

Ag + Open Space Grant Program Quarterly Update

July – September 2023

Identified Grant Priorities

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

1. Funding to leverage the Sustainable Vegetation Management Program, 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. Funding to enhance and restore working and natural lands, 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. Funding that increases the protection of agricultural lands 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

The following grants represent new Ag + Open grant activity for July through September 2023. Ag + Open Space is administering a total of 7 grants totaling \$13,695,250

Date	Grant Name	Grantor	Funding Source	Amount	Applied or Awarded
July	Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Climate Resilience Regional Challenge - Coastal	NOAA	Federal	TBD	Researched & passed
July	Integrated Climate Adaptation & Resiliency Program (ICARP) Regional Resilience Grant Program	NOAA	Federal	TBD	Researched & passed
August	USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service AFA RCPP	USDA	Federal	TBD	Defer 2 applications until lot line adjustment requirements complete
August	CA State Coastal Conservancy	CA State Coastal Conservancy	State	TBD Confirming property value	Defer 2 applications until lot line adjustment requirements complete
August	Wildlife Conservation Board	Wildlife Conservation Board	State	TBD Confirming property value	Defer 2 applications until lot line adjustment requirements complete

8/30/23	American Farmland Trust Land Transfer Navigator Program	American Farmland Trust	Federal	\$100,000	Applied
September	Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG)	USDA Forest Service	Federal	TBD	Researching
9/29/23	American Farmland Trust Land Transfer Navigator Program	American Farmland Trust	Federal	\$100,000	Awarded

“Shovel-Ready” Projects

Ag + Open Space has several projects that are “shovel-ready” where grant funding is being sought:

- Ag Conservation Easement Properties (3 projects)
- Vegetation Management Grant Program projects – Match & Leverage Funding

Grant Sources Regularly Monitored

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

- 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 Natural Resources – CAL FIRE – Veg Management, Healthy Forests, Forest Health, Climate Resiliency, Carbon Sequestration, Wildfire Prevention
- CA OES/FEMA – Hazard Mitigation Grant Program – Acquisition, Veg Management, Healthy Forests, Wildfire Reduction, Carbon Sequestration
- CA State Coastal Conservancy - Watershed Protection, Public Access, Wildfire Resiliency
- Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation
- CA Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) – Acquisition, Restoration, Public Access Funds
- 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 Actions to Support Grant-Seeking

- Grant Coordination Stewardship includes: Grants Management Platform, which includes *Grant Opportunity Assessments*, shared calendaring compliance and deadlines, project management, and archiving.
- Grant Funding Matrix to evaluate active Open Space Acquisition Projects for grant funding.
- Conducted an assessment of active Open Space Acquisition Projects for CA Dept of Conservation Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC) funding.
- Contracted with a consultant to secure the capacity to pursue CA Dept of Conservation SALC, State Coastal Conservancy and CA Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) funding for two high priority open space conservation easement projects.
- Conducted State Coastal Conservancy and Gordon & Betty Moore Foundation funder tours of priority acquisition projects in the Southern Mayacamas and Sonoma Mountain areas, in partnership with Regional Parks and Sonoma Land Trust

County Administrator Grant Program Quarterly Update

July, August, September 2023

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

This summer, the Climate Action and Resiliency Division recruited for a Grants Analyst. Marcus Clarke was chosen for the recruitment, and he started the position on August 22. He has begun tracking funding opportunities, meeting with partners, familiarizing himself with team efforts, and preparing funding frameworks to support goals of the Master Action Plan. The Division looks forward to having a point-person to analyze, track and submit climate-related grant submissions.

Q3 Grant updates include the following:

Date	Grant Name	Grantor	Funding Source	Amount	Applied or Awarded
8/29/23	Resilient Sonoma Regional Microgrid Strategy	OPR Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program – Regional Resilience Grant	Regional	\$647,722	Applied as partner; RCPA lead
9/6/23 (pre-application)	Climate Resilient Greenspace Corridors	SGC Regional Climate Collaborative Grant	State	\$1,750,000	Applied as partner; Sonoma Ecology Center lead

USDA/NRCS Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities, Sonoma-Marin Ag and County Climate Coalition, \$10M. The project expands climate-smart practices across agricultural communities. The Board approved the final agreement in August, and staff is finalizing sub-awardee agreements.

