AG + OPEN SPACE Grant Program Quarterly Update

January - March 2024

Identified Grant Priorities

The following represents the grant-seeking priorities currently identified by Ag + Open Space including specific alignment with Strategic Plan Objectives:

- 1. <u>Funding to leverage the Sustainable Vegetation Management Program</u>, including grant funding, block grants, matching grant funds, and partner sub-agreements. These priorities support the Strategic Plan Climate Action and Resiliency (CAR) Objectives 1.2 and 1.3.
- 2. Funding that supports carbon sequestration and climate change adaption, including land acquisition, conservation easements, species resilience, technical assistance, and education. These priorities support the Strategic Plan CAR Objectives 5.1 and 5.2.
- 3. <u>Funding to enhance and restore working and natural lands</u>, including landowner and steward direct financial and technical assistance, education, and assistance navigating related funding opportunities. These priorities support the Strategic Plan Racial Equity and Social Justice and the Climate Action and Resiliency Pillars.
- 4. <u>Funding that increases the protection of agricultural lands</u> and helps facilitate equitable, affordable access to land for diverse farmers and ranchers. These priorities support the Strategic Plan Racial Equity and Social Justice and the Climate Action and Resiliency Pillars.

Grant Activity for Quarter:

Ag + Open Space currently manages a total of 7 grants, totaling \$13,695,250. The following represents new grant activity for *January through March*, 2024.

Date: January 10, 2024

Grant Name: CA Climate Investments/Cal Fire Wildfire Prevention Grants Program

Grantor: Cal FIRE, CA Climate Investments **Source (Fed/State/Local/Private):** State

Amount: \$1,900,000

Status (Researching/Applied/Awarded/Not Awarded): Applied

Project Name and Location: Northside Russian River Shaded Fuel Break Project

Strategic Plan Alignment (Pillar/Goal/Objective): Climate Action and Resiliency (CAR) Objectives 1.2 and 1.3.

Prior/Future BOS Activity (Review/Approval/Date): Future BOS Activity: Approval if awarded

Date: Jan - March

Grant Name: CA Wildlife & Conservation Board Grant

Grantor: CA Wildlife & Conservation Board **Source (Fed/State/Local/Private):** State

Amount: \$2,400,000

Status (Researching/Applied/Awarded/Not Awarded): Developing

Project Name and Location: South Sonoma Mountain – Rodgers Creek North Conservation Easement Acquisition **Strategic Plan Alignment (Pillar/Goal/Objective):** Climate Action and Resiliency (CAR), Max opportunities for mitigation of climate change and adaptation through land conservation work and land use policies, Objectives 5.2

Prior/Future BOS Activity (Review/Approval/Date): TBD

Date: Jan - March

Grant Name: CA Wildlife & Conservation Board Grant

Grantor: CA Wildlife & Conservation Board **Source (Fed/State/Local/Private)**: State

Amount: \$2,600,000

Status (Researching/Applied/Awarded/Not Awarded): Developing

Project Name and Location: South Sonoma Mountain –Rodgers Creek South Conservation Easement Acquisition **Strategic Plan Alignment (Pillar/Goal/Objective):** Climate Action and Resiliency (CAR), Max opportunities for mitigation of climate change and adaptation through land conservation work and land use policies, Objectives 5.2

Prior/Future BOS Activity (Review/Approval/Date): TBD

Date: Jan - March

Grant Name: CA Wildlife & Conservation Board Grant

Grantor: CA Wildlife & Conservation Board **Source (Fed/State/Local/Private):** State

Amount: \$4,000,000

Status (Researching/Applied/Awarded/Not Awarded): Developing

Project Name and Location: South Sonoma Mountain – Skyline Conservation Easement Acquisition

Strategic Plan Alignment (Pillar/Goal/Objective): Climate Action and Resiliency (CAR), Max opportunities for mitigation of climate change and adaptation through land conservation work and land use policies, Objectives 5.2

Prior/Future BOS Activity (Review/Approval/Date): TBD

Date: March

Grant Name: San Francisco Bay Area Priority Conservation Area Grant

Grantor: Association of Bay Area Governments/Metropolitan Transit Commission/Coastal Conservancy

Source (Fed/State/Local/Private): State (One Bay Area Grant)

Amount: TBD

Status (Researching/Applied/Awarded/Not Awarded): Researching

Project Name and Location: TBD

Strategic Plan Alignment (Pillar/Goal/Objective): Climate Action and Resiliency (CAR), Max opportunities for mitigation of climate change and adaptation through land conservation work and land use policies, Objectives 5.2

Prior/Future BOS Activity (Review/Approval/Date): TBD

Grant Sources Regularly Monitored

To support the pursuit of grant funding for identified priorities, Ag + Open Space staff regularly monitor the following for grant opportunities:

