



Grants Report

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County of Orange Report on Grant Applications/Awards

The Grants Report is a condensed list of grant requests by County agencies/departments that allows the Board of Supervisors to discuss and approve grant submittals in one motion at a Board meeting. County policy dictates that the Board of Supervisors must approve all grant applications prior to submittal to the grantor. This applies to grants of all amounts, as well as to new grants and those that have been received by the County for many years as part of an ongoing grant. Receipt of grants under \$50,000 is delegated to the County Executive Officer. This report allows for better tracking of county grant requests, the success rate of our grants, and monitoring of County's grants activities. It also serves to inform Orange County's Sacramento and Washington, D.C. advocates of county grant activities involving the state or federal governments.

On July 15, 2008, the Board of Supervisors approved the following actions:

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

New Grant Applications

1. Approve Retroactive Grant – District Attorney's Office- Disability and Healthcare Insurance Fraud Program (\$1,291,092)
2. Approve Grant and Adopt Resolution – OC Public Works/ OC Watershed Program- Habitat Enhancement and Restoration Program (\$4,000,000)
3. Approve – Health Care Agency- Funding for the Mental Health Services Act Capital Facilities and Technological Needs Component Proposal (\$28,000,000)
4. Approve- Health Care Agency- Home Visitation to Prevent Child Maltreatment (\$850,000)
5. Receive and File Grants Report

Receive Grant Awards

None

ACTION ITEMS

Approve Retroactive Grant – District Attorney's Office- Disability and Healthcare Insurance Fraud Program (\$1,291,092)

Requester: District Attorney's Office
Program: Disability and Healthcare Insurance Fraud Program
Amount Requested: \$1,291,092
Match/Cost: N/A

Application Due Date: June 16, 2008
Grantor: State of California, Department of Insurance (DOI)

The District Attorney received this grant on February 15, 2008, and applied for it on June 16, 2008. This is a recurring grant. FY 2008/09 will be the Office of the District Attorney's fourth year of participation in the State Disability and Healthcare Insurance Fraud Grant Program.

State funds in the amount not to exceed \$1,291,092 for FY 08-09, will be made available to the District Attorney to be utilized by directing effort towards the investigation and prosecution of disability and healthcare insurance fraud cases. Orange County has a variety of fraud involving healthcare and disability insurance from claimant fraud to provider fraud, which drives up the cost of healthcare and disability insurance to the public. The Office utilizes State grant funds to cover the cost of a prosecution team to effectively combat healthcare and disability insurance fraud cases thereby enhancing public safety. The program provides funding for the vertical prosecution unit consisting of prosecutorial, investigative and support staff to investigate and prosecute cases involving healthcare and disability insurance fraud cases.

A Board Resolution is required. The District Attorney's Office will submit an ASR and sample Board Resolution to seek Board approval to accept grant funds when awarded.

The District Attorney has already applied for this grant. CEO/Legislative Affairs would like the Board to ratify the District Attorney's application for this grant.

Approve – OC Public Works/ OC Watersheds Program- Habitat Enhancement and Restoration Program (\$4,000,000)

Requester: OC Public Works
Program: Habitat Enhancement and Restoration Program
Amount Requested: \$4,000,000
Match/Cost: \$4,000,000 is the matching funds
Application Due Date: N/A
Grantor: Wildlife Conservation Board

The Wildlife Conservation Board offers grants for restoration and enhancement of wildlife habitat, development of public access facilities for wildlife oriented uses and protection of habitat through fee acquisitions and conservation easements. It is anticipated the grant application will be presented at the WCB Board hearing on August 28, 2008.

WCB accepts application for funding on a continuous basis; depending on available funding sources. The grant will be used for continuing construction of the Upper Newport Bay Ecosystem Restoration Project.

The overall project cost is estimated at \$45.8 million. The project is cost shared with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (65 percent Federal, 35 percent Non-Federal). The County has already spent \$13 million through a grant received from the Coastal Conservancy. The Federal share is the proposed matching funds.

CEO Legislative Affairs and OC Public Works/ OC Flood Control are requesting that your honorable Board approve and adopt the OC Public Works/ OC Watersheds California Riparian Habitat Conservation Program Resolution, which will be submitted along with the application for this grant.

Approve – Health Care Agency- Funding for the Mental Health Services Act Capital Facilities and Technological Needs Component Proposal (\$28,000,000)

Requester: Health Care Agency
Program: Funding for the Mental Health Services Act Capital Facilities and Technological Needs Component Proposal
Amount Requested: \$28,000,000
Match/Cost: N/A
Application Due Date: N/A
Grantor: California Department of Mental Health

Under the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), the Health Care Agency will receive funding for Capital Facilities and Technological Needs. The anticipated allocation for Orange County is approximately \$28.3 million to be spent over the next ten years. On March 18, 2008, the California Department of Mental Health (DMH) issued the Capital Facilities and Technological Needs Component Proposal of the County's Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan Guidelines. Funds must be designated to support the goals of MHSA and can be used to create an increase in peer-support and consumer-run facilities, development of community-based, less restrictive settings that will reduce the need for incarceration or institutionalization, and the development of a technological infrastructure for the mental health system. The total allocation is being requested and will be used primarily for the Tustin Avenue facility. The balance of the funds will be used for additional capital and technology projects that are currently in the planning and coordination phase. There is no due date for the application. DMH will review and approve all Component Proposals and this is expected to take approximately 60 days.

Three new 7,500 square foot buildings will be constructed, including a 15-bed Crisis Residential Program that would serve as an alternative to hospitalization for acute and chronic mentally ill persons, a Wellness/Peer Support Center that would offer services to relatively stable clients, (e.g. socialization, assistance with benefits, and recovery support groups), and a Vocational Training Program that will offer education and training to develop the skills needed to work in the public mental health system.

The majority of funds will be used to develop the Tustin Avenue property into operational mental health programs that will produce long-term impacts with lasting benefits, and expand accessible community-based services for consumers and their families. The remaining funds will be used for additional projects being developed for capital and technology needs. The request will not fund any County positions.

A number of County Agencies/Departments participated in the planning process including but not limited to Social Services, School Districts, Law Enforcement, Housing and Community Services and Orange County Public Works (OCPW). OCPW will be providing the Architect and Engineering Project Management.

This request is scheduled for a Public Hearing before the Mental Health Advisory Board on July 10, 2008. After that date it will be considered for approval by the Board of Supervisors.

Approve – Health Care Agency- Home Visitation to Prevent Child Maltreatment (\$850,000)

Requester: Health Care Agency
Program: Home Visitation to Prevent Child Maltreatment
Amount Requested: \$850,000
Match/Cost: 10% match met through in-kind contribution
Application Due Date: July 21, 2008
Grantor: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children & Families

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children & Families has issued a grant announcement for "Supporting Evidence-Based Home Visitation Programs to Prevent Child Maltreatment." Grant guidance instructions for eligible entities were received on June 10, 2008 and the grant application is due on July 21, 2008. Competitive grants will be awarded to States, Tribes, and other eligible entities to support the infrastructure needed for home visitation programs. The total amount of grant funding requested will be up to \$850,000 spread over a five-year period.

The Nurse-Family Partnership Program is a recognized, evidenced based intensive home visitation model targeting first time pregnant teens. This infrastructure grant will support the addition of one Supervising Public Health Nurse to supervise nursing staff conducting home visitation to clients to provide education and support in the areas of prenatal care, nutrition, childbirth, breastfeeding, child development, child safety, and setting and reaching personal goals. This addition will bring HCA into conformance with the staffing ratios recommended by the Nurse-Family Partnership model to ensure quality of care to clients enrolled for services. Funds will also support staff training and assessment materials for child developmental evaluation.

The Nurse-Family Partnership Program will utilize the infrastructure grant to fund one FTE Supervising Public Health Nurse and training and assessment materials for child developmental evaluation. The required 10 percent match will be met through an in-kind contribution that is already included in the HCA budget.

If you or your staff have any questions or require additional information on any of the items in this Report, please contact Kelly Channing at 714.834.3832 or Donna Grubaugh at 714.834.7218.