CalEPA CA Water Board Nonpoint Source 319(h) Russian River Pathogen Reduction Planning Project, \$250,000. Staff is negotiating contract and clarifying the scope of work.

DOE Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant/Voucher Program, \$233,790. Staff is currently determining how the Technical Assistance will support Strategic Plan objectives beginning in early 2024.

Congressional Appropriation, Equitable Energy Resilience – EV Infrastructure and Green Jobs Training Project, \$791,200. The project will expand the number of ARC EV Chargers charging stations to provide charging capacity to under-resourced communities while supporting a local green workforce infrastructure. Staff will submit application for drawdown of funds to HUD in Q4.

CA Office of Planning and Research (OPR) Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program – Regional Resilience Grant, Resilient Sonoma Regional Microgrid Strategy, \$647,722. Application was submitted in September. CARD is a partner in application, RCPA is the lead.

SGC Regional Climate Collaborative Grant, Climate Resilient Greenspace Corridors, \$1,750,00. CARD is a partner in pre-application submitted September 6, and Sonoma Ecology Center is the lead. The project is to support the development of green corridors project in four low-income areas in the county. If invited, full application will be due December 6, 2023.

The \$1.4 million federal appropriation request that was submitted by Senator Alex Padilla to complete energy conservation upgrades at low-income, multi-family housing locations was not approved. Staff will continue looking for ways to support this community need.

Grant Sources Regularly Monitored

To support the pursuit of grant funding for these identified priorities, CAO staff regularly monitor a number of federal agencies, including: 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 new Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction are creating a number of new climate-related funding opportunities, which CARD staff is actively monitoring.

Other Actions to Support Grant-Seeking

CARD staff is onboarding the new Grants Analyst with organizational background and relationship introductions to key individuals in the community to build a successful grants program.

Economic Development Board Grant Program Quarterly Update

July to September 2023

Identified Grant Priorities

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

- Funding to equitably expand countywide communications infrastructure, which is specifically aligned with Strategic Plan Resilient Infrastructure (RI) Objectives 4.1 and 4.2.
- 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

EDB will report on the number of current grants being administered in the next quarterly report. The grant activity for this quarter is as follows:

Date	Grant Name	Grantor	Funding Source	Amount	Applied or Awarded
7/15/23	Local Immigrant Integration and Inclusion Grant (LIIG)	Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development	State	N/A	Researching
8/15/23	California Economic Resilience Fund/Jobs First Initiative	Governor's Office of Planning and Research	State	N/A	Researching
9/1/23	Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment Program	National Telecommunications and Information Administration	Federal	N/A	Researching
9/21/23	State-Local Partners	California Arts Council	State	\$70,800	Awarded
10/1/23	California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) Adoption Account	Public Utilities Commission	State	N/A	Researching

Grant Sources Regularly Monitored

To support the pursuit of grant funding for these identified priorities, EDB staff regularly monitor the following granting agencies: *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 Actions to Support Grant-Seeking

As a part of the EDB 3.0 workplan, our department has been allocated a 1.0 FTE position (Business Development Manager) to primarily focus on fund development, management, and administration for the department. With the recruitment for this position complete, in the coming months this individual will work with their team and Department Head to review and build a strategy for grant priorities for the EDB.

Department of Emergency Management Grant Program Quarterly Update

July to September 2023

Identified Grant Priorities

The following represents the grant-seeking priorities currently identified by DEM, including specific alignment with Strategic Plan objectives:

1. Funding for a new Emergency Operations Center, which is specifically aligned with Strategic Plan Resilient Infrastructure (RI) Objective 2.3.
2. Funding for all hazardous preparedness, which is specifically aligned with Strategic Plan RI Objective 2.1.
3. Funding to support disaster event training and staffing, which is specifically aligned with Strategic Plan Organizational Objective (OE) 1-6.