- Association of Bay Area Governments/Metropolitan Transportation Commission/State Coastal Conservancy – One Bay Area Funds Grants
- American Farmland Trust Land Transfer, Soil Stewards, Ag Acquisition Grant
- CAL FIRE Veg Management, Healthy Forests, Forest Health, Climate Resiliency, Carbon Sequestration, Wildfire Prevention
- CA Dept of Conservation Climate Smart Land Management, Sustainable Ag Lands Conservation (SALC), Watershed Restoration, Ag Resiliency
- CA Dept of Fish & Wildlife
- CA Dept of Parks & Recreation Habitat Conservation Fund, Land and Water Conservation Fund
- CA Governor's Office of Planning & Research Integrated Climate Adaptation & Resiliency Program
- CA Natural Resources Agency Environmental Enhancement & Mitigation Program
- CA OES/FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Acquisition, Veg Management, Healthy Forests, Wildfire Reduction, Carbon Sequestration
- Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation
- National Oceanic & Atmospheric Admin Inflation Reduction Act Climate Resilience Regional Challenge
- State Coastal Conservancy Watershed Protection, Public Access, Wildfire Resiliency
- State Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) Acquisition, Restoration, Public Access Funds
- National Fish & Wildlife Foundation CA Forests: Headwater Resilience
- PGF
- US Dept of Agriculture Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Ag Conservation Easement Program (ACEP), Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP),
- USDA, US Forest Service Wildfire Protection, Wildfire Defense Grant

Other Department Actions to Support Grant-Seeking

- Contracted with a grant writing consultant to secure the capacity to pursue the grant funding needed (CA
 Dept of Conservation SALC, State Coastal Conservancy, and Wildlife Conservation Board) funding to secure the
 conservation easements of three high priority open space conservation easement projects.
- Grants Administrative Aide position hired, with the aim of building administrative support for grants development and stewardship capacity. Position will begin in May.
- Attended County "Grant Users Group" meeting to leverage and build and share grant knowledge, capacity and opportunities.

CAO-Climate Action and Resiliency Division Grant Program Quarterly Update

January - March 2024

Identified Grant Priorities

The following represents the grant-seeking priorities currently identified by the County Administrator's Office (CAO), including specific alignment with Strategic Plan Objectives:

- Funding for workforce development to ensure a just and equitable transition to the green economy, which is specifically aligned with Strategic Plan Climate Action and Resiliency (CAR) Objective 2.3.
- Funding for energy efficiency and resiliency upgrades at County facilities and in the community, which is specifically aligned with Strategic Plan CAR Objectives 2.1, 2.2, 3.1 and 3.3.
- Funding to support a transition to an electric fleet, which is specifically aligned with Strategic Plan CAR Objectives 4.1 and 4.3.
- Funding to support the development of climate adaptation and mitigation policies, which is specifically aligned with Strategic Plan CAR Objectives 5.1 and 5.2.
- Funding to support Strategic Plan priorities, which is specifically aligned with Strategic Plan Organizational Excellence (OE) Objective 4.1.
- Funding to equitably expand countywide communications infrastructure, which is specifically aligned with Strategic Plan Resilient Infrastructure (RI) Objectives 4.1 and 4.2.

Grant Activity for Quarter:

The Climate Action and Resiliency Division (CARD) currently manages a total of four grants, totaling \$11,274,990. The following represents new grant activity for January through March, 2024.

Date: 1/18/24

Grant Name: Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program

Grantor: Caltrans

Source (Fed/State/Local/Private): State

Amount: \$247,000

Status (Researching/Applied/Awarded/Not Awarded): Applied

Project Name and Location: Equitable EV Charging Plan for Sonoma County; county-wide

Strategic Plan Alignment (Pillar/Goal/Objective): Pillar: CAR/ Goal: 4/ Objectives 4.1 & 4.3: Funding to support a

transition to an electric fleet and upgrading EV charging infrastructure

Prior/Future BOS Activity (Review/Approval/Date): Grant Agreement execution if awarded - TBD

Date: 3/6/24

Grant Name: Climate Fellowship Program

Grantor: Department of Energy

Source (Fed/State/Local/Private): Federal

Amount: Staffing – 6 months of full time climate fellow

Status (Researching/Applied/Awarded/Not Awarded): Applied 3.6.24/Not Awarded 3.22.24

Project Name and Location: Sonoma County Climate Fellowship

Strategic Plan Alignment (Pillar/Goal/Objective): Pillar: CAR/Goal: 3 / Objectives 3.1, 3.2, 3.3. Funding to make all

County facilities carbon free, zero waste, and resilient Prior/Future BOS Activity (Review/Approval/Date): NA

Grant Sources Regularly Monitored

To support the pursuit of grant funding for identified priorities, Climate Action and Resiliency Division staff regularly monitors the following for grant opportunities:

Department of Energy (DOE), Department of Transportation (DOT), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and US Department of Agriculture (USDA); and a number of State agencies, including: Cal Fire, CA Water Board, Department of Water Resources, Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), CA Strategic Growth Council (SGC), CA Air Resources Board (CARB), and CalTrans.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act are creating new climate-related funding opportunities, which CARD staff is actively monitoring.

