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I. Effective County Government Organization

II. A Safe and Healthy County

- a. **\$2,233,629 – Fort Bragg Care Response Unit - Coastal Expansion (CRU-C), BSCC Prop 47 Cohort 4.** The Care Response Unit – Coastal (CRU-C) Program is a three-pronged approach to expand the availability of mental health treatment, including treatment of substance use disorders, and diversion services on the Mendocino Coast. The project involves extending the coverage of the Care Response Unit (CRU) of the Fort Bragg Police Department to include the Village of Mendocino to the south and Cleone to the north. It also entails expanding access to temporary and transitional housing for CRU and expanding services provided by the Mendocino County Hospitality Center. The funding would support this program for four years, supporting crucial services on the coast. The County supports the CRU-C project, led by the Fort Bragg Police Department and Hospitality Center, with grant writing services. The application for the CRU-C project was submitted to the BSCC on June 10, 2024.

III. A Thriving Economy

- a. **CDBG 2024 NOFA.** In June, the Grants Unit staff worked on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for the Mill Creek Park ADA bathroom upgrade project closely with GSA. The aim of this project is to secure funds to replace one of the portable toilets at the northwest end of the park with an ADA-compliant permanent structure and to create an ADA-accessible parking space. Following the board's guidance on February 27, staff continued preparing the County's application to HCD. As HCD requires 100% shovel-ready projects at the time of submission, the Grants Unit staff is collaborating with GSA to finalize plans, work with LACO to complete the necessary NEPA, and confirm costs for the project budget. During project meetings, it was determined that there were additional costs, including tribal monitoring, a necessary culvert replacement, and increased material costs. Given that several required project permits would not be finalized in time for the upcoming CDBG 2024 application opening, the Grants Unit and GSA agreed to continue working on the Mill Creek project application and submit this application during the next NOFA cycle, which is expected to be in early 2025. The Grants Unit does not anticipate submitting any projects for the 2024 CDBG NOFA.

IV. A Prepared and Resilient County

- a. **\$100,000 – Resilience Hubs Grant Program, PG&E.** This project proposes the installation of up to date and adequately sized generators at three County facilities which are critical for emergency responses, especially during disaster situations. These facilities include the County

Emergency Operations Center, County Administration Building, and General Services Agency (GSA) building. This project is being matched with additional grant funds secured toward this project from the FEMA HMGP and USDA Community Facilities Grant Program. The application was submitted to PG&E on June 6, 2024.

- b. **\$295,000 - Fire Hazard Ordinance Grant, Department of Housing and Community Development.** The County submitted a revised plan to the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to combine the awards for 17-MITPPS-21012 and 17-MITPPS-21011, which totals to \$295,000 in May. On June 7, the County received notice from HCD to move forward with a new authorizing resolution and amendment form for the rescoping of the 17-MITPPS-21012 and 17-MITPPS-21011 projects. The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors reviewed the resolution at their July 9th board meeting. The County is working closely with HCD to finalize the rescoping of these two projects into one fuel abatement ordinance and enforcement planning project. The revised Mendocino County's Fuel Abatement Ordinance and Enforcement Planning project will devise an improved regulatory approach for the County to address hazardous vegetation and combustible material to reduce fire hazards. This project will result in a plan that evaluates best practices and mechanisms required to enforce effective hazard abatement in rural communities to refine the County's approach.

V. **Other/Additional Information**