Grant Activity for Quarter

The Department of Emergency Management applied for four new grants through the Bay Area Urban Area Security Initiative and have three new applications under development (one application for the Department of Water Resource’s Small Community Drought Relief Funding and two applications for Round 2 of the Housing of Urban Development’s Community Development Block Grant MIT-PPS grant)

Date	Grant Name	Grantor	Funding Source	Amount	Applied or Awarded
10-5-23	FY24 Sheriffs Critical Communication System	Bay Area Urban Area Security Initiative	Regional	\$39,000	Applied
10-5-23	FY24 Emergency Management Training and Conferences	Bay Area Urban Area Security Initiative	Regional	\$100,000	Applied
10-5-23	FY25 Sheriffs Critical Communication System	Bay Area Urban Area Security Initiative	Regional	\$78,000	Applied
10-5-23	FY25 Emergency Management Training and Conferences	Bay Area Urban Area Security Initiative	Regional	\$100,000	Applied

Grant Sources Regularly Monitored

- To support the pursuit of grant funding for these identified priorities, DEM and CAO staff regularly monitor Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and California State pass-throughs for Disaster Mitigation funds.

Other Actions to Support Grant-Seeking

To support the pursuit of grants, the DEM Grants Program Analysts have attended trainings for the Buy America Build America Act and 2 CFR 200 Compliance; and participated in monthly on-going education through the National Grant Management Association and the Institute for Public Procurement.

Department of Health Services Grant Program Quarterly Update

July to September 2023

Identified Grant Priorities

The following represents the grant-seeking priorities currently identified by DHS, including specific alignment with Strategic Plan objectives:

1. Funding for Homeless Services, 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 Behavioral Health Services, 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 Public Health activities and programming, 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 the new grant activity for the quarter.

Date	Grant Name	Grantor	Funding Source	Amount	Applied or Awarded
7/1/2023	Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention	California Department of Public Health (CDPH)	State	\$1,189,560	Applied
7/1/2023	Tuberculosis Local Assistance Funds	CDPH, Tuberculosis Control Branch	State	\$53,359	Awarded
7/1/2023	Local Government Waste Tire Enforcement	CalRecycle	State	\$124,196	Awarded
7/13/2023	Encampment Resolution Funding Rolling (ERF-2-R) Part 1	California Interagency Council on Homelessness	State	\$4,567,130	Awarded
7/19/2023	Collaborative Community Stakeholder Workgroup	California Department of State Hospitals	State	\$500,000	Awarded
7/21/2023	Project Homekey Round 3 - Redwood Inn transition-aged youth (TAY) housing	California Department of Housing and Community Development	State	\$16,118,958	Applied
7/28/2023	Emergency Solutions Grant Program	California Department of Housing and Community Development	State	\$322,434	Applied

8/22/2023	Encampment Resolution Funding Rolling (ERF-2-R) Part 2	California Interagency Council on Homelessness	State	\$2,763,142	Awarded
9/1/2023	CYBHI Round 3: Early Childhood Wraparound Services	CDSS	State	\$500,000.00	Researching
9/20/2023	CalRecycle Illegal Disposal Grant	CalRecycle	State	\$235,720	Applied

Grant Sources Regularly Monitored

DHS continues to monitor the following funding sources with priority needs focused on grant opportunities for homeless services, behavioral health, and public health activities and programming:

- 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
- Community Foundation of Sonoma County

Other Efforts 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.

Human Services Grant Program Quarterly Update

July to September 2023

Identified Grant Priorities and Grant Sources Monitored

HSD continues to monitor the following funding sources with priority needs focused on grant opportunists for workforce development training for infrastructure:

- Cal-OES
- 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

Grant Activity

The Human Services Department currently administers 7 grants totaling \$5,131,363.

During the third quarter of this year, HSD received one grant from CA Dept. of Labor/CA Employment Development Dept. for Hospitality Industry Training for Dislocated Workers (\$420,000). Two grants were applied for: (1) for Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities through CalTrans/Federal Transit Administration; and (2) from the Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration (\$64,000). Human Services is also researching a Student Training and Employment Program (STEP) grant with the CA Dept. of Rehabilitation in coordination with the Foundation for CA Community Colleges Foundation (\$605,544).