Other Department Actions to Support Grant-Seeking

The CARD Grants Analyst has secured an intern from the University of California system to bolster grant exploration and submission efforts on behalf of the Division. The intern begins this summer.

There have been recent announcements and updates around EV infrastructure funding and climate adaptation funding which staff is exploring for summer submissions.

Staff has also been made aware that CARD is available for 60 hours of no-cost professional technical assistance to support any of our energy efficiency programming. This service is provided by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), and is available to all Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG) awardees. We will begin this work with NREL this summer.

Economic Development Board Grant Program Quarterly Update

January - March 2024

Identified Grant Priorities

The following represents the grant-seeking priorities currently identified by the Economic Development Board, including specific alignment with Strategic Plan Objectives:

- 1. Funding to support Broadband infrastructure deployment and digital equity initiatives, which specifically aligns with Strategic Plan Resilient Infrastructure (RI) Objectives 4.1 and 4.2.
- 2. Funding to expand department capacity in providing business services such as technical assistance, industry outreach, engagement and convenings amongst local business owners and entrepreneurs of Sonoma County
- Funding to expand department capacity to complete special projects such as the work outlined by EDB 3.0 and goals of the Sonoma Mendocino Economic Development District's (SMEDD) Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).

Grant Activity for Quarter:

The Economic Development currently manages a total of 8 grants, totaling \$4,720,354. The following represents new grant activity for January through March, 2024.

Grant Name: California Jobs First Pilot Project Catalyst Funds

Grantor: California Labor and Workforce Development Agency in coordination with the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, and the Governor's Office of

Business and Economic Development Source (Fed/State/Local/Private): State

Amount: \$300,000

Status (Researching/Applied/Awarded/Not Awarded): Applied

Project Name and Location: North Bay / North Coast Region: Sonoma, Marin, and Mendocino Counties

Strategic Plan Alignment (Pillar/Goal/Objective): N/A
Prior/Future BOS Activity (Review/Approval/Date): N/A

Grant Name: Local Immigrant Integration and Inclusion Grant

Grantor: Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO Biz)

Source (Fed/State/Local/Private): State

Amount: \$279,191.99

Status (Researching/Applied/Awarded/Not Awarded): Applied

Project Name and Location: Asset Map and Digital Literacy, Sonoma County **Strategic Plan Alignment (Pillar/Goal/Objective):** Racial Equity & Social Justice 4.3

Prior/Future BOS Activity (Review/Approval/Date): N/A

Grant Name: Grants for Arts Projects: Local Arts Agencies

Grantor: National Endowment for the Arts **Source (Fed/State/Local/Private):** Federal

Amount: \$30,000

Status (Researching/Applied/Awarded/Not Awarded): Awarded

Project Name and Location: Creative Sonoma's Arts Impact Grants for Organizations, Sonoma County

Strategic Plan Alignment (Pillar/Goal/Objective): N/A Prior/Future BOS Activity (Review/Approval/Date): N/A

Grant Name: California Emerging Technology Fund Regional Broadband Consortia Leadership Grant

Grantor: California Emerging Technology Fund **Source (Fed/State/Local/Private):** State

Amount: \$125,000

Status (Researching/Applied/Awarded/Not Awarded): Awarded

Project Name and Location: North Bay North Coast Broadband Consortia Regional Leadership Grant

Strategic Plan Alignment (Pillar/Goal/Objective): Objectives 4.1 and 4.2

Prior/Future BOS Activity (Review/Approval/Date): NA

Grant Name: California Emerging Technology Fund Local Government Best Practices Checklist

Grantor: California Emerging Technology Fund **Source (Fed/State/Local/Private):** State

Amount: \$20,000

Status (Researching/Applied/Awarded/Not Awarded): Researching

Project Name and Location: NA, Sonoma County

Strategic Plan Alignment (Pillar/Goal/Objective): Objectives 4.1 and 4.2

Prior/Future BOS Activity (Review/Approval/Date): N/A

Grant Sources Regularly Monitored

To support the pursuit of grant funding for identified priorities, Economic Development Board staff regularly monitor the following for grant opportunities from the following sources: California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), Broadband Equity, Accessibility and Deployment (BEAD), Dept. Of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA), CA Senate Bill 156, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz).

Other Department Actions to Support Grant-Seeking

As a part of the EDB 3.0 workplan, the EDB has added a new Director of Partnerships & Special Projects to focus on fund development, management, and administration for the department. To support these efforts, the department is looking to expand grant-seeking capacity by adding a Grants and Special Projects Analyst, using existing position allocations and department resources.

Department of Emergency Management Grant Program Quarterly Update

January - March 2024

Identified Grant Priorities

The following represents the grant-seeking priorities currently identified by Department of Emergency Management, including specific alignment with Strategic Plan Objectives:

1. Funding for a disaster event training and staffing structures, which is specifically aligned with Strategic Plan Organizational Excellence (OE) Objective 1.6.

