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Introduction

In October, the Grant Unit made significant strides on several key County projects. Collaborating with the Prevention, Recovery, Resiliency, and Mitigation (PRRM) Division, the team revised the CAL FIRE application to improve its competitiveness based on feedback received from CAL FIRE. Simultaneously, staff continued developing grant applications for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Income projects and the 2025 NOFA with community partners. The unit also advanced the Covelo Clean-Up project by organizing a site visit and tour as a key step in the vendor selection (RFP) process. These efforts underscore the division's ongoing commitment to fostering community resilience, supporting economic development, and ensuring effective grant management.

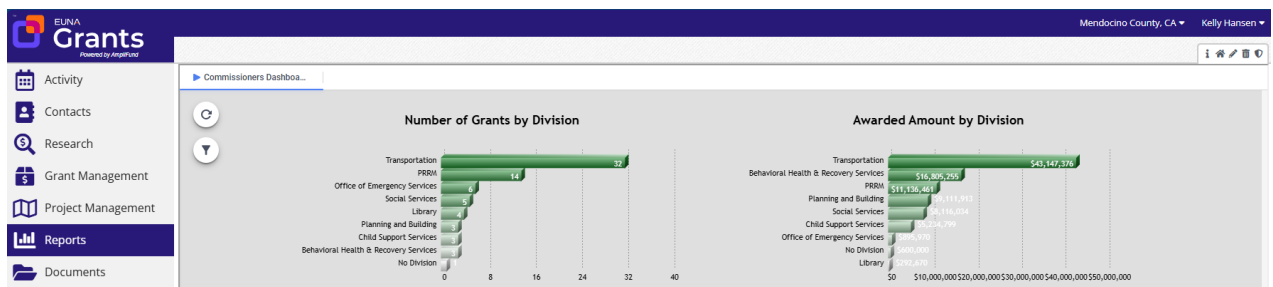
During fiscal year 2025-26, the Grants Unit partnered with County departments to submit 3 grant applications totaling \$11.3 million. Additionally, the unit supports management of 15 grants exceeding \$16.2 million for the Executive Office.

I. Effective County Government Organization

a. Amplifund Fall Updates

This fall, Amplifund implementation will confirm departments are using the system for grants management and provide any final training or support needed. A [survey](#) has been launched to capture current staff experiences with the system, success stories and lessons learned, and highlight areas for improvement, along with a Fall Newsletter with resources and updated information for staff. Insights from this feedback will help guide targeted training, resource development, and continuous improvement efforts.

As part of Amplifund's integration with Euna Solutions, a refreshed look was launched on October 31. The County has been assured that this update is strictly a branding change; user experience and data remain unaffected. All existing features, capabilities, and workflows will continue as before. The primary changes are branding updates, including the product name, logo, and color palette.



Amplifund's New Look

II. A Safe and Healthy County

a. Covelo Community Clean Up Project, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

The County is collaborating closely with project partners to advance the Covelo Community Clean-up Project. On October 1, 2025, a site walk-through was conducted for vendors at the three illegal dumping sites selected for cleanup. Due to the extensive number and technical nature of questions received, addenda were issued for the two open RFPs, one for solid waste and one for vehicle removal, extending the RFP submission deadline to November 14, 2025. Contracts are expected to be awarded in late February or early March 2026.



Illegal Dumping Site Walk Through for Potential Vendors – Covelo Clean Up Grant – 10/1/25

b. \$948,421.62 - Hopland Shaded Fuel Break Project, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) [Grant Application]

In early October, CAL FIRE requested additional information on the County's grant application. Following a meeting to clarify requirements and expectations, the County revised its proposal. The Hopland Shaded Fuel Break Project was expanded from a 63-acre, 1.7-mile shaded fuel break to an 80-acre, 3.3-mile shaded fuel break extending from Feliz Creek Road to Hewlett Sturtevant Road. At the Mendocino County Fire Safe Council's request, funding for community chipper days was removed from the proposal due to stricter CAL FIRE requirements and constraints this funding cycle.

