

# Ag + Open Space Grant Program Quarterly Update

October - December 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 December, 2023. Ag + Open Space is administering a total of 7 grant totaling \$13,695,250

Date	Grant Name	Grantor	Amount	Applied or Awarded
September	CA Dept of Conservation Sustainable Agriculture Land Conservation Grant (SALC)	CA Dept of Conservation	TBD Confirming property value	Defer 2 applications to 2024, land valuations in process
October	CA State Coastal Conservancy	CA State Coastal Conservancy	TBD Confirming property value	Researching
October	Wildlife Conservation Board	Wildlife Conservation Board	TBD Confirming property value	Researching

December	CAL FIRE Climate Investments Wildfire Prevention Grants Program	CAL FIRE / CA Climate Investments	\$1,900,000	Researching
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### “Shovel-Ready” Projects

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

- Ag Conservation Easement Properties (5 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
- PGE
- 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

- Developed a Grant Funding “Opportunity Assessment” to evaluate active Open Space Acquisition Projects for grant funding.
- 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 for to secure the conservation easements of four high priority open space conservation easement projects.
- Developed Grants Administrative Aide position and currently recruiting with the aim of building administrative support for grants development and stewardship capacity.

# County Administrator Grant Program Quarterly Update

October - December 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

Currently, the Climate Action and Resiliency Division manages four grants to support departmental efforts, totaling \$11,274,990.

Date	Grant Name	Grantor	Funding Source	Amount	Applied or Awarded
12.6.23	Community Partners for Resilience in Sonoma County	Strategic Growth Council	Regional Climate Collaboratives Grant Program	\$1,750,000	Applied (as partner with Sonoma Ecology Center)

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

### Other Actions to Support Grant-Seeking

As CARD staff prepares the Climate Resiliency Comprehensive Action Plan (CR-CAP) scheduled for adoption in July, we are employing meaningful opportunities for Plan input. We will be aggregating data from the various CARD studies (e.g. Waste Audit, GHG Inventory) in addition to collecting input from County departments, community members, consultants, and staff to identify high-impact actions for the CR-CAP, funding needs and funding gaps. This process will help staff prioritize pursuing funding efforts in line with reaching the County's goals to become carbon neutral, zero-waste and resilient by 2030. Priorities are in line with Strategic Plan Pillars, Goals and Objectives. Some current priorities include the following:

- Electric vehicle infrastructure:
  - Staff is considering the CA Energy Commission's Charging Infrastructure for Government Fleets grant, due in April, 2024, which would purchase a significant number of Level 2 chargers on County properties for our municipal fleet.
  - USDOT Community Fueling Infrastructure grant, which will provide \$2.5 billion in funding for public EV charging infrastructure over five years. We continue to monitor this opportunity.
  - Staff, in collaboration with Fleet, is exploring a variety of fleet electrification transition plan funding such as a recent MTC grant opportunity.
- Energy efficiency upgrades for County buildings: Staff has identified a funding gap for these efforts and will heighten exploration for grants and creative financing to address this need.
- Disadvantaged Community leadership in climate action & resiliency efforts:
  - There is a focus on empowering local DAC leaders to identify and organize around issues important to them, like creating more greenspaces, responding to Heat Island effects and applying energy efficient measures to multifamily buildings. Funding is available for community-centered brownfields restoration from the DTSC and the EPA in winter, 2024.

Other Climate Action & Resiliency efforts:

- Facilitating the installation of microgrids to bolster local resiliency is an interest of CalOES, which there is funding for as part of local hazard mitigation plans. We are investigating this with local partners, as we may repurpose the RCPA-led OPR microgrid strategy.

## Department of Emergency Management Grant Program Quarterly Update

October to December 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 disaster event training and staffing structures, which is specifically aligned with Strategic Plan Organizational Excellence (OE) Objective 1.6.

### Grant Activity for Quarter

The Department of Emergency Management (DEM) applied for four new grants through the Bay Area Urban Area Security Initiative and for one new grant through the State of California’s Small Community Drought Relief Program. DEM is also working on the following grant application:

- Round 2 of the Housing of Urban Development’s Community Development Block Grant MIT-PPS grant – Multi-jurisdictional Emergency Transportation Plan
- Round 2 of the Housing of Urban Development’s Community Development Block Grant MIT-PPS grant – Language Access and Accessibility for Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Website
- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program DR-4750 – Russian River Flood Risk and Vulnerability Assessment

Date	Grant Name	Grantor	Amount	Applied or Awarded
10-5-23	FY24 FEMA Urban Area Security initiative Grant - Sheriffs Critical Communication System	Bay Area Urban Area Security Initiative	\$39,000	Applied
10-5-23	FY24 FEMA Urban Area Security initiative Grant - Emergency Management Training and Conferences	Bay Area Urban Area Security Initiative	\$100,000	Applied
10-5-23	FY25 FEMA Urban Area Security initiative Grant - Sheriffs Critical Communication System	Bay Area Urban Area Security Initiative	\$78,000	Applied
10-5-23	FY25 FEMA Urban Area Security initiative Grant - Emergency Management Training and Conferences	Bay Area Urban Area Security Initiative	\$100,000	Applied
12-19-23	Small Community Drought Relief Program	State of CA Department of Water Resources	\$125,000	Applied
10-18-23	FY23 Homeland Security Grant Program	CalOES	\$535,157	Awarded
10-16-23	FY23 Emergency Management Performance Grant	CalOES	\$220,474	Awarded

11-1-23	FY23 FEMA Urban Area Security initiative Grant -Cyber Incident Consequence Management Annex	Bay Area Urban Area Security Initiative	\$136,668	Awarded
11-1-23	FY23 FEMA Urban Area Security initiative Grant – Fire and EMS Emergency Radio Equipment Upgrade and Stabilization	Bay Area Urban Area Security Initiative	\$210,727	Awarded

#### 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 County Project Management trainings; attended the Federal Grants Forum training offered by Thompson Grants; and participated in monthly on-going education through the National Grant Management Association, the Institute for Public Procurement and the California Association of Public Procurement Officials.

# Economic Development Board Grant Program Quarterly Update

October - December 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	Amount	Applied or Awarded
9/29/23	Federal Funding Account	Public Utilities Commission	\$17,003,773.00	Applied
10/1/23	Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment Program	National Telecommunications and Information Administration	N/A	Researching
10/1/23	California Advanced Services Fund (CASf) Adoption Account	Public Utilities Commission	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, the EDB has added a new Director of Partnerships & Special Projects to focus on fund development, management, and administration for the department. This individual will work with their team and Department Head to review and build a strategy for grant priorities.

# Department of Health Services Grant Program Quarterly Update

October - December 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
10/2023	Child Passenger Safety	CA Office of Traffic Safety	State	\$90,000	Awarded
10/2023	Sonoma County Animal Disaster Preparedness & Response Grant	Jameson Humane	Local	\$18,484	Awarded
11/2023	CYBHI Round 3: Early Childhood Wraparound Services	CDSS	State	\$1,268,217	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

October - December 2023

Identified Grant Priorities and Grant Sources Monitored
<p>HSD continues to monitor the following funding sources with priority needs focused on grant opportunists for workforce development training for infrastructure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cal-OES</li> <li>• California Workforce Development Board</li> <li>• Department of Labor</li> <li>• California Department of Aging</li> <li>• Federal Health and Human Services</li> <li>• California Department of Social Services</li> <li>• California Department of Housing and Community Development</li> <li>• Federal John H. Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood</li> </ul>

Grant Activity					
<p>The Human Services Department currently administers 8 grants totaling \$5,551,363.</p> <p>During the fourth quarter of this year, HSD received one grant from CA Dept. of Rehabilitation (DOR), in coordination with the Foundation for California Community Colleges Foundation (4711,800) for enhanced services to WIOA youth with disabilities. One grant was applied for from the CA Office of Emergency Services (\$217,444) for the continuation of Elder Justice that funds the Family Justice Center services for victims of elder abuse.</p>					
Date	Grant Name	Grantor	Source	Amount	Grant Status
11/2023	Student Training & Employment Program (STEP) – Enhanced services to WIOA Youth w/ disabilities through the existing My Pathways program contract in coordination with local Dept. of Rehabilitation	CA Dept of Rehabilitation (DOR), in coordination with the Foundation for California Community Colleges Foundation	State	\$711,800	Awarded
11/2023	VOCA XE (Elder Justice) - Continuation of Elder Justice grant that funds FJC services for victims of elder abuse. Grant covers 3 community partner contracts.	CA Office of Emergency Services	Fed	\$217,444	Applied

### 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.

# Permit Sonoma Grant Program Quarterly Update

October - December 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 land owners 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, including required planning activities such as the County General Plan, which aligns with CAR 1.5.1 and Resilient Infrastructure (RI) Objective 5.5.2.
5. Funding to purchase tools, equipment, and add staffing for cannabis code enforcement.
6. Funding to support water quality and stormwater improvements, which is broadly aligned with CAR 1.5.1 and 1.5.5, as well as RI 5.3.1, 5.5.1, and 5.5.2.

## Grant Activity for Quarter

Permit Sonoma currently administers four awarded FEMA project grants and four awarded FEMA management grants totaling \$12 million.

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

Permit Sonoma currently administers three awarded planning grants totaling over \$1.2 million.

Permit Sonoma currently administers tasks within two awarded water quality improvement grants totaling over \$2.7 million for Permit Sonoma activities.

The following shows that no new grants were applied for or awarded during October through December 2023.

Date	Grant Name	Grantor	Amount	Applied or Awarded
n/a				

### **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
- California Board of State and Community Corrections Proposition 64 cannabis enforcement grant program
- US EPA Wetland Program Development Grants (WPDG) for Region 9
- ABAG/MTC Priority Development Area Grants
- Coastal Conservancy Grants
- USFW/CDFW Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund (Section 6)
- US EPA San Francisco Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund

### **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.
- Intra- and Inter- department coordination to support and improve grant implementation, grant administration, grant fiscal management, grant funded procurements, and overall grant compliance.

# Regional Parks Grant Program Quarterly Update

October - December 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 (JEDA) 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 73 grants totaling \$31,252,052. In addition to the below activity, Regional Parks is currently evaluating eight grants for possible application.

Date	Grant Name	Grantor	Funding Source	Amount	Applied or Awarded
10/2023	UWFWS Coastal Program (Doran Dune and Stockhoff Creek Restoration)	USFWS	State	\$75,000	Awarded
10/2023	Marine Debris Removal Fund (Derelict Vessel Removal)	NOAA	Fed	\$2,978,200	Applied

### **“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.

# Sonoma Public Infrastructure Grant Program Quarterly Update

October - December 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 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 backup power for County facilities/emergency centers (microgrids), which is specifically aligned with Strategic Plan RI Objective 2.2 and Climate Action and Resiliency (CAR) Objectives 2.1 & 3.3.
3. Funding for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure & access, which is specifically aligned with Strategic Plan RI Objective 3.1 & 3.3.
4. Funding to support vegetation removal, which is specifically aligned with Strategic Plan Objectives RI 3.1 and the education component of CAR 1.2.
5. Funding to support veterans' buildings improvements, including seismic retrofitting, which is specifically aligned with Strategic Plan Objectives RI 3.4.
6. Funding to support fleet electric and charging stations, which is specifically aligned with Strategic Plan Objectives CAR 4.1 and 4.2.
7. Funding to research County compost facilities, which is specifically aligned with Strategic Plan Objectives CAR 3.1.
8. Funding for improved drainage facilities/flooding prevention, which is specifically aligned with Strategic Plan Objectives RI 5.1.

## Grant Activity for Quarter

SoCo Pi currently administers six grants totaling more than \$3.5 million. The following is a grant activity summary for October through December 2023.

Date	Grant Name	Grantor	Amount	Applied or Awarded
10/12	CalOES Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) - Villa Grande Drainage Study	FEMA	\$166,666	Project Completed
11/17	CalOES Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) - Forestville Generator	FEMA	\$160,000	Project Completed

### **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 have transitioned to an annual grant strategy, which involves fully developing project materials, studies, community outreach, etc. before seeking out grant opportunities. This will lead to well developed & thorough applications, which we believe will increase our grant award success rate. SPI has identified eight priority projects that align with goals identified in the Strategic Plan, Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, Local Road Safety Plan, and Vision Zero. Staff is currently developing these projects in anticipation of upcoming funding opportunities. Additionally, the SPI Grant manager has been and will continue to seek additional training opportunities to continue to improve Department applications and grant management processes. This includes attending the CalOES Hazard Mitigation Conference and National Grant Managers Association Annual Conference, as well as internal resource development.