

SB109 Flood Relief Fund - Community Grant Awardees

	Grantee Organization	Project Name	Funds Requested	Activities Funded	Community Benefit	Award Amount
1	Sonoma Family Meal	Senior Center Meals	\$ 70,000	Funds to continue to serve vulnerable populations including seniors, undocumented workers, and unhoused individuals in West County. Program pays local restaurateurs \$8 per meal to provide more than 720 meals per week to the Guerneville Senior Center, reaching a highly under-served demographic. The original project was funded in part by a \$100,000 grant from the Area Agency on Aging, but that money has run out. Additional funds would allow continued service to this at-risk population for an additional three months through the highest potential fire season. The food security and nutrition provided by these meals will significantly impact a hard-hit community decimated by floods, fires and the pandemic. Sonoma Family Meal will contract services with our trusted partner, Backyard Restaurant, which has provided safe, nutritional, complete meals for the Guerneville Senior Center since May 2020 and is a partner with Ceres and other organizations.	The 2019 floods left many in West County without any services for a significant amount of time. Food security is a major factor affecting the recovery of this community. Without the security and safety of nutritious and wholesome meals, there is no recovery. All attention and focus will be on the procurement of ingredients and preparations, and the hope is to help lift the burdens slowing individual and community recovery.	\$ 29,839
2	Guerneville School	FEMA Matching	\$ 26,848	The post-flood debris removal and campus repairs allowed for all students to return to school, in a short, minimal period of time and to a clean and healthy environment. Working in consult with FEMA, a variety of approaches were utilized to help mitigate future flooding damage to the school campus which included, but was not limited to: reinforced concrete curbs around playground, new drainage systems to expedite the flow of rapid moving water, mulch replenishment, the raising of solar inverter system, relocation of equipment to higher ground, risers to elevate heavy equipment during rain season, removal of unnecessary debris, and equipment replacement such as power washers for future flood clean-up.	The Guerneville School campus serves as a central hub and resource to the entire Russian River community and needs to be safe and operable 24 hours a day. The campus itself is the largest public facility in the area where 275 (K-8) students attend daily, but also provides ongoing facilities for local responders for many purposes such as: community trainings, election polling place, emergency shelter, power shutoff resource center, venue for public meetings (i.e. Municipal Advisory Committee), Town Hall gatherings for stakeholder input, soccer fields for local youth groups, summer camp, after school daycare, etc. The District is also one of the largest employers in the local area and provides essential childcare thus allowing local workforce continuity.	\$ 26,848

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3	Hacienda Improvement District	Culvert Repair	\$25,000 of a \$50,000 total project	Grading, culvert repair/replacement/installation, and runoff mitigation along the dirt section of Skyline Road in the Hacienda neighborhood of Forestville. Goal is to get the road into decent passable shape, with improved capability to handle runoff, and to preserve and protect those improvements through continuing voluntary community contributions.	Since the County stopped maintaining unpaved Skyline decades ago, residents have made repairs as necessary, collecting monies and pitching in labor as able. Efforts are endlessly washed away by winter storms, and the interest is to make more lasting improvements. Residents know that Skyline is a critical emergency road and have been organizing to create an on-going fund to improve and maintain the road at all times. Since Memorial Day, almost \$3,000 has been collected. Funds will be used to regrade the unpaved portion of Skyline Road with sustainable design features (e.g. outsloping where possible, rolling dips, and ditch relief culverts) and to repair up to six stream crossings, to ensure that the road remains functional as an emergency access road for all residents of the Hacienda Community. Three of the existing stream crossings currently have rusted 12” culverts that are not aligned with the stream channel or grade. Two of the existing crossings are fords that should have culverts installed. One existing culvert is completely filled and clogged, so that water flows down along the inside ditch of the road for a few hundred feet, ponding on the road during storms.	\$ 25,000
4	Friends of Villa Grande	Drainage Feasibility Study	\$21,200 grant matched with \$5,300 in matching funds from Friends of Village Grande. Total project cost is \$26,500.	Drainage feasibility study to determine where to move the water in town where drainage never considered and identify the magnitude of needed improvements. -Determine capacity of the existing storm drain system. How much water can we squeeze into the 4th Street Storm Drain? - Size the pipes or ditches per “typical” County standards. May involve increasing the size of pipes flow to and into the Russian River (State & Federal permitting difficulty and expenses) - Size the pipes or ditches to eliminate ponding, knowing they may be undersized for some storm events, but maintain the existing pipes and discharges (no State & Fed permitting) - Prioritize improvements - Estimate costs to construct - Prepare construction plans as needed for the level of improvement in consultation with County	Flooding with resulting poor road conditions has been identified as a community priority since before the establishment of Patterson Point Preserve in 2009. Annual town hall meeting discussions center on how to mitigate the flood damage to our streets as well as how to address the shrinking parking areas resulting from encroaching vegetation and more intense use of the streets. Community-wide support would also help facilitate the necessary permits from local, State and Federal agencies.  On July 12, 2020, the Friends of Villa Grande Annual Membership Meeting was attended by 40 individuals representing 28 households. There was a unanimous vote of support for this grant application. At the subsequent Friends of Villa Grande Board meeting on July 12, the Directors unanimously approved a motion to submit the application with a match of Friends of Villa Grande funds not to exceed 20% of the total project cost.	\$ 21,200
5	Russian River Chamber of Commerce	Cleaning Service for Downtown Guerneville	\$ 50,000	Hire service provider to pick up trash and sanitize main street and plaza in addition to Recology contract services	A clean and sanitary downtown benefits visitors and residents.	\$ 20,000

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6	Cazadero Community Services District	Generator	\$ 50,000	Purchase of 40kw generator to power fire station, fill water tenders, and provide community power in disasters.	Community resilience	\$ 20,000
7	Pole Mountain Fire			Rebuilding fire lookout		\$ 20,000
8	Russian River Chamber of Commerce	Downtown Guerneville Merchant Assistance		Project focusing just on needs of merchant on Guerneville Main Street	Promoting downtown, holding downtown events, taking responsibility for issues such as safety, sanitation, sidewalks.	\$ 15,000
9	Cazadero Community Services District	Fiber connection	\$12,613 for Cazadero	Putting direct fiber into firestations to have a solid point for communications during disasters.	Disaster Communications	\$ 12,613
10	Monte Rio Recreation & Park District	Monte Rio Community Resilience Center	\$ 68,400	Solar and generator	Evacuation center during power shut-offs	\$ 12,000
11	Hollydale Community Club	Generator	\$ 11,000	Purchasing, updating electrical panel, installing generator.	Community resilience in times of PG&E power shutoffs, during floods, and other disasters.	\$ 11,000
12	Monte Rio Chamber of Commerce	Monte Rio Biz Support	\$ 6,000	Monte Rio Chamber member brochure, banners for the bridge, wayfinding signage, repair vacation wonderland sign that was hit by truck	Spotlight Monte Rio businesses, provide wayfinding (map and signage) for visitors, create collaboration between businesses and residents	\$ 3,500
13	Monte Rio Recreation & Park District	Creekside Infrastructure	\$ 38,000	Updates to signage, garden, fencing, landscaping of Creekside Park	Community park	\$ 3,000
					TOTAL FUNDS AWARDED	\$ 220,000