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Introduction

In July, the Grants Unit provided significant support to County departments and advanced projects in alignment with the County's strategic plan. The Grants Unit also supported the PRRM Division's efforts to advance major wildfire resilience initiatives, including submitting a \$939,159 CAL FIRE Hopland Shaded Fuel Break Project grant proposal and continued development of the \$9,500,000 Sherwood Corridor Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) DR-4856 application to CalOES/FEMA. In addition, staff is developing the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Income project applications per Board direction from the July 29th public hearing and assisting Social Services and the Mendocino County Continuum of Care with their HHAP Round 6 homelessness funding application. In FY 2025-26, the Grants Unit, in coordination with County departments and grant consultants, submitted one grant application totaling \$939,159. It is currently assisting with the management of 15 active grants, valued at over \$16.2 million, for the Executive Office.

I. Effective County Government Organization

a. Grants Management Software Implementation

As of July 1, 2025, the County launched the Amplifund grant management software, establishing a centralized platform for tracking grants. This user-friendly system enhances efficiency, accountability, and transparency by providing a centralized dashboard for monitoring grant performance and generating reports. It also streamlines processes with search features for funding opportunities and automated reminders for important milestones. Departments receive support through in-system tickets and a dedicated Amplifund SharePoint site, which offers tutorials, user guides, templates, and a calendar of training events.

The sample Amplifund reports provided below reflect data entered into the system as of the report's run date (August 10, 2025). Please note that these reports do not constitute a cumulative summary of all grants received by the County.

\$102.1M

Total Grant Volume

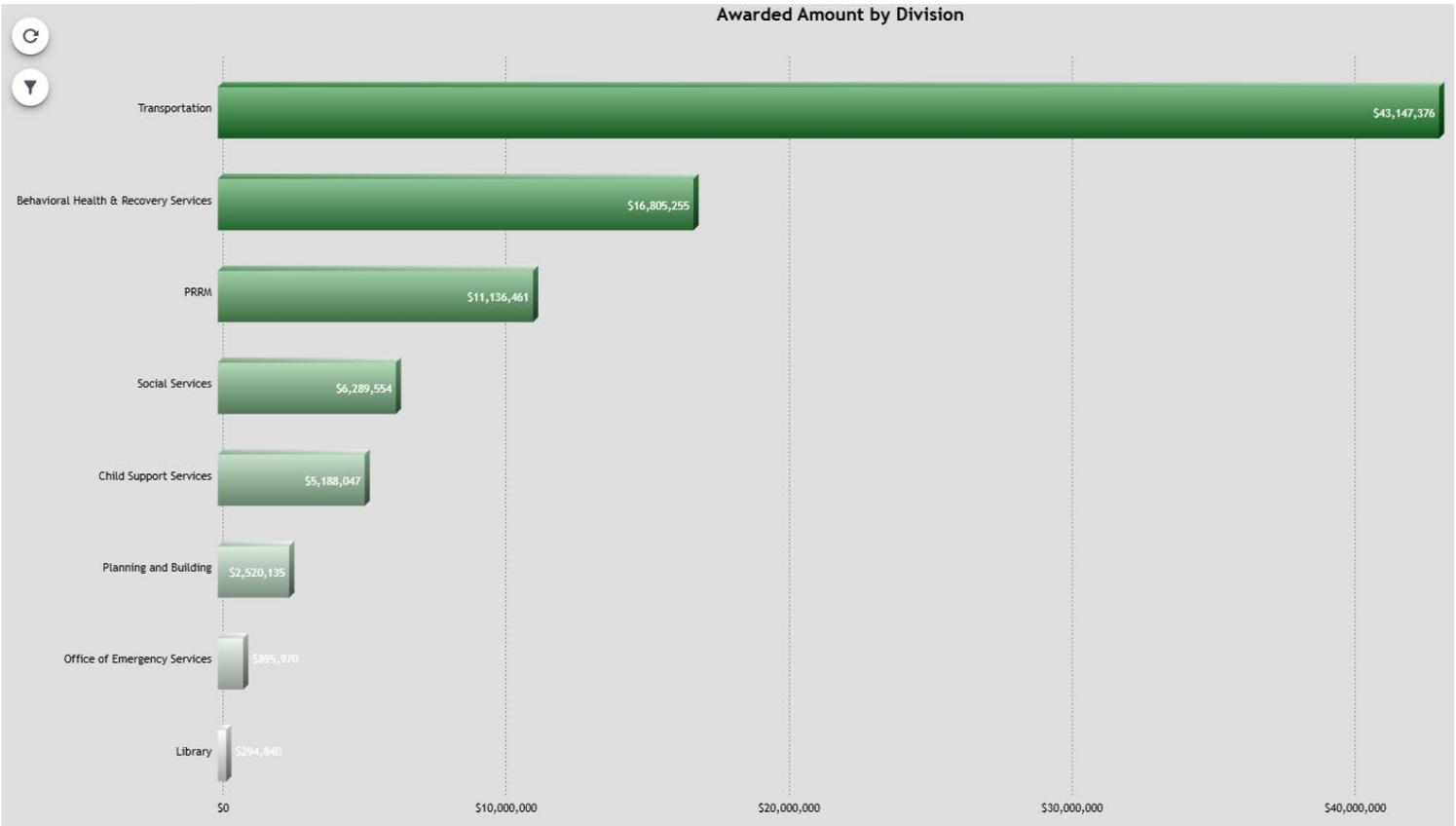
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Number of Grants

