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Introduction

In September, Mendocino County received a \$289,387 grant from the Department of Water Resources through the Flood Emergency Response Grant Program.

I. Effective County Government Organization

- a. The Grants Unit is developing a project prioritization matrix and strategy to guide its grant work. This involves systematically evaluating projects and opportunities to effectively allocate resources and focus efforts on the most impactful funding opportunities. The well-structured matrix will help the Grants Unit make data-driven decisions by assessing potential grants against key criteria. Through prioritization, the Grants Unit aims to maximize the investment of time and effort, ensure strategic alignment, avoid pursuing low-impact or low-likelihood funding opportunities, and establish a sustainable and proactive grant-seeking strategy.

II. A Safe and Healthy County

III. A Thriving Economy

- a. **CDBG 2024 NOFA.** The Grants Unit staff is continuing work on the CDBG application for the Mill Creek Park ADA bathroom upgrade project. As the project is not yet 'shovel-ready', as required by HCD, the application for the Mill Creek project will be submitted during the next NOFA cycle in mid-2025. The Grants Unit does not expect to submit a project for the 2024 CDBG NOFA, which opens in October.

IV. A Prepared and Resilient County

- a. **\$289,387 - Flood Emergency Response Grant Program, Department of Water Resources.** On September 26, 2024, the County received a Project Award Letter from the Department of Water Resources (DWR) for their application to the Sitewide Flood Emergency Response Grant Program Third Round. The project encompasses the development of a local flood emergency plan, updating maps, and providing emergency communication equipment for the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Additionally, the funding will facilitate the strategic emplacement of four flood fight containers throughout the county. This initiative is designed to enhance the County's planning and response capabilities during climate hazards, such as excessive rainfall, flooding, and severe storms, which have the potential to impact infrastructure and precipitate landslides.

V. Other/Additional Information