARO FLOOD RELIEF PROJECTS

Mid-Year Update
2025

AB 102 PROJECT LIST

Focus Area	Project	Project Partner	Status	Budgeted	Obligated	Expended
Individual & Economic Recovery	Individuals and Households Disaster Assistance	Catholic Charites, Community Bridges	In Progress	\$6,000,000	\$846,071	\$5,153,929
	Small Business Disaster Assistance	Workforce Development Board	In Progress	\$4,000,000	\$226,091	\$3,778,134
Community Resources	Pajaro Community Grant Program	Community Foundation for Monterey County	In Progress	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$2,000,000
Infrastructure	Safe Streets	Public Works- Roads and Bridges	In Progress	\$2,000,000	\$495,000	\$1,504,213
Natural & Cultural Resources	Pajaro Library	Public Works- Facilities	In Progress	\$3,500,000	\$2,153,150	\$1,346,850
	Pajaro Parks	Public Works- Parks, Pajaro Sunny Mesa Community Services District	In Progress	\$1,200,000	\$1,070,000	\$0
Emergency Preparedness & Response	Emergency Response & Flood Fighting	North County Fire Protection District	In Progress	\$500,000	\$168,884	\$336,116
	Digital Message Board	Department of Emergency Management	Delayed	\$100,000	\$0	\$0
	Emergency Preparedness & Recovery Planning	Department of Emergency Management	In Progress	\$300,000	\$41,243	\$111,956
Contingency	Small Business Disaster Assistance	Workforce Development Board	In Progress	\$400,000	\$350,000	\$0
	Pajaro Library	Public Works- Facilities	In Progress		\$50,000	\$0
Total				\$20,000,000	\$5,400,439	\$14,231,198

Individuals and Households Disaster Assistance

Catholic Charities Diocese of Monterey & Community Bridges

Project Description: The Pajaro Unmet Needs Individuals and Households Disaster Assistance Program provides support to households impacted by the March 2023 Pajaro Levee Breach, covering the gap between available aid from insurance, federal, state, county, and non-profit sources.

Numbers as of August 2025

Phase 1: Evacuation Support

EVACUATION FOOD
SPOILAGE ROUND 1
\$200-\$1000 per eligible household

\$469,773
Distributed

687
Households

EVACUATION FOOD
SPOILAGE ROUND 2
\$200-\$1000 per eligible household

\$473,015
Distributed

664
Households



Total Distributed: \$942,789

Phase 3: Community Resilience

Coming October 2025

The third wave of direct payments to support families. The goal is to ensure all remaining funds go directly to the community, ensuring that all families who qualify receive additional support to close the remaining gaps and stabilize their recovery

Phase 2: Flood Losses

VEHICLE REPAIR/
REPLACEMENT

Max Award based on actual repair cost

\$263,298
Distributed

60
Households

HOME REPAIR
ASSISTANCE

Max Award based on actual repair cost

\$618,018
Distributed

37
Households

HOUSING
ASSISTANCE

*Max Award of \$20,000**

\$29,189
Distributed

13
Households

PERSONAL
PROPERTY

*Max Award of \$20,000**

\$2,832,095
Distributed

304
Households

*Personal Property and Housing Assistance has a combined maximum of \$20,000 per household.



Total Distributed: \$3,742,601

Administrative Costs: \$468,539

\$5,153,929

Total Expended

Small Business Disaster Assistance

Monterey County Workforce Development Board



Project Description: The Pajaro Unmet Needs Small Business Disaster Assistance Program aims to assist small businesses impacted by the March 2023 Pajaro Levee Breach, supporting their recovery and preventing permanent closure.