\$1.5M

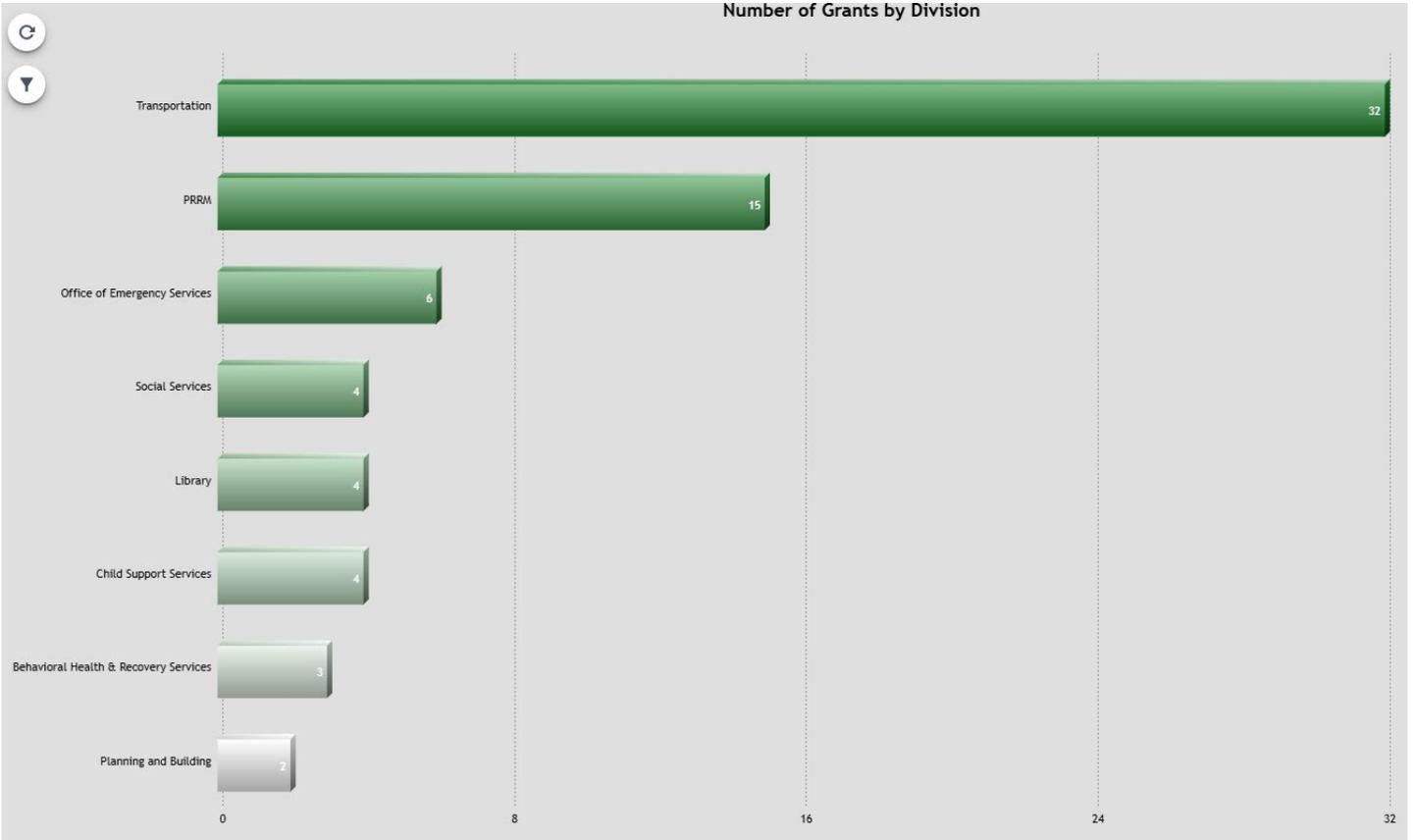
Average Grant Size

Awarded Amount by Division



Sample Amplifund Reports

Number of Grants by Division



II. A Safe and Healthy County

a. \$943,276.82 - Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 6, California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) [Application]

