



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: September 24, 2019

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

☒ 4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution of the Board Of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California,
Authorizing the County Administrator to Execute two grant agreements with the Federal
Emergency's Management Agency's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Administered by the
California Office of Emergency Services.**

Whereas, the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) provides funding to state and local governments to implement long-term hazard mitigation measures after a Major Disaster declaration. Authorized under Section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act and administered by FEMA, HMGP was created to reduce the loss of life and property due to natural disasters; and

Whereas, in California, the HMGP program is administered by the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES); and

Whereas, the goal of the HMGP is to develop mitigation measures to be implemented during the immediate recovery from a disaster; and

Whereas, proposals submitted under the HMGP must involve projects that reduce or eliminate losses from future disasters and provide a long-term solution; and

Whereas, the County of Sonoma Board of Supervisors adopted a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan on April 25, 2017 and this plan was approved by FEMA on May 4, 2017; and

Whereas, the County of Sonoma Board of Supervisors authorized applications for HMGP grant funding on February 2, 2018; and

Whereas, the County match for HMP projects is 25% of total project costs and the Board of Supervisors has reserved sufficient funds money for this cost share; and

Whereas, FEMA notified Cal OES of the intent to award the County of Sonoma two HMGP grants on August 2019; and

Whereas, the two awarded grants are for (1) Sonoma County Operational Area Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update (HMGP #43440482-54P) and (2) the Sonoma County Community Wildfire Protection Plan Update (HMGP #4344-533-56P), respectively ; and

Whereas, the total project cost for the Sonoma County Operational Area Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update is \$333,000, with a federal share of \$249,997.50 and a local cost-share amount of \$83,332.50.

Whereas, the total project cost for the Sonoma County Community Wildfire Protection Plan Update is \$200,000, with a federal share of \$150,000 and a local cost-share amount of \$50,000; and

Whereas, unless extension is duly granted, both projects must be completed on or before August 9, 2022; and

Whereas, FEMA has stated that its election to fund these grants is in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) as an action that is categorically excluded (CE) from the need to prepare either an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement; and

Whereas, the County of Sonoma will complete these grant awarded projects in coordination with the California Office of Emergency Services.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Board of Supervisors:

1. **Authorizes** the execution of the grant agreements between the County of Sonoma and Cal OES to develop a Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan and to update the existing County Wildfire Protection Plan consistent with the work plans proposed for each project.
2. **Authorizes** the Director of the Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management Department to act as the County's agent to conduct all negotiations and to execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to applications, agreements, and payment requests that may be necessary to complete the grants.
3. **Be It Further Resolved,** the Board of Supervisors designates the Clerk of the Board as the custodian of the documents and other materials, which constitute the record of proceedings upon which the decision herein is based. These documents may be found at the office of the Clerk of the Board, 575 Administration Drive, Room 100-A, Santa Rosa, California 95403.

Supervisors:

Gorin: Zane: Gore: Hopkins: Rabbitt:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.