



SUMMARY REPORT

Agenda Date: 11/5/2024

To: Sonoma County Board of Supervisors

Department or Agency Name(s): County Administrator's Office

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Vote Requirement: Informational Only

Supervisorial District(s): Countywide

Title:

Quarterly County Grant Program Update - Third Quarter of 2024

Recommended Action:

Receive 2024 third quarter reports on departmental grant efforts.

Executive Summary:

The County's 2021-2026 Strategic Plan's Organizational Excellence pillar includes an objective to "secure a total of \$60 million in grant funding by 2026 for strategic priorities, including technology tools, climate resiliency, and other capital projects". The County Administrator's Office staff coordinates and provides quarterly updates to the Board of Supervisors on grant activities that accomplish this Strategic Objective and support County priorities.

This report covers grant activity from **July through September 2024**. This is an informational item only; departments will return to your Board as needed to seek any necessary grant-related approvals.

Discussion:

Since implementation of the County's Strategic Plan, county departments and agencies have secured the \$60 million objective target outlined in the Strategic Plan Organizational Excellence pillar. However, staff will continue to provide quarterly updates on grant activity to the Board and the public. Detailed information on grant activity in the reporting quarter is available in Attachment A, with new activity summarized as follows:

Ag Preservation & Open Space District (APOSD)

- Received the California Climate Investments/Cal Fire Wildfire Prevention Grant for \$1,900,000 for the Northside Russian River Shaded Fuel Break Project.

Efforts Underway:

- Researching the following grants to develop the best project proposal.
 - Wildfire Resilience Initiative
 - Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program Grants
- Researched the Coastal Conservancy and determined Vegetation Management was the best fit for the program.
- Researched the following grants and determined APOSD does not have an eligible project at this time.
 - Capacity Building Grants for Land Trusts
 - Youth Community Access Program

- 2024 Environmental Enhancement Fund Grant
- Researched the following grants and determined APOSD does not have the capacity to apply to a project at this time.
 - Technical Assistance for Project Development
 - Landowner Cost Share Payment Programs for Climate Mitigation and/or Forest Resilience Practices

County Administrator's Office - Climate Action and Resiliency Division (CARD)

Efforts Underway:

- Electrification Applied for the Charging Infrastructure for Government Fleets Grant for \$1,575,000 for the Sonoma County Fleet Electrification project.
- Applied for the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant Program for \$233,790 for the Fleet Charging Project.
- Applied for the Adaptation Planning Grant Program for \$442,772 for the Sonoma County Energy Resilience Plan.

Department of Emergency Management (DEM)

- Pre-Award Letter Received from California Housing and Community Development for \$444,440 Federal grant for the Sonoma County Multi-Jurisdictional Emergency Transportation Gap Analysis and Plan.

Efforts Underway:

- Pending award from California Housing and Community Development for \$421,990 for the Sonoma County Access and Functional Needs Communications Gap Analysis and Feasibility Study.
- Pending award from California Housing and Community Development for \$499,400 for the Sonoma County Access and Functional Needs Communication Plan Implementation.

Department of Health Services (DHS)

- Received the following grants:
 - California Friday Night Live Partnership FY 24-25 for \$45,000
 - Substance Use, Prevention and Treatment Block Grant FY 24-26 for \$1,363,394

Efforts Underway:

- California Friday Night Live Partnership FY 24-25 for \$45,000
- BHBH Round-03 for \$7,000,000
- Substance Use, Prevention, and Treatment Block Grant FY 24-26 for \$5,393,578
- Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA) Round 4 - Marginalized and Vulnerable Youth for \$500,000
- Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA) Round 4 - Sustainability for \$449,952
- Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (MHBG) FY 24-26 for \$1,409,556

Economic Development Collaborative (EDC)

- Received the California Emerging Technology for \$20,000.

Efforts Underway:

- Applied for the State-Local Partners grant for \$75,000.
- Sonoma County would be a subgrantee for an application submitted by the California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF) for the Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program for \$12 million (Sonoma County portion TBD).

- Sonoma County would be a subgrantee for an application submitted by the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) for the Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program for \$12 million (Sonoma County portion TBD).
- Researching the Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program, grant amount and project TBD.

Human Services Department (HSD)

Efforts Underway:

- Applied with notification of award expected imminently for the following grants:
- Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 for \$452,268 for the Enhanced Mobility of Senior and Individuals with Disabilities Program
- Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 for \$265,940 for the Operating Assistance Grant

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Efforts Underway:

- The department had no new grant activity for the reporting period.

Grants Completed & Closed:

- Completed and closed a grant project that totaled \$250,000 for the Climate Adaptation Center Plan funded by the California Coastal Conservancy's Climate Ready Program.

Regional Parks

Efforts Underway:

- Coastal Program grant for \$950,000 for the Kashia Reserve and Stewarts Point Trail Construction
- Priority Conservation Area grant for \$680,000 for the Sonoma Schellville Trail Design

Sonoma Public Infrastructure (SPI)

Efforts Underway:

- Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant for \$13,502,720 for the Connecting Cloverdale to the Bay, Cloverdale project
- Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) grant for the Airport Composting Facility project, grant amount TBD
- Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program for \$16,545,225 for the Missing Link: Creating Zero Emission, Multi-Modal Transportation in Sonoma County (various locations throughout Sonoma County)

Strategic Plan:

This item directly supports the County's Five-year Strategic Plan and is aligned with the following pillar, goal, and objective.

Pillar: Organizational Excellence

Goal: Goal 4: Seek out grant funding to enhance programs and improve infrastructure

Objective: 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.

Was this item identified as an opportunity to apply the Racial Equity Toolkit?

No

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Prior Board Actions:

The Board has received quarterly updates on departmental grant activity since April 2023.

On March 2, 2021, the Board adopted the Sonoma County Strategic Plan, which established the priority of securing \$60 million in grant funding by 2026.

FISCAL SUMMARY

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

There are no fiscal impacts associated with this quarterly report. However, the grant activity efforts described in the report increase revenue capacity to meet County priorities.

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

There are no staffing impacts associated with this informational report, but any successful grant award will require staff capacity for grant management and project execution.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Quarterly Department Grant Reports - Third Quarter of 2024

Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:

None