The Grants Unit continues to assist the Department of Social Services and the Mendocino County Continuum of Care to developing their application for the Round 6 allocation of the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) program for Mendocino County. This round provides \$760 million in non-competitive regional allocations statewide, with applications due by August 29, 2025. The program focuses on reducing unsheltered homelessness, maintaining both permanent and interim housing solutions, and aligning local actions with state housing laws.

III. A Thriving Economy

a. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) RFP

The Grants Unit held a public hearing on July 29, 2025, to present proposed activities for the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Income funds and to receive direction from the Board of Supervisors. As authorized by the Board of Supervisors, the Grants Unit began preparing the grant applications authorized projects. Planning for additional future projects will be forthcoming, including the 2025 NOFA, and staff will return to the Board for direction on priorities for the use of these future funds to support community and economic development initiatives.

IV. A Prepared and Resilient County

a. \$939,159 - Hopland Shaded Fuel Break (SFB) Project, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) [Application]

The Grants Unit in collaborating with the County's Prevention, Recovery, Resiliency, and Mitigation (PRRM) Division submitted an application for funding on August 6, 2025. The Hopland Shaded Fuel Break (SFB) Project, would construct a 63.14-acre, 1.72-mile shaded fuel break along ridgelines west of Hopland, extending from Feliz Creek Road to Hewlitt Sturtevant Road. If funded, the project would remove ladder fuels and enhance community protection for over 100 structures in downtown Hopland. The proposed project aims to support the county's ongoing wildfire resilience strategy, reduce risks, and improve emergency response capabilities in vulnerable areas.

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

The Grants Unit collaborated with the Prevention, Recovery, Resiliency, and Mitigation (PRRM) Division to submit a Notice of Interest (NOI) for FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) DR-4856 on May 28, 2025. They received notification on June 17, 2025, that the NOI was eligible and were invited to submit a full sub-application by September 15, 2025. The Sherwood Corridor Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project aims to reduce the risk of loss of life and property by removing hazardous fuel loads in two key areas: (1) strategic buffer zones around Brooktrails homes and critical infrastructure, including drinking water facilities and emergency services; and (2) along Sherwood Road as well as along other key internal roads of Brooktrails. After the cancellation of the BRIC Phase 2 grant and CalOES's advice, the County revised the original scope to align with and pursue this funding opportunity.

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.	Microenterprise technical assistance services provided by West Business Development Center to a total of 103 unique clients, ongoing outreach & marketing as well as quarterly progress reporting to the County.
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 notice of grant award was received on June 26, 2025. Currently, staff are engaged in a thorough review of the draft program manual and are finalizing it. Staff intends to present the manual to the Board of Supervisors for adoption in September.
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	On 7/10/25, the County executed a Standard Agreement with the HCD to extend the grant term until 12/21/26. To reflect this extended performance period, the County has signed a contract extension for project partner MCRCD and is currently working on an extension for RVIT. Additionally, the County and RVIT have secured Permission to Enter Agreements from landowners for at least two sites with illegal dumps. The County is in the process of finalizing the RFP for cleanup and expects to issue it shortly. The RVIT Natural Resources Department and MCRCD are collaborating to plan community cleanups and outreach initiatives.

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.	The Grants Unit received notification on 6/17/25, that HCD approved the grant amendment for the Mendocino County Fire-Hazard Abatement Ordinance grant. An RFP for a project consultant was released 7/18/25. 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.	The primary equipment installation for the new 911 dispatch system, and radio communications is complete with final interface connections to the dispatcher's workstations and training scheduled for July and August. Migration of County networking and data servers is ongoing. Received preliminary approval on 4/23/25 from HCD for extension request which would extend end date to 12/31/27, with formal approval coming in August 2025.
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 installation and training is scheduled for October. Received preliminary approval on 4/23/25 from HCD for extension request which would extend end date to 12/31/27, with formal approval coming in August 2025.