III. A Thriving Economy

a. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) [Grant Application]

On July 29, 2025, the Grants Unit held a public hearing to outline proposed uses for CDBG Program Income funds, present the results of the CDBG RFP, and seek direction from the Board of Supervisors. The Grants Unit subsequently coordinated with project partners and began preparing grant applications for PI projects. However, during this process, HCD notified the County that the Board-approved Laytonville employment training project was ineligible for Program Income funding, despite earlier confirmation of its eligibility by HCD. As a result, the application cannot proceed, leaving the County with \$479,931 in available Program Income. The Grant Unit will come before the Board on November 4, for a Public Hearing for two projects for the remaining available Program Income (\$479,931). Planning is also underway for an initiative for the 2025 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), which was released on September 30. Staff met with MCHC Health Clinics to discuss next steps for their urgent care clinic project and the application timeline. Staff will return to the Board in December for authorization to submit an application for the MCHC Health Clinic's urgent care clinic project for the 2025 CDBG NOFA.

IV. A Prepared and Resilient County

a. \$9,500,000 - Sherwood Corridor Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) DR-4856, CalOES/FEMA [Grant Application]

The County of Mendocino submitted a subapplication for the Sherwood Corridor Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project on September 15, 2025. After receiving a Request for Information from CalOES on September 29 and meeting with CalOES on October 7, the County withdrew the application at the request of CalOES. Staff continues to look for alternative funding options.

V. Other/Additional Information

2025 MANAGED GRANT FUNDS - GRANT UNIT

Funder	Grant Title	Project Title	Start	End	Awarded Amount	Project Goals	Status
CDBG/HUD	CDBG - Economic Development 2021	Mendocino County Microenterprise Technical Assistance	10/20/2022	10/19/2025	\$250,000.00	Project goals include microenterprise technical assistance services provided to a total of 110 beneficiaries, 6 workshops held, outreach & marketing plan completed & regular reporting.	This grant has begun its close out process. During the performance period, West Center has delivered 499.99 hours of business advising and support, serving 232 individual clients, 101 Businesses served, including 120 new entrepreneurs. A total of 120 individualized service plans were developed to help clients establish, strengthen, or expand their microenterprises. West held two workshops and group training sessions focused on building digital skills, online business development, and awareness of emerging technologies relevant to small business owners.
CDBG/HUD	CDBG - Economic Development 2024	Mendocino County Microenterprise Technical Assistance	7/7/2025	7/7/2028	\$407,385.76	The County's In-House Microenterprise Program, funded by the CDBG PI, will provide technical support to microenterprises to help entrepreneurs launch and grow their businesses. The main objective of this program is to assist microenterprises in overcoming barriers, particularly those related to government regulations and processes. The program will offer assessments, service plans, workshops, and one-on-one consulting for a minimum of fifty-four clients, along with at least six workshops.	The BOS adopted a resolution approving the program guidelines to operate the County's CDBG 2025 Microenterprise Technical Assistance Services Program on 9/9. A press release was issued on 9/12 announcing the County's new Microenterprise Technical Assistance Program. In October, County staff staff supported three local businesses and entrepreneurs—two ongoing from September and one new enrollee in October. Staff continues to receive inquiries and growing interest from the community and potential participants. Applications can be accessed at https://www.mendocinocounty.gov/government/economic-development
CDBG/HUD	CDBG - Non-Housing 2021	Covelo Cleanup	8/17/2022	12/21/2026	\$500,000.00	Project goals include capacity building for RVIT (train 2 staff & purchase equipment), develop signage and social media posts for an outreach campaign, hold community volunteer cleanup events, removal of waste at least two (2) high visibility illegal dump sites, removal of junk vehicles on land subject to RVIT & county jurisdiction	Permission to enter agreements for three sites with illegal dumps have been secured. Two RFPs for services (solid waste services & vehicle removal) to clean up the selected illegal dump sites were released on 9/23. A site walk-through of the three clean up sites was held on 10/1. Due to the volume and complexity of questions received during and after the walk-through, the County issued addenda extending the RFP submission deadline to November 14, 2025. Service contracts are expected to be awarded in late February or early March 2026.