Date	Grant Name	Grantor	Source	Amount	Grant Status
7/1/2023	Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 - Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program	CalTrans	State	TBD	Applied
7/1/2023	QUEST: Disaster Recovery National Dislocated Worker Grant	Dept. of Labor/CA Employment Development Dept	Fed	\$420,000	Awarded
7/1/2023	Equitable Energy Resilience and EV Infrastructure Project	Dept. of Transportation	Fed	\$64,000	Applied

9/29/2023	Student Training and Employment Program (STEP)	California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR), in coordination with the Foundation for California Community Colleges Foundation	State	\$605,544	Researching
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Other Efforts 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.

Information Systems Department Grant Program Quarterly Update

July – September 2023

Identified Grant Priorities

Grant-seeking projects for the Information Systems Department (ISD) are generally aligned with the Strategic Plan Resilient Infrastructure Goal #1 to invest in County buildings and technology solutions to enhance service delivery and improve employee mobility and Goal #2 to invest in capital systems to ensure continuity of operations and disaster response. ISD has identified the following as their departmental grant-seeking priorities:

1. Funding for cybersecurity and teleworking and/or hybrid work environments projects that ensure security for the County network, software, hardware, and projects that focus on secure and effective information sharing through Web and GIS.
2. Funding for the Integrated Justice Systems, which allows for information sharing between the District Attorney, Public Defender, Probation, Sheriff's Office, and Sonoma County Courts. The system has been in place for 40 years and ISD is currently engaged in a modernization project.

Grant Activity for Quarter

Grant activity for report period was focused on grant research.

Grant Sources Regularly Monitored

ISD is closely monitoring opportunities expected from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), which has allocated \$1 billion in grant funding for cybersecurity that will be passed-through the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP). ISD expects funding from the SLCGP to be available calendar year 2024. Other major funding sources being monitored by ISD include Department of Justice, and Department of Homeland Security.

Other Actions to Support Grant-Seeking

ISD has taken the following actions to support grant-seeking efforts:

- ISD has assigned a Grants Program Manager to manage grants for the department.
- Monthly meetings are held with the Executive Committee to review grant priorities and discuss current opportunities.
- A Grants Team Channel has been created in the ISD-Leadership Team in order to share grant opportunities with Project Managers, Division Directors and all leadership within ISD.
- A monthly meeting cadence is in development that will allow the Grants Coordinator to engage with Project Managers and Division Directors to discuss upcoming projects and plan for future grant opportunities.
- Development of an external resource network for grant opportunities that includes:
 - Gartner (research and consulting services for IT with grant expertise)
 - Fortinet (global leader in Cybersecurity with grant expertise)

Permit Sonoma Grant Program Quarterly Update

July – September 2023

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 educational resources to the community that promote...fire hardening construction, which is specifically aligned with Strategic Plan Climate Action and Resiliency (CAR) Objective 1.1.1.
2. Funding to support sustainable vegetation management programs, which is specifically aligned with Strategic CAR Objective 1.1.3.
3. Funding to expand outreach and education on vegetation management and provide additional resources to landowners to help mitigate fire risk, which is specifically aligned with Strategic Plan Climate Action and Resiliency (CAR) Objective 1.1.2.
4. Funding to support planning and assessment activities, which are broadly aligned with Strategic Plan Resilient Infrastructure (RI) Objective 5.5.2 and CAR 1.5.1.
5. Funding to purchase tools, equipment, and add staffing for cannabis enforcement.
6. Funding to support existing required planning activities, such as elements of the General Plan.

Grant Activity for Quarter

Permit Sonoma currently administers four awarded FEMA project grants and four awarded FEMA management grants totaling \$11,988,119.

Permit Sonoma is also administering two awarded California Board of State and Community Corrections Proposition 64 grants totaling \$3.9 million.

No new grants were applied for nor awarded during July through September 2023.

Grant Sources Regularly Monitored

To support the pursuit of grant funding for these identified priorities, Permit Sonoma regularly monitors the following grant sources:

- FEMA/CalOES HMGP
- FEMA BRIC
- CA OPR Adaptation Planning Grant Program
- CA OPR Regional Resilience Grant Program
- Cannabis Grant Proposition 64
- U.S. EPA Wetland Program Development Grant Program (WPDG) for Region 9

Other Actions to Support Grant-Seeking and Grant Implementation

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.
- Many efforts being undertaken to support and improve grant implementation, grant administration, grant fiscal management, grant funded procurements, overall grant compliance.