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.	The County faced delays due to a site's remote location, extreme weather, and complex planning. Staff requested a time extension (1/17/25) and project modifications (2/4/25). The County's completed the required environmental assessment (EA) as part of the NEPA process and submitted it on 12/20/25 along with responses to HCD questions on 3/7/25 and 3/28/25. The County received project award notification letter from HCD on 4/25/25. FONSI was posted on 5/6/25 and no public comments were received. The FONSI and RROF were sent to HCD on 5/28/25. On 8/4/25 the County received the Notice to Proceed.
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 June 30, 2025, the program has had eleven (11) participants complete projects and reimbursements have been issued. One (1) participants has completed their project and is in the reimbursement process. Two (2) have notices to proceed. Four (4) participants have updated funding agreements awaiting signatures. 11 participants have draft funding agreements which need updated quotes. Two (2) participants have placed the project on hold. Thirteen (13) participants have withdrawn from the program. Two (2) participants were disqualified from the program.
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	3/31/2026	\$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.
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 July, Environmental Resources Solutions, Inc. (ERS) began surveying in areas where access agreements have been received. Access Agreements with large landowners (Mendocino Redwood Company and California State Parks) on the route are nearly complete. ERS is continuing to receive signed Right of Entry agreements that were sent to property owners in April. Landowners can indicate whether they wish to participate in the project, specify any special instructions for the contractors during the mapping process, or identify any vegetation they would like to remain undisturbed. The contractor has started outreach focusing on making contact with local business owners and fire agencies to post and distribute materials regarding the project to landowners. For more information or to complete a right of entry for this project visit https://www.eresourcesolutions.com/projects .
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 contract for a consulting firm to update the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP) was approved by the BOS on 5/20/25 (Agreement 25-041) With Synergy Disaster Recovery, LLC) and the pre-kickoff meeting with the County was held on 6/5/25. The first in-person kickoff workshops with local government and applicable jurisdictions were held 7/16 & 7/17 and planning work is kicking off. The consultant has subsequently been developing the plan and has submitted draft materials for public outreach to the County for their review.

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 April 4, 2025, 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. The County has submitted an amendment request for additional time which was approved. The County issued an RFP for high-resolution airborne LiDAR data of the project area to support wildfire mitigation planning, enforcement of defensible space, vegetation management, and emergency preparedness on 8/1/25. CalOES has also advised exploring the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) as an alternative funding opportunity for BRIC Phase 2 (project implementation) deliverables, for which staff have submitted a successful Notice of Intent (NOI).
CalOES	CalOES Prepare CA Jumpstart	Mendocino County Grants Capacity Building	7/1/2022	2/4/2029	\$992,000.00	Establish a Grants Unit within the County Executive Office to enhance grant research, application development, and reporting. Acquire grants management software and hire consultants for technical expertise and grant writing. Conduct outreach sessions in six high-hazard census tracts—Covelo, Willits, Calpella, Ukiah, Boonville, and Hopland—to gather community input on resilience goals. Submit at least 16 resilience-focused grant applications based on this feedback.	In 2023, the Grants Unit was established, and a series of 8 community outreach sessions took place across the county. In 2024, grants management software was acquired and implemented county-wide, 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, 1 application application was submitted totaling \$939,159.

CAL FIRE	CA Climate Investments Wildfire Prevention	Mendocino County Fuels Reduction and Community Preparedness	9/29/2022	3/15/2026	\$1,894,185.00	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.	The Mendocino County Fire Safe Council, as a key project partner, has completed 73 chipper days for 560 properties, 11.57 miles / 83.64 acres of roadside fuel reduction, achieved 4 of 5 CEQA targets, and conducted 1 prescribed burn training.
			ACTIVE GRANTS	15	\$16,178,781.40		

2024-2025 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	
5	EPA	Recreation Economy for Rural Communities (RERC)	North County (Covelo, Leggett & Laytonville)	10/16/2024	Pending				\$0.00	
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	
	USDA Forest Service	Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG)	North Mendocino County Wildfire Resilience and Evacuation Safety Project	3/13/2025	Pending				\$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	Pending				\$9,500,000.00	
	CalFire	FY 2025-2026 Wildfire Prevention Grants	Hopland Shaded Fuel Break & Community Chipper Days	8/6/2025	Pending				\$939,159.00	
								PENDING	\$17,069,827.00	6
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	
								NOT AWARDED	\$1,939,477.24	4
								All	\$22,227,632.00	13
								2024	\$5,201,678.76	9
								2025	\$17,025,953.24	4