

County of Monterey



COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE INTERGOVERNMENTAL & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIVISION

Date: October 14, 2024

To: Legislative Committee

From: Annette D'Adamo, Legislative Program Manager

REQUESTED ACTION: Receive report and provide direction on the development of the 2025 Legislative Program, the annual Legislative Workshop, and the 2025 Grant Services Program.

2025 Legislative Program and Strategic Grant Services Program Development

Staff and the County's state and federal legislative advocates have begun to work on the development of the County's 2025 Legislative Program and 2025 Strategic Grant Services Program. We are scheduling meetings with each member of the Board of Supervisors, will be speaking to the County's Elected Officials and Department Heads at their meeting on October 16th, and will be meeting with key County departments on their proposed legislative and funding priorities, and other grant funding needs in the coming weeks.

Identification of Priorities:

Priorities identified by Board members and departments will be presented to the Legislative Committee for consideration of inclusion in the 2025 Legislative Program and the 2025 Strategic Grant Services Program at the November and December Legislative Committee meetings. This will include: 1) legislative priorities, 2) State Budget requests, 3) federal Community Project Funding (CPF) requests, and 4) the work plan for the Strategic Grant Services Program. The Legislative Committee will recommend priorities to the Board of Supervisors for approval as part of the Legislative Program and Strategic Grant Services Program package (tentatively scheduled for January 28th). The legislative and funding priorities will also be presented at the Annual Legislative Workshop (February 7th).

Format:

The format of the Legislative Program document has remained unchanged for several years. With the Committee's approval, staff recommends that wording in several sections of the document be condensed, and more subheadings be added to make the document easier to read. Link to [2024 Legislative Program \(countyofmonterey.gov\)](https://www.countyofmonterey.gov)

Annual Legislative Workshop – Friday, February 7, 2025

The Board of Supervisors hosts an annual Legislative Workshop, a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors and the County's state and federal legislative delegation to discuss the County's priority issues for that year. The 2025 Legislative Workshop will be held on Friday, February 7, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon). The meeting will be conducted both in person at the Board of Supervisors' Chambers (Monterey County Government Center, 168 W. Alisal St., Salinas, CA) and via Zoom.

Participants:

Legislative Workshop participants will include the Board of Supervisors, appropriate County department heads to make the County presentations, and the following elected officials and/or their staff representatives: U.S. Senator Alex Padilla, U.S. Senator Laphonza Butler, Congressman Jimmy Panetta, Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren, Senator John Laird, Senator Anna Caballero, Assemblymember Robert Rivas, and Assemblymember Dawn Addis. A “save the date” email will be sent to the legislative offices listed above.

Presentations:

Staff will work with County departments to develop workshop presentations on County priority issues and State Budget or federal Community Project Funding (CPF) requests. Staff recommends that the County focus on a limited number of topics due to time constraints, and that the County presentations align with the policy priorities outlined in the 2025 Legislative Program which is currently under development. Staff will seek direction on these priorities at the November and December Legislative Committee meetings.

Agenda:

In the past the Legislative Workshop has followed the following format:

Welcome and Introductions (Board Chair)

1. Review of Agenda and Objectives (Legislative Committee Chair)
2. State of the County (County Administrative Officer)
3. County of Monterey 2025 Policy Priorities (County Staff)
4. Remarks by State and Federal Legislators (3 minutes each)
5. Remarks by County of Monterey Board of Supervisors (3 minutes each)
6. Roundtable Discussion
7. Public Comment on Agenda Items
8. Board Direction to Staff

Adjournment

Next Steps

Friday, November 15, 2024 – 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. – Legislative Committee

Receive an update on program development and provide direction.

Monday, December 2, 2024 – 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. – Legislative Committee

Review draft 2025 Legislative Program, 2025 Strategic Grant Services Program, State Budget requests, Community Project Funding (CPF) requests, and Legislative Workshop Agenda; provide direction on changes; and recommend these items to the Board of Supervisors for adoption/approval.

Tuesday, January 28, 2025 (tentative, time TBD) – Board of Supervisors

Consider adoption of the 2025 Legislative Program and 2025 Strategic Grant Services Program, and approval of State Budget requests, Community Project Funding (CPF) requests, and Legislative Workshop Agenda.

Friday, February 7, 2025 – 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – Annual Legislative Workshop