Grant Activity for Quarter:

Department of Emergency Management currently manages a total of 11 grants, totaling \$6,206288. The following represents new grant activity for January through March, 2024.

Date: 1/19/2024

Grant Name: Hazardous Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) DR-4750

Grantor: California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) – FEMA pass-through

Source (Fed/State/Local/Private): Fed

Amount: N/A

Status (Researching/Applied/Awarded/Not Awarded): No longer pursuing Project Name and Location: Russian River Flood Risk & Vulnerability Assessment

Strategic Plan Alignment (Pillar/Goal/Objective): Prior/Future BOS Activity (Review/Approval/Date):

Date: 3/24/2024

Grant Name: Community Development Block Grant - Mitigation Planning and Public Services

Grantor: California Housing and Community Development – HUD Pass through

Source (Fed/State/Local/Private): Fed

Amount: \$299,800

Status (Researching/Applied/Awarded/Not Awarded): Applied

Project Name and Location: Sonoma County Access and Functional Needs Communications Gap Analysis and

Feasibility Study

Strategic Plan Alignment (Pillar/Goal/Objective):

Prior/Future BOS Activity (Review/Approval/Date): 1-30-24 Resolution 24-0024 Designating Authorized Agent, for

application.

Date: 3/24/2024

Grant Name: Community Development Block Grant - Mitigation Planning and Public Services

Grantor: California Housing and Community Development – HUD Pass through

Source (Fed/State/Local/Private): Fed

Amount: \$389,235

Status (Researching/Applied/Awarded/Not Awarded): Applied

Project Name and Location: Sonoma County Multi-Jurisdictional Emergency Transportation Gap Analysis and Plan

Strategic Plan Alignment (Pillar/Goal/Objective):

Prior/Future BOS Activity (Review/Approval/Date): 1-30-24 Resolution 24-0024 Designating Authorized Agent, for

application.

Date: 4/10/2024

Grant Name: State Homeland Security Grant Program

Grantor: Cal OES – FEMA Pass through **Source (Fed/State/Local/Private):** Fed

Amount: \$535,157

Status (Researching/Applied/Awarded/Not Awarded): Pre-Application submitted

Project Name and Location: Various Operational Area Projects

Strategic Plan Alignment (Pillar/Goal/Objective):

Prior/Future BOS Activity (Review/Approval/Date): 12-6-22 Resolution 22-0495 Designating Authorized Agent,

January 2025 anticipated BOS date to accept the 2025 award.

Date: 4/10/2024

Grant Name: Emergency Management Performance Grant

Grantor: CalOES – FEMA pass-through **Source (Fed/State/Local/Private):** Fed

Amount: \$220,474

Status (Researching/Applied/Awarded/Not Awarded): Researching in anticipation of upcoming application

Project Name and Location: Emergency Management Personnel

Strategic Plan Alignment (Pillar/Goal/Objective): Organizational Excellence (OE) Objective 1.6.

Prior/Future BOS Activity (Review/Approval/Date): 12-6-22 Resolution 22-0495 Designating Authorized Agent

Grant Sources Regularly Monitored

To support the pursuit of grant funding for identified priorities, Department of Emergency Management staff regularly monitor the following for grant opportunities:

- Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES)
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- California State pass-throughs for Disaster Mitigation funds.

Other Department Actions to Support Grant-Seeking

- Three staff members supporting grant attended the four-day National Grant Management Association's Annual Grants Training that was held in Washington DC.
- DEM Grants Program Analysts have participated in workshops and webinars offered through the National Grant Management Association, the Grant Professionals Association, the Institute for Public Procurement, the California Association of Public Procurement Officials, Thompson Grants as well as ARPA training sessions with Witt O'Briens.

DEPARTMENT of HEALTH SERVICES Grant Program Quarterly Update

January - March 2024

Identified Grant Priorities

The following represents the grant-seeking priorities currently identified by the Department of Health Services (DHS), including specific alignment with Strategic Plan objectives:

- 1. Funding for <u>Homeless Services</u>, which is specifically aligned with Strategic Plan Healthy and Safe Communities (HSC) Goal 4: Reduce the County's overall homeless population by 10% each year by enhancing services through improved coordination and collaboration.
- 2. Funding for <u>Behavioral Health Services</u>, which is specifically aligned with Strategic Plan Healthy and Safe Communities (HSC) Objective 4.3: Increase investment in programs that treat underlying causes of homelessness, including substance abuse, mental illness, poverty, and lack of affordable housing.
- 3. Funding for <u>Public Health activities and programming</u>, which is specifically aligned with Strategic Plan Healthy and Safe Communities (HSC) Objective 1.3: Create a "no wrong door" approach where clients who need services across multiple departments and programs are able to access the array of services needed regardless of where they enter the system.

Grant Activity for Quarter:

The following represents new grant activity for January through March 2024.

Date: 1/5/2024

Grant Name HUD CoC Annual Renewal Demand + HMIS + Planning Grant

Grantor: US Department of Housing and Urban Development

Source: Fed

Amount: \$4,592,448 Status: Awarded

Strategic Plan Alignment (Pillar/Goal/Objective):

- Healthy and Safe Communities: Goal 4: Reduce the County's overall homeless population by 10% each year by enhancing services through improved coordination and collaboration.
- Objective 3: Increase investment in programs that treat underlying causes of homelessness, including substance abuse, mental illness, poverty, and lack of affordable housing.

Date: 1/12/2024

Grant Name: Homeless Housing and Assistance Program (HHAP) Round #5

Grantor: California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal-ICH)

Source: State

Amount: \$3,126,229 Status: Awarded Strategic Plan Alignment (Pillar/Goal/Objective):

- Healthy and Safe Communities: Goal 4: Reduce the County's overall homeless population by 10% each year by enhancing services through improved coordination and collaboration.
- Objective 3: Increase investment in programs that treat underlying causes of homelessness, including substance abuse, mental illness, poverty, and lack of affordable housing.

Grant: 1/31/2024

Grant Name: BHQIP Interoperability (E.H.R.)

Grantor: California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)

Source: State Amount: \$50,000 Status: Applied

Date: 2/2/2024

Grant Name: Behavioral Health Bridge Housing (BHBH) Round-03 Grantor: California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)

Source: State

Amount: \$5,000,000.00 Status: Researching

Project Name and Location:

Strategic Plan Alignment (Pillar/Goal/Objective):

- Healthy and Safe Communities: Goal 4: Reduce the County's overall homeless population by 10% each year by enhancing services through improved coordination and collaboration.
- Objective 3: Increase investment in programs that treat underlying causes of homelessness, including substance abuse, mental illness, poverty, and lack of affordable housing.

Date: 2/7/2024 and 3/20/2024

Grant Name: Crisis Care Mobile Units Program Grant

Grantor: California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)

Source: State Amount: \$500,000

Status: Applied and Awarded

Strategic Plan Alignment (Pillar/Goal/Objective):

- Healthy and Safe Communities: Goal 4: Reduce the County's overall homeless population by 10% each year by enhancing services through improved coordination and collaboration.
- Objective 3: Increase investment in programs that treat underlying causes of homelessness, including substance abuse, mental illness, poverty, and lack of affordable housing.

Date: 2/9/2024

Grant Name: Encampment Resolution Funds (ERF) Rolling Part 3 - RV program

Grantor: Cal-ICH Source: State Amount: TBD Status: Researching

Strategic Plan Alignment (Pillar/Goal/Objective):

- Healthy and Safe Communities: Goal 4: Reduce the County's overall homeless population by 10% each year by enhancing services through improved coordination and collaboration.
- Objective 3: Increase investment in programs that treat underlying causes of homelessness, including substance abuse, mental illness, poverty, and lack of affordable housing.

Date: 2/15/2024

Grant Name: Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operation (MEHKO)

Grantor: California Conference of Directors of Environment Health (CCDEH)

Source: Local Amount: \$138,015 Status: Applied

Prior/Future BOS Activity (Review/Approval/Date): September 9, 2024 Consideration of MEHKO Implementation

Date: 3/27/2024

Grant Name: Homeless Housing and Assistance Program (HHAP) Round #5

Grantor: California Interagency Council on Homelessness

Source: State

Amount: \$3,126,299 Status: Applied

Project Name and Location:

Strategic Plan Alignment (Pillar/Goal/Objective):

- Healthy and Safe Communities: Goal 4: Reduce the County's overall homeless population by 10% each year by enhancing services through improved coordination and collaboration.
- Objective 3: Increase investment in programs that treat underlying causes of homelessness, including substance abuse, mental illness, poverty, and lack of affordable housing.

Human Services Grant Program Quarterly Update

January - March 2024

Identified Grant Priorities

The following represents the grant-seeking priorities currently identified by the Human Services Department, including specific alignment with one of the following Strategic Plan Objectives: 1.) HSC1-2: Identify gaps in the Safety Net system of services and identify areas where departments can address those gaps directly, and seek guidance from the Board when additional resources and/or policy direction is needed, and 2.) CAR2-3: Objective 3 - Partner with educational institutions, trade associations, businesses and non-profit organizations to establish workforce development programs that focus on carbon neutral and resilient building technologies by 2023.

- 1. Workforce Development Training, including training for youth with Disabilities
- 2. Services for youth in the Child Welfare System, including transitional aged foster youth
- 3. Services for Older Adults and those with Disabilities, including enhanced mobility assistance
- 4. Support for Action Plans to enhance services to address unmet needs
- 5. Veterans Assistance
- 6. Santa Rosa Junior College Veterans Collaborative

Grant Activity for Quarter:

The Human Services Department currently administers 11 grants totaling \$9,004,634. The following represents new grant activity for January through March, 2024.

Date: 2/13/2024

Grant Name: Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program

Grantor: Department of Labor – Veterans' Employment & Training Services

Source (Fed/State/Local/Private): Fed

Amount: \$600,000

Status (Researching/Applied/Awarded/Not Awarded): Applied but not awarded

Project Name and Location: Assist Vets (and dependents) in achieving meaningful and sustainable employment, resulting in financial independence. Address historic inequities and provide equitable access and outcomes to marginalized groups.

Strategic Plan Alignment (Pillar/Goal/Objective): HSC1-2: Identify gaps in the Safety Net system of services and identify areas where departments can address those gaps directly, and seek guidance from the Board when additional resources and/or policy direction is needed.

Prior/Future BOS Activity (Review/Approval/Date): N/A

Date: 2/16/2024

Grant Name: Santa Rosa Junior College Veterans Collaborative

Grantor: The California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVET), Veterans Services Division (VSD)

Source (Fed/State/Local/Private): State

Amount: \$300,000

Status (Researching/Applied/Awarded/Not Awarded): Awarded

Project Name and Location: Santa Rosa Junior College Veterans Collaborative. Collaborative will be based out of the Santa Rosa Junior College Veterans Success Center.

Strategic Plan Alignment (Pillar/Goal/Objective): HSC1-2. This project aims to continue to reduce the number of veterans experiencing mental health crises and to reduce or eliminate barriers related to mental health issues for veterans with Sonoma County.

Prior/Future BOS Activity (Review/Approval/Date): June 4, 2024: HSD FY 2425 Contracts

Grant Sources Regularly Monitored

To support the pursuit of grant funding for identified priorities, the Department of Human Services staff regularly monitor the following for grant opportunities:

- California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES)
- California Workforce Development Board
- Department of Labor
- California Department of Aging
- Federal Health and Human Services
- California Department of Social Services
- California Department of Housing and Community Development
- Federal John H. Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood

Other Department Actions to Support Grant-Seeking

HSD will continue the following efforts to support grant-seeking:

- HSD's Planning, Research, Evaluation and Engagement (PREE) unit embeds analysts in each Department
 Division to provide support around program improvement and research and evaluation. This data collection
 and analysis of HSD programs identifies where there may be service gaps and areas of improvement. HSD will
 use this information to further define priorities and pursue grant opportunities to strengthen service delivery
 and to meet identified unmet needs.
- Analysis of the effect of grant funds on annual allocations.
- Evaluate alignment with both the Inflation Reduction Act and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.
- Monthly discussion at Executive Managers Meeting.

Permit Sonoma Grant Program Quarterly Update

January - March 2024

Identified Grant Priorities

The following represents the grant-seeking priorities currently identified by Permit Sonoma, including specific alignment with Strategic Plan Objectives:

- 1. Funding to provide <u>educational resources to the community that promote...fire hardening construction.</u> Strategic Plan Climate Action and Resiliency 1.1.1.
- 2. Funding to support <u>sustainable vegetation management programs</u>. Strategic Plan Climate Action and Resiliency 1.1.3.
- 3. Funding to <u>expand outreach and education on vegetation management and provide additional resources to</u> land owners to help mitigate fire risk. Strategic Plan Climate Action and Resiliency 1.1.2.
- 4. Funding to support <u>planning and assessment activities</u>, including required planning activities such as the County General Plan. Climate Action and Resiliency 1.5.1 and Resilient Infrastructure 5.5.2.
- 5. Funding to support cannabis code enforcement for public safety and environmental impact.
- 6. Funding to support water quality and stormwater improvements, which is broadly aligned with Climate Action and Resiliency 1.5.1 and 1.5.5, as well as Resilient Infrastructure 5.3.1, 5.5.1, and 5.5.2.

Grant Activity for Quarter:

Permit Sonoma currently manages a total of 12 grants, totaling \$20.5 million. The department had no new grant activity for the period January through March, 2024.

Grant Sources Regularly Monitored

To support the pursuit of grant funding for identified priorities, Permit Sonoma staff regularly monitor the following for grant opportunities:

- Federal Emergency Management Agency/California Governor's Office of Emergency Services Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
- Federal Emergency Management Agency Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Grant Program
- California Governor's Office of Planning and Research Adaptation Planning Grant Program
- California Governor's Office of Planning and Research Regional Resilience Grant Program
- California Board of State and Community Corrections Proposition 64 cannabis enforcement grant program
- United States Environmental Protection Agency Wetland Program Development Grants for Region 9

- Association of Bay Area Governments/Metropolitan Transportation Commission Priority Development Area Grants
- Coastal Conservancy Grants
- United States Fish and Wildlife Service/California Department of Fish and Wildlife Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund (Section 6)
- United States Environmental Protection Agency San Francisco Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund

Other Department Actions to Support Grant-Seeking

To support the pursuit of grants and implementation of awarded grants, Permit Sonoma undertakes the following activities:

- Intra-department coordination on funding opportunities, current priorities, current capacity.
- Intra- and Inter- department coordination to support and improve grant implementation, grant administration, grant fiscal management, grant funded procurements, and grant compliance.

Regional Parks Grant Program Quarterly Update

January - March 2024

Identified Grant Priorities

The following represents the grant-seeking priorities currently identified by Regional Parks, including specific alignment with Strategic Plan Objectives:

- 1. <u>Invest in a climate-adapted parks systems</u>, which include priorities to decarbonize and electrify facilities, equipment, and fleet; Create and redevelop resilient infrastructure in parks and facilities; Manage ecologically for landscape scale resilience; Prepare for and respond to future emergencies and manage risk on parks land and staff; Minimize and manage waste. These priorities support the Climate Action and Resiliency and the Resilient Infrastructure Strategic Plan Pillars.
- 2. <u>Make parks more equitable and accessible</u>, which include priorities to consider equity to improve public access and tribal inclusivity by advancing Justice, Equity, Diversity, Accessibility, and Inclusivity (JEDAI) initiatives. These priorities support the Racial Equity and Social Justice Strategic Plan Pillar.
- 3. <u>Implement strategies to reduce and/or manage the impacts of increased use</u> by visitors on the parks, which includes priorities to expand visitor communications to address increased use; Maintain, expand, improve infrastructure to support increased use; Enhance programs to support increased use; Manage Natural Resource impacts from increased use. These priorities support the Resilient Infrastructure Strategic Plan Pillar.
- 4. <u>Enhance visitor experience</u>, which includes priorities to improve and standardize signage and branding; Improve existing facilities and infrastructure; Increase and diversify parks, programs, facilities, and recreation opportunities; Update and improve technology to. These priorities support the Organizational Excellence and the Racial Equity and Social Justice Pillars.
- 5. <u>Assure financial and organizational stability</u>, which include priorities addressing Staff needs, including staff offices, storage, and yard needs; Improved interdivisional communication and collaboration; Sharing the impact of Measure M. These priorities support the Organizational Excellence and the Racial Equity and Social Justice Strategic Plan Pillars.

Grant Activity for Quarter:

Regional Parks currently manages a total of 81 grants, totaling \$36.2 million. The following represents new grant activity for January through March 2024.

Date: 3/20/2024

Grant Name: Habitat Conservation Fund

Grantor: State Parks

Source (Fed/State/Local/Private): State

Amount: \$650,000

Status (Researching/Applied/Awarded/Not Awarded): Awarded Project Name and Location: McCormick Ranch Acquisition

Strategic Plan Alignment (Pillar/Goal/Objective): Organization Excellence/Goal 4: Seek out grant funding to enhance programs and improve infrastructure. Objective 1: Secure a total of \$60 million in grant funding by 2026 for

strategic priorities, including technology tools, climate resiliency, and other capital projects.

Prior/Future BOS Activity (Review/Approval/Date): 9/27/2016

Date: 3/11/2024

Grant Name: Priority Conservation Area

Grantor: Metropolitan Transportation Commission

Source (Fed/State/Local/Private): State

Amount: \$300,000

Status (Researching/Applied/Awarded/Not Awarded): Researching

Project Name and Location: Sonoma Schellville Trail Design

Strategic Plan Alignment (Pillar/Goal/Objective): Resilient Infrastructure/Goal 3: Continue to invest in critical road, bridge, bicycle, and pedestrian infrastructure. Objective 3: invest \$5 million by 2024 on new pedestrian and bicycle facilities, and adopt maintenance guidelines on roads to consider bicyclists and pedestrians.

Prior/Future BOS Activity (Review/Approval/Date): TBD

Date: 3/1/2024

Grant Name: Safe Streets and Roads For All **Grantor:** US Department of Transportation **Source (Fed/State/Local/Private):** Federal

Amount: evaluating projects in five-year capital plan for eligibility Status (Researching/Applied/Awarded/Not Awarded): Researching

Project Name and Location: TBD

Strategic Plan Alignment (Pillar/Goal/Objective): Resilient Infrastructure/Goal 3: Continue to invest in critical road, bridge, bicycle, and pedestrian infrastructure. Objective 3: invest \$5 million by 2024 on new pedestrian and bicycle facilities, and adopt maintenance guidelines on roads to consider bicyclists and pedestrians.

Prior/Future BOS Activity (Review/Approval/Date): TBD

Grant Sources Regularly Monitored

To support the pursuit of grant funding for identified priorities, Regional Parks staff regularly monitor the following for grant opportunities:

 State Parks, Coastal Conservancy, Wildlife Conservation Board, CDFW, Natural Resources Agency, Caltrans, Metropolitan Transportation Commission, Water Resources, Cal OES, Coastal Commission, Resources Recycling and Recovery, Forestry and Fire Protection, Strategic Growth Council, HUD Community Development Block Grant, Recreational Trails Program, Land and Water Conservation Fund, USFWS, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, EPA, FHWA

Other Department Actions to Support Grant-Seeking

Regional Parks has multiple systems established for grant coordination. This includes quarterly meetings
including all divisions discussing opportunities, current activities, and identified needs; internal grants email
group; grant opportunity scoping form template; shared reporting and opportunity tracking; shared grant
deadline and reporting calendars.

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Identified Grant Priorities

The following represents the grant-seeking priorities currently identified by Public Infrastructure, including specific alignment with Strategic Plan Objectives:

- 1. Funding to complete design/pre-construction development of a permanent bridge at the Asti Crossing in Cloverdale, which is specifically aligned with Strategic Plan Resilient Infrastructure (RI) Objective 3.3 & 3.4.
- 2. Funding for <u>bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure & access</u>, which is specifically aligned with Strategic Plan RI Objective 3.1 & 3.3.
- 3. Funding to support <u>veterans' buildings improvements, including seismic retrofitting</u>, which is specifically aligned with Strategic Plan Objectives RI 3.4.
- 4. Funding to support <u>fleet electric and charging stations</u>, which is specifically aligned with Strategic Plan Objectives CAR 4.1 and 4.2.
- 5. Funding to research <u>County compost facilities</u>, which is specifically aligned with Strategic Plan Objectives CAR 3.1.
- 6. Funding for <u>improved drainage facilities/flooding prevention</u>, which is specifically aligned with Strategic Plan Objectives RI 5.1.

Grant Activity for Quarter:

Sonoma Public Infrastructure currently manages 6 grants totaling \$3.5 million. The following represents new grant activity for January through March 2024.

Date: 1/10/2024

Grant Name: Active Transportation Program (ATP) **Grantor:** California Transportation Commission **Source (Fed/State/Local/Private):** State

Amount: Various/TBD

Status (Researching/Applied/Awarded/Not Awarded): Researching/Planning to Apply **Project Name and Location:** Moorland Ave., West Sebastopol Bike Lanes, Donald Gap

Strategic Plan Alignment (Pillar/Goal/Objective): RI 3.3

Prior/Future BOS Activity (Review/Approval/Date): BOS approval required to accept award.

Date: 2/28/2024 Grant Name: PROTECT

Grantor: Dept. of Transportation/Federal Highway Administration

Source (Fed/State/Local/Private): Federal

Amount: TBD

Status (Researching/Applied/Awarded/Not Awarded): Researching/Planning to Apply

Project Name and Location: Asti Bridge Design/Planning **Strategic Plan Alignment (Pillar/Goal/Objective):** RI 3.4

Prior/Future BOS Activity (Review/Approval/Date): BOS approval required to accept award.

Date: 2/29/2024

Grant Name: Flood Mitigation Assistance

Grantor: FEMA

Source (Fed/State/Local/Private): Fed

Amount: \$650,798

Status (Researching/Applied/Awarded/Not Awarded): Applied, pending response

Project Name and Location: Villa Grande Flooding Mitigation **Strategic Plan Alignment (Pillar/Goal/Objective):** RI 5.1

Prior/Future BOS Activity (Review/Approval/Date): BOS approval required to accept award.

Date: 2/29/2024

Grant Name: Rebuilding America Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)

Grantor: Dept. of Transportation **Source (Fed/State/Local/Private):** Fed

Amount: \$7,386,250

Status (Researching/Applied/Awarded/Not Awarded): Applied, pending response

Project Name and Location: Connecting Cloverdale to the Bay (Asti Bridge & Cloverdale Bus Service)

Strategic Plan Alignment (Pillar/Goal/Objective): RI 3.4

Prior/Future BOS Activity (Review/Approval/Date): BOS approval required to accept award.

Grant Sources Regularly Monitored

To support the pursuit of grant funding for identified priorities, Public Infrastructure staff regularly monitor the following for grant opportunities:

DOT, Caltrans, FEMA, CalOES, FHWA, USDA, CALFIRE,

Other Department Actions to Support Grant-Seeking

- Annual assessment of need/funding availability to develop a list of priority projects for the coming year
- Quarterly meetings with Director & Deputy Directors to discuss potential funding sources and priority projects
- Continued professional development for grant manager and department staff

Grant Sources Regularly Monitored

To support the pursuit of grant funding for identified priorities, DHS staff regularly monitor the following for grant opportunities:

- Federal Health and Human Services
- California Department of Public Health
- California Department of Housing and Community Development
- California Department of Health Care Services
- Cal Recycle
- Grants.gov
- US Housing & Urban Development
- CA Interagency Council on Homelessness
- Community Solutions

Other Department Actions to Support Grant-Seeking

DHS has updated departmental grant application processes to improve the tracking, execution, and administration of grants. Department staff are proactively seeking next round grant information prior to expiration of current grant. A standing agenda item has been added to monthly fiscal meetings to discuss new grant opportunities that program staff are investigating or applying for. The Department has implemented a new grant request form to increase awareness and monitoring of grant seeking activity.