



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Monica Nino, County Administrator
Date: February 28, 2023

Subject: Federal Community Project Funding Requests for FY 2024

RECOMMENDATION(S):

1. AUTHORIZE the County Administrator, or designee, to submit FY 2024 Community Project Funding requests to the County's congressional delegation for submission to the federal Appropriations Committees in the House of Representatives and the Senate for FY 2024 federal funding consideration.

2. AUTHORIZE the Chair of the Board to sign letters of support on behalf of the Board of Supervisors for the projects submitted by Contra Costa County to members of the County's congressional delegation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is an unknown potential federal revenue increase from the selection of a Contra Costa County project for "Community Project Funding" in the FY 2024 federal budget. Local matching funds may be a requirement.

BACKGROUND:

On February 16, 2023, County Administrator's Office staff were notified by the County's federal lobbyists from Thorn Run Partners that the FY 2024 Community Project Funding

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **02/28/2023** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor
Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor
Ken Carlson, District IV Supervisor
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: February 28, 2023

Monica Nino, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: June McHuen, Deputy

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cc:

requests for Senator Padilla's consideration were due Friday,

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

March 3, 2023. Senator Feinstein's deadline was established as March 13, 2023. Due to the delay in the issuance of the President's Budget, these early deadlines were not anticipated for FY 2024 Community Project Funding requests, which were formerly known as "earmarks." (The earmark process usually starts with the submission to Congress of the President's budget request, which is expