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Introduction

In May, the Grants Unit prepared and submitted two applications totaling \$452,582.33 on behalf of Mendocino County and is in the process of developing two additional applications totaling \$2,333,629 scheduled to be submitted in early June.

I. Effective County Government Organization

- a. The County has introduced Amplifund, a new web-based grant management software, to streamline grant administrative tasks and ensure compliance with regulatory guidelines. Although official department training for Amplifund concluded in March, the Grants Unit and IT are available to provide support. Staff members are encouraged to use the training videos and learning materials available for self-directed learning in the system to maximize its capabilities.

II. A Safe and Healthy County

- a. **\$2,233,629 – Expansion of Mental Health Treatment Availability and Diversion (EMTAD) Project, BSCC Prop 47 Cohort 4.** The County supports the EMTAD project, led by the Fort Bragg Police Department and Hospitality Center, with grant writing services. EMTAD aims to enhance the availability of mental health treatment 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 increasing access to temporary and transitional housing for CRU and expanding the services offered by the Hospitality Center, which is at risk of losing some or all of its current mental health treatment program. The funding would support this program for four years, supporting crucial services on the coast. The application for this project will be submitted by the BSCC's application deadline of June 10, 2024.

III. A Thriving Economy

- a. **\$163,195.33 – County-led Microenterprise Technical Assistance Program, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).** This initiative is designed to provide technical support and guidance to small-scale businesses, known as microenterprises. The program will be implemented by County staff working within the Executive Office. This program strives to empower entrepreneurs by equipping them with the knowledge, tools, and resources required to launch, manage, and expand their businesses successfully. The main objective of this program is to help micro businesses overcome the various barriers they face, especially those related to governmental regulations, permits, licenses, zoning, and other areas where business and government intersect. Microbusinesses often need more expertise and resources to navigate the complex rules and regulations of starting and operating a business. This is where an in-house County Microenterprise Technical Assistance Program comes in, providing the

knowledge and guidance needed to navigate these often-confusing systems. This PI only application was submitted by staff on May 3, 2024.

IV. A Prepared and Resilient County

- a. **\$289,387 - Flood Emergency Response Grant Program, Department of Water Resources.** The Department of Water Resources (DWR) informed Grants Unit staff that the pre-proposal submitted in December for the Statewide Flood Emergency Response Grant Program was selected to move forward. Staff worked with the Prevention, Recovery, Resiliency, & Mitigation (PRRM) team to modify the scope and budget of the project based on the feedback received from DWR. The proposal was submitted May 2. If the proposed project is fully funded by DWR, it will include a local flood emergency plan, updated maps, and emergency communication equipment for the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Additionally, four flood fight containers will be placed strategically throughout the county. This funding will enable improved planning and county response capabilities during climate hazards that could impact infrastructure, including landslides caused by excessive rainfall, flooding, and severe storms.
- b. **\$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. This application will be submitted by PG&E's application deadline of June 7, 2024.
- c. **295,000 - Fire Hazard Ordinance Grant, Department of Housing and Community Development.** 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 on May 9, 2024. 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