Sonoma Public Infrastructure Grant Program Quarterly Update

July to September 2023

Identified Grant Priorities

The following represents the grant-seeking priorities currently identified by SoCo Pi, including specific alignment with Strategic Plan objectives:

1. Funding for backup power for County facilities/emergency centers (microgrids), which is specifically aligned with Strategic Plan Resilient Infrastructure (RI) Objective 2.2 and Climate Action and Resiliency (CAR) Objectives 2.1 & 3.3.
2. Funding for communications infrastructure, remote radio towers with back-up power, which is specifically aligned with Strategic Plan RI Objective 2.1.
3. Funding to support vegetation removal, which is specifically aligned with Strategic Plan Objectives RI 3.1 and the education component of CAR 1.2.
4. Funding to support veterans' buildings seismic retrofitting, which is specifically aligned with Strategic Plan Objectives RI 3.4.
5. Funding to support electric and charging stations, which is specifically aligned with Strategic Plan Objectives CAR 4.1 and 4.2.

Grant Activity for Quarter

SoCo Pi currently administers nine grants totaling more than \$3.9 million. The following is a grant activity summary for April through June 2023.

Date	Grant Name	Grantor	Funding Source	Amount	Applied or Awarded
8/18	Promoting Resilience Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Program – Lakeville Rd	Department of Transportation	Federal	\$13,100,000	Applied
9/28	Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) Program – Donald Gap	Department of Transportation	Federal	\$3,885,000	Applied
9/20	Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot (RTP) Program - Asti Bridge	Department of Transportation	Federal	\$360,000	Applied
8/4	CalOES Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) - Airport Eucalyptus Removal	FEMA	State	\$1,514,648	Applied
8/4	CalOES Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) - Villa Grande	FEMA	State	\$650,798	Applied

Grant Sources Regularly Monitored

To support the pursuit of grant funding for these identified priorities, SoCo Pi and CAO staff regularly monitor Department of Transportation (DOT), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), US Department of Agriculture (USDA), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), and the following California Departments: Cal OES, Cal Fire, and CalTrans for funding opportunities. The new Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and the Inflation Reduction (ACT) are expected to create many opportunities that will be monitored for need to expand grant-seeking priorities.

Other Actions to Support Grant-Seeking

We are transitioning to an annual grant application plan based on known recurring grant opportunities and strategic plan goals. Department Director & Deputy Directors meet quarterly to discuss priorities and ensure we have adequate staffing/local match dollars to launch projects should funding be obtained. Grant manager has been and will continue to seek additional training opportunities to continue to improve Department applications and grant management processes.

Regional Parks Grant Program Quarterly Update

July to September 2023

Identified Grant Priorities

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

1. Invest in a climate-adapted parks systems, 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. Make parks more equitable and accessible, 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. Implement strategies to reduce and/or manage the impacts of increased use 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. Enhance visitor experience, 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. Assure financial and organizational stability, 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 administers 72 grants totaling \$31,176,935. The following represents the grant activity for July through September 2023

Date	Grant Name	Grantor	Funding Source	Amount	Applied or Awarded
7/1/23	CDFA IPM	CDFA	State	\$42,421	Awarded
7/26/23	Wildfire Prevention Grants	CalFire	State	\$250,000	Awarded
8/1/23	TDA Article 3	MTC	Regional	\$50,000	Awarded
8/10/23	SF Bay Area Program	State Coastal Conservancy	State	\$600,000	Applied
8/21/23	Climate-Resilience Regional Challenges	NOAA	Federal	\$13,350,000	Applied
8/22/23	Matching Grant	Ag + Open Space	Local	\$1,000,000	Awarded

8/24/23	Streamflow Enhancement	WCB	State	\$1,063,000	Awarded
9/26/23	Watershed Restoration Grant Program	CDFW	State	\$905,791	Awarded

“Shovel-Ready” Projects

Regional Parks has two projects that are “shovel-ready” where grant funding is being sought:

- Larson Park Redevelopment

Grant Sources Regularly Monitored

To support the pursuit of grant funding for identified priorities, Regional Parks and CAO 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 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.