	Losses and Damages	Beautification 1	Beautification 2
# Applications Received	90	62	41
# Applications Approved	70	52	36
# Applications in Follow-Up	6	3	5
# Applications Withdrawn	1	1	
# Applications Denied	13	6	0
Amount Obligated	\$2,509,241	\$714,660	\$502,391
	Administrative Costs		\$277,933
Total Obligated / Expended			\$4,004,225

\$4,004,225
Total Obligated/Expended

The Small Business Disaster Assistance program will be receiving an additional \$350,000 from contingency funds to approve additional applications from businesses that are pending final approval.

Anticipated Completion Date:
November 2025



Pajaro Community Grant Program

Community Foundation for Monterey County

Project Description: This program aims to support community projects that enhance Pajaro's ability to prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies and disasters, leveraging local non-governmental organizations.

- The application in Fall 2024 received 39 applications, requesting nearly \$4 million.
- A volunteer grant committee reviewed applications and provided recommendations.
- In December 2024, \$1.8 million in grants were awarded to 22 organizations, across a variety of wide-ranging community projects, which work towards increasing the ability of the community to prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies and natural disasters.
- Awarded organizations are anticipated to complete projects in September 2025.

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"Pajaro is a resilient and vibrant community. We're honored to be a trusted partner along with local residents to award these funds where they will be most effective."

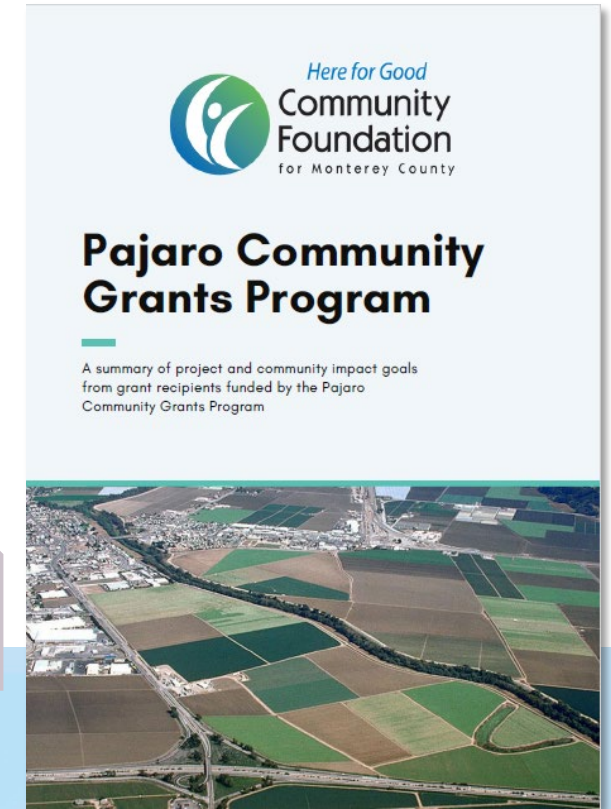
- CFMC President/CEO Dan Baldwin

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\$2,000,000

Total Obligated/Expended

For a full list of projects see the
Pajaro Community Grants Booklet



Anticipated Completion Date:
November 2025

Artist's rendering of proposed mural in Pajaro being created in partnership between Community Bridges and Hijos del Sol.



Safe Streets

Monterey County Public Works, Facilities, and Parks



Project Description: The Safe Streets project is intended to enhance transportation safety through initiatives that increase community resilience.