CDBG/HUD	CDBG-Mitigation Planning & Public Services NOFA	Fire-Hazard Abatement Ordinance Implementation Planning and Capacity Building	1/9/2023	2/29/2028	\$295,000.00	The project aims to enhance public safety and reduce the risk of wildfires by developing a comprehensive and enforceable strategy for managing hazardous vegetation and combustible materials. Key tasks include researching best practices from other jurisdictions, analyzing the existing County ordinance (Chapter 8.77), and creating a tailored fuel abatement strategy specific to Mendocino County's rural context. The goal is to explore how other communities enforce hazardous fuel abatement for public safety, analyze existing ordinances, recommend a strategy for the County's program, and update ordinance language while estimating implementation resources.	A RFP for a project consultant was released on 7/18/25, and closed on 8/25/25. The contract for the selected contractor is currently making its way through review in Cobblestone. The contractor will research fuel abatement programs and ordinance language used in other communities, engage with the project team to analyze findings, and recommend an approach tailored to Mendocino County. Based on this, the contractor will draft an action summary and workplan, propose updated ordinance language, and provide a forecast of the resources required for adoption and implementation.
CDBG/HUD	17DR-Infrastructure & 17MIT-RIP Project Applications (NTP)	911 Switching Equipment	10/14/2022	12/31/2027	\$3,835,699.00	Project entails the purchase and installation of an approximately 760-square-foot prefabricated bunker-type structure (bunker) to house 911 switching equipment, the replacement of the existing building electrical panels, and a new generator.	Final migration tasks are delayed awaiting infrastructure improvements not included in the 911 project. Fiberoptic infrastructure on the rest of the campus was determined to be insufficient to allow final migration to the Bunker building. A contract to upgrade these facilities is in the works. Received approval on 10/30/25 from HCD for extension request which extends grant end date to 12/31/27.
CDBG/HUD	17DR-Infrastructure & 17MIT-RIP Project Applications (NTP)	Microwave and Radio Communications Systems	8/1/2023	12/31/2027	\$1,150,823.00	Project entails improved reliability and resiliency of microwave and radio communications systems through procurement and installation of higher capacity, upgraded microwave equipment (16 sites to receive upgraded equipment).	Installation contractor has completed installing all project equipment. The new microwave system is fully operational. All County data and public safety communications are operational on the new system. Training for all project equipment scheduled for mid-October 2025. Received approval on 10/30/25 from HCD for extension request which extends grant end date to 12/31/27.
CDBG/HUD	17DR-Infrastructure & 17MIT-RIP Project Applications (NTP)	Microwave Facilities Hardening	6/2/2025	12/31/2027	\$417,478.00	Project entails enhancing the resilience of the County's communication system equipment against hazard events through site improvements at two locations: one in northeast Mendocino County and another in southern Mendocino County.	On 8/4/25 the County received the Notice to Proceed. Design drawings have been completed, and the plans are now under review with PBS. Facilities is preparing for a winter bid for the 2026 spring/summer building season. Received approval on 10/30/25 from HCD for extension request which extends grant end date to 12/31/27.

FEMA/CalOES	Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) 4354	Redwood Complex Ignition-Resistant Construction, Phase 2 -Batch 2	11/2/2022	6/30/2026	\$2,218,277.25	Project entails replacing flammable roofing materials with ignition resistant roofing materials for properties within Mendocino County to help improve community resiliency in the face of wildfire.	As of October 31, 2025, the Ignition Resistant Grant Program has had twelve participants complete their projects, and reimbursements have been issued. Two (2) participants have completed their projects and are currently in the reimbursement process. One (1) participant has received a Notice to Proceed. Five (5) participants have updated funding agreements awaiting signatures, while nine (9) participants have draft funding agreements that require updated quotes. Fifteen (15) participants have withdrawn from the program, and two (2) participants were disqualified from participating.
FEMA/CalOES	Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) 4407	Emergency Warning Siren Feasibility and Installation Project, Phase 1	9/13/2021	12/31/2024	\$33,141.00	Project address the County's multiple hazards through the installation and management of early warning sirens. Phase 1 deliverables include conducting site specific workplans, mapping and land use planning, permitting and environmental activities.	Phase 1 deliverables were submitted to CalOES on 11/26/24. Key accomplishments include conducting acoustic testing, releasing an RFP for system procurement, and completing mapping, 4 site plans, and environmental reviews while integrating community feedback from RVFD meetings regarding the project. Project is awaiting FEMA project review and approval before it can move to Phase II.
FEMA/CalOES	Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) 4458	Critical Generators Mitigation Project	7/18/2022	8/28/2026	\$80,285.00	Project ensures County continuity of operations during power outages due to public safety power shutoffs and disaster events. Phase 1 deliverables include procurement for a design consultant, regulatory permitting where needed, project design for finalizing each site's generator capacity and site design, and other administrative tasks to install generators at 5 County facilities.	The County's engineering consultant has completed project designs, revealing that market price increases have exceeded the current budget. County staff discussed these challenges with CalOES and formally requested a project scope revision from 5 sites to 2 and budget modification on 9/24/25. A 12-month time extension was approved on 11/18/24. On 8/29/25, the County submitted a second time extension request to accommodate the procedural time necessary for FEMA to review the County's submitted project scope change (11/18/24), which must be completed before the project can successfully undertake the remaining Phase 1 project deliverable (Milestone 3 - CEQA).

FEMA/CalOES	Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) 4558	Orr Springs Road Fuels Reduction, Phase 1.	11/4/2022	11/18/2025	\$127,975.90	Project reduces hazardous fuels along Orr Springs Road/Comptche-Ukiah Road to improve ingress and egress and aid in evacuations and access during fire events. Phase 1 includes hiring a project management contractor, completing a route survey to identify trees for removal, engaging with landowners on 183 parcels for access agreements, and developing an operations plan with revised project maps and CEQA review actions.	In September, Environmental Resources Solutions, Inc. (ERS) completed its field work, which included flagging and painting, as well as mapping. As of October 2, the contractor finalized the CEQA exemption, mapping, Phase II operations plan, and associated project documents and submitted them to the County. The County submitted the required close out report and documentation to CalOES on October 17 for Phase I of this project. Project is awaiting FEMA project review and approval before it can move to Phase II.
FEMA/CalOES	Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) 4683	Update to Mendocino County MJHMP	3/20/2024	3/20/2027	\$345,137.49	Project will develop and adopt a FEMA approved Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, which was last approved in 2021 and due for an update in 2026, to meet the requirements outlined in 44 CFR Part 201 and the most current FEMA hazard mitigation plan guidance. The updated MJHMP will include the following jurisdictions: Mendocino County, City of Fort Bragg, City of Point Arena, City of Ukiah, City of Willits, Covelo Fire Protection District, Mendocino County Office of Education, and the Noyo Harbor District.	The initial in-person kickoff workshops, held on July 16 and 17, 2025, in Fort Bragg, Point Arena, Ukiah, and Willits, drew active engagement from local governments and relevant jurisdictions. Planning is underway, with the contractor developing materials and submitting drafts to the County for review. The contractor has completed the draft Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (HIRA) and the County and contractor are currently reviewing the risk assessment. To ensure the assessment reflects local knowledge and concerns, the County is gathering public input through a survey which closes 11/7. A risk assessment workshop was conducted in partnership with the contractor to review findings and support plan development. The second round of stakeholder meetings took place in October, including a Core Team Risk Assessment Workshop on October 8, Participating Jurisdiction Meetings on October 16 and 17, and public outreach at Pumpkin Fest on October 18.

FEMA/CalOES	Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)	Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Program (BRIC) – Phase 1	8/5/2024	3/26/2027	\$3,631,394.00	The grant intended a Phase 1 scoping project to design a Phase 2 program focused on home hardening and fuels management. Phase 1 was to involve hiring consultants, LIDAR mapping, public outreach, screening homes for fire hardening, identifying fuels treatment methods, site inspections, CEQA analysis, budget revisions, and report delivery. Phase 2 scope which is now canceled included approximately 750 residential home retrofits using ignition-resistant construction materials and defensible space establishment, and approximately 1,520 acres of hazardous fuels reduction, including grazing, to build community resiliency to future wildfire events in the Brooktrails/Sherwood Corridor, targeted fuels reduction around City of Willits water treatment plant, with a specific target of at least 300 acres of grazing for fuels reduction and at 5 acres of invasive species removal.	On 4/4/25, FEMA announced the end of the BRIC program and the cancellation of all BRIC applications from Fiscal Years 2020-2023. As a result, all BRIC applications submitted during these years, including the County's 2022 sub-application, are affected. CalOES has encouraged the County to continue work on its Phase 1 deliverables (project & environmental planning) and submit reimbursements until DHS or FEMA otherwise notifies CalOES. Staff continue to work closely with CalOES to understand the potential impacts of federal funding cuts on the BRIC grant program, while actively implementing Phase I project planning activities. The County received 11 proposals in response to the Request for Proposals (RFP) for LiDAR mapping over the project area issued on 8/1/25. Staff are completing the evaluation process for the LiDAR Mapping RFP. Staff are also preparing an RFP for environmental services, which is targeted for release in early November 2025. The County anticipates awarding contracts for both services and submitting them for Board of Supervisors' approval by the end of the year.
CalOES	CalOES Prepare CA Jumpstart	Mendocino County Grants Capacity Building	7/1/2022	2/4/2029	\$992,000.00	The objective of the Capacity Building grant is to establish a Grants Unit within the Executive Office. This unit will improve the processes of grant research, application development, and reporting. The initiative will include acquiring grant management software and hiring consultants to provide technical expertise and assist with grant writing. Additionally, outreach sessions will be held in six high-hazard census tracts: Covelo, Willits, Calpella, Ukiah, Boonville, and Hopland. These sessions aim to gather community input on resilience goals. Based on the feedback received, the objective is to submit at least 16 grant applications that focus on resilience initiatives.	In 2023, the Grants Unit was established, and a series of 8 community outreach sessions took place across the county. In 2024, a grants management software was acquired and implemented, with additional training sessions and implementation county-wide in the first half of 2025. A successful RFP for a grant writing consultant was conducted in 2024. During the fiscal year 23-24, a total of 10 grant applications were submitted, amounting to \$16,386,700. In fiscal year 24-25, 7 applications were submitted, totaling \$16,742,416. In fiscal year 25-26, 3 applications have been submitted totaling \$11,391,698.

CAL FIRE	CA Climate Investments Wildfire Prevention	Mendocino County Fuels Reduction and Community Preparedness	9/29/2022	3/15/2026	\$1,894,185.00	<p>Project goals include implementation of roadside fuels reduction in key areas, completion of CEQA analysis for five future projects to streamline implementation, and funding the Mendocino County Community Chipper Days program for three additional years (225 days, serving 1,575 residents). The project will treat 66.2 acres in Covelo and Dos Rios, protecting 100-150 homes. The proposed CEQA projects (Branscomb, Black Bart Trail, Redwood Ridge, Old River Road, Hopland) aim to clear approximately 207 acres and enhance future funding opportunities.</p>	<p>The Mendocino County Fire Safe Council, as a key project partner, has completed 73 chipper days for 560 properties, 195.77 acres of roadside fuel reduction, achieved 4 of 5 CEQA targets, and conducted 1 prescribed burn training. The County received CAL FIRE approval to reallocate unused funds from the Laytonville and Covelo projects to support roadside fuel reduction in the Greater Ukiah Area, focusing on Low Gap Road and Black Bart Trail. The subcontractor contract is being amended to reflect the new scope and deliverables. The PRRM Team and BKF Engineering plan to conduct aerial mapping for the East Hills Evacuation Route project in early October, weather permitting. Right of Entry agreements were sent to property owners in September.</p>
			ACTIVE GRANTS	15	\$16,178,781.40		

