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Introduction

The Grants Unit submitted one grant application for \$400,000 and prepared two additional applications, totaling \$606,995, in March.

In March, the Grants Unit completed the phase two rollout and training on the new grants management software, Amplifund.

I. Effective County Government Organization

- a. The County has implemented a new web-based grant management software called Amplifund, which aims to simplify grant administrative tasks and ensure compliance with regulatory guidelines. The software offers several features, including grant award tracking, expense and budget tracking, due date tracking, impact measurement, and reimbursement/payment tracking. The second phase of the software rollout began on February 21st, and all County departments were invited to attend the weekly training, which finished on March 20th. The training videos and learning materials created during phases one and two will help in organizational knowledge and support future self-directed learning on the system.

II. A Safe and Healthy County

- a. This spring, the Grants Unit has organized an informational webinar focused on Mendocino County in coordination with the EPA. The webinar will highlight the EPA's Water Technical Assistance (WaterTA) program, which provides hands-on support to communities for assessing their water needs, identifying solutions, and applying for federal funding to address water challenges. The Grants Unit invites local governments, utilities, tribal entities, and non-governmental organizations to join the discussion on April 15th via Zoom. The purpose of the discussion is to explore how federal aid can help address the challenges faced in providing our community with safe, reliable, and clean drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater services. Please refer to the attached flyer for more information.

III. A Thriving Economy

- a. During March, staff continued development of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for the Mill Creek Park ADA bathroom upgrade project (\$317,608). CDBG funds would be used to replace one of the existing portable plastic toilets located at the northwest end of Mill Creek Park with a permanent structure and to establish an ADA-accessible parking space at the restroom. With board direction provided on February 27, staff was developing plans to submit the County's application to HCD for \$317,608 for the 2023 NOFA, which opened on March 1. As HCD requires shovel-ready projects at the time of submission, staff was working

with GSA to secure final plans for the project and with LACO to finalize the necessary NEPA before the application window closed on April 30. Unfortunately, HCD staff informed interested applicants that the NOFA closed on March 15 for new projects as funds were exhausted. Staff will complete ongoing activities to bring this project as an eligible project to the Board for the 2024 CDBG NOFA, expected to open in late July 2024.

IV. A Prepared and Resilient County

- a. On March 15th, the Grants Unit submitted a \$400,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Mitigation-Planning and Public Services (MIT-PPS) application. If awarded, this project will fund the mandatory update of the Mendocino County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP), which was last approved by FEMA in 2021 and is due for an update by 2026. The federal regulation 44 CFR Part 201.6.c.4.i mandates that approved mitigation plans be updated every five years, and this project is a response to that requirement. The updated plan will focus on hazards that have had a significant impact on the County, such as severe drought, winter storms, and wildfires.
- b. 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 is currently working with the Prevention, Recovery, Resiliency, & Mitigation (PRRM) team to modify the scope and budget of the project based on the feedback received from DWR. They plan to submit the proposal by the May 3 deadline. If the proposed project gets fully funded by DWR (\$289,387), 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.

V. Other/Additional Information