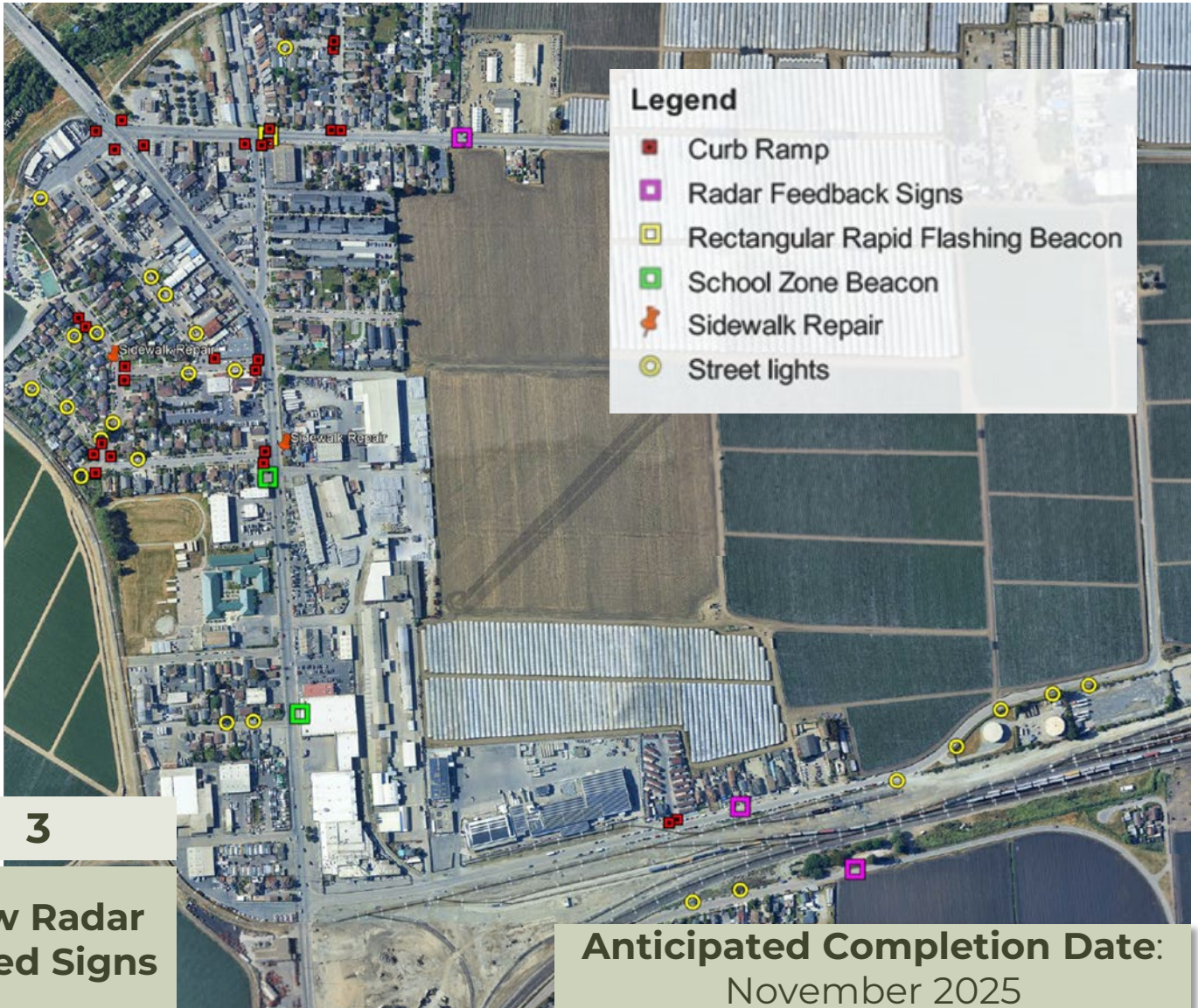
In Progress: Signal and crosswalk upgrades at San Juan Rd at Porter Dr and Salinas Rd at Pajaro Middle School



\$1,504,213

Total Expended

24	2	27	3
Improved Curb Ramps	School Zone Warning Beacons	New Streetlights	New Radar Speed Signs



Anticipated Completion Date:
November 2025

Pajaro Library

Monterey County Public Works, Facilities, and Parks



Project Description: This project assists with repairing the Pajaro Library post-flood and provides initial funding for the required design work for the upgrades to the Library, adding access to the 2nd and 3rd floors.

Flood Repairs

- The library was heavily damaged during the Pajaro Levee Breach. Due to the necessity of ensuring the facility’s exterior, including roofing, windows, and siding, is intact before proceeding with interior upgrades, AB 102 funds were re-allocated to complete repairs.
- In April 2025, the Board of Supervisors re-allocated \$3,155,412 of AB 102 funding to complete flood repairs
- This reallocation will ensure the AB 102 funds are fully expended within the grant deadline.
- Minor cost overruns have occurred due to the need for increased security on site.

2nd and 3rd Floor Upgrade

- \$344,588 of AB 102 funding was used for design on the upgrade project
- The upgrade project at the Library is still scheduled as the Board allocated additional County funds to complete the 2nd and 3rd floor renovation

\$1,346,850

Total Expended

June 10, 2026	December 2025	June 2026	December 2026
Notice to Proceed Issued	AB 102 Funds Expended	Flood Repairs Complete	Library Upgrade Complete



Pajaro Park Upgrade

Monterey County Public Works, Facilities, and Parks



PAJARO / SUNNY MESA
COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT



Project Description: The Pajaro Park Upgrade aims to revitalize the park, improving facilities and making it a more accessible community gathering space with improved access to government services during disasters.

- In February 2025, the County executed an Agreement with Pajaro Sunny Mesa CSD to complete the proposed work.
- Monterey County Parks has initiated a contractor, with construction planned for Fall 2025.
- Improvements include replacement of the turf field and playground upgrades.

Anticipated Completion Date:
December 2025



Digital Message Board

Monterey County Department of Emergency Management



Project Description: Installation of a digital message board to share information with the public during emergencies.

Challenge: The County planned to install a digital message board at Pajaro Middle School, but contract issues and grant compliance concerns prevented an agreement, leading to the project's termination.

Solution: The County is purchasing mobile digital message boards to deploy during emergencies. The project budget will be reduced, and remaining funds will be assigned to the contingency fund.

Anticipated Completion Date:
December 2025



Emergency Response & Flood Fighting

North County Fire Protection District



Project Description: This project aims to enhance the flood-fighting capabilities of North County Fire Protection District, the local fire agency for Pajaro. Acquiring specialized equipment and training will improve their ability to respond to emergencies in the Pajaro community.

Fall 2025	November 30, 2025
Conduct Flood Rescue Training	High Water Vehicle Delivered

Equipment	Cost	Status
Tractor + Trailer (Debris Removal)	\$107,280	Delivered
Boat & Trailer (Flood Rescue)	\$31,405	Delivered
Flood Safety Equipment	\$9,906	Delivered
Flood Rescue Training	\$10,000	In Progress
Generator for Command Trailer	\$10,974	Delivered
Emergency Mobile Radio	\$11,286	Delivered
High Water Recue Vehicle	\$350,254	On Order

\$336,116

Total Expended

Anticipated Completion Date:

November 2025



Emergency Preparedness

Monterey County Department of Emergency Management



Project Description: The Emergency Preparedness project aims to enhance community resilience by empowering residents with the knowledge and resources needed to respond to and recover from disasters together.

Proudly Pajaro Preparedness Fair: In collaboration with non-profits, the County is organizing a community preparedness fair in Fall 2025.

Community Preparedness Go Bags: 1,000 Go-Bags have been purchased to distribute to the community at the Proudly Pajaro Preparedness Fair in Fall 2025.

Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD): The County partnered with the Community Foundation for Monterey County to develop the Monterey County COAD to strengthen collaboration among local community organizations during disaster response and recovery efforts.

Pajaro Community Emergency Response Team (CERT): In collaboration with Community Bridges, bi-lingual CERT training is being offered for free to the community. 200 CERT backpacks have been distributed to residents who complete training. Check out this [video](#) to learn more about the Pajaro CERT Program.

Pajaro Levee Emergency Action Plan: The County is participating in a US Army Corps of Engineers-led effort to improve emergency communication and plan for emergency response at the Pajaro Levee.



\$111,956

Total Expended

Anticipated Completion Date:

December 2025



Credit: Roseann Cattani, The Salinas Californian