GRANT APPLICATIONS - MENDOCINO COUNTY GRANT UNIT

Funder	Grant Title	Project Title	Application Submitted	Award Status	Notification Date	Start	End	Project Cost		Column1
AWARDED										
1	State Department of Water Resources (DWR)	Statewide Flood Emergency Response Grant Program	Mendocino County 2024 Flood Emergency Response Initiative	Preproposal 12/21/23, Full proposal 5/2/24	Awarded	9/26/2024	3/20/2025	9/30/2027	\$289,387.00	
2	Board of State and Community Corrections	Proposition 47 Cohort 4	Fort Bragg Care Response Unit-Coastal Expansion	6/10/2024	Awarded	10/4/2024	10/3/2024	6/30/2028	\$2,521,555.00	
3	State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)	Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	Economic Development Technical Assistance & Micro-Enterprise Assistance Program	5/3/2024 / Revision 3/28/25	Awarded	6/26/2025	7/7/2025	7/7/2028	\$407,385.76	
								AWARDED	\$3,218,327.76	3
4	USDA Rural Development	Community Facilities Program Disaster Repair Grants	Winter Storm Road Clearing Equipment	8/30/2024	Pending				\$198,236.00	
6	USDA Rural Development	USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Program	SURE-UP: Strengthening, Upfitting and Resilience in Rural Law Enforcement: USDA Grant for Protection	12/17/2024	Pending				\$50,000.00	
	CalFire	FY 2025-2026 Wildfire Prevention Grants	Hopland Shaded Fuel Break & Community Chipper Days	8/6/2025	Pending				\$948,421.62	
	State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)	Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 6	Mendocino County Allocation	8/29/2025	Pending				\$943,276.82	
								PENDING	\$2,139,934.44	4
7	State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)	California Climate Investment Fire Prevention Grant Program	Mendocino Evacuation Safety Improvements Project	1/10/2024	Not Awarded				\$1,235,115.00	
8	State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)	2017/2018 CDBG MIT-PPS	Mendocino County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP) Update Project	3/15/2024	Withdrew application due to HMGP 4683 award				\$400,000.00	
9	PG&E	Resilience Hubs Grant Application 2024	Mendocino County Critical Facilities Generators	6/6/2024	Not Awarded				\$100,000.00	
10	Redwood Region RISE	Catalyst Pre-Development Funds	Home Hardening Market & Workforce Analysis	1/15/2025	Not Awarded				\$204,362.24	
5	EPA	Recreation Economy for Rural Communities (RERC)	North County (Covelo, Leggett & Laytonville)	10/16/2024	Not Awarded				\$0.00	
	USDA Forest Service	Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG)	North Mendocino County Wildfire Resilience and Evacuation Safety Project	3/13/2025	Not Awarded				\$6,382,432.00	
	CalOES/FEMA	Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) DR-4856 - Notice of Interest (NOI)	Sherwood Corridor Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project	NOI -5/28/2025 Full application due 9/15/25	Withdrew application at the request of CalOES				\$9,500,000.00	
								NOT AWARDED	\$8,321,909.24	6
								All	\$23,180,171.44	13
								2024	\$5,201,678.76	9
								2025	\$17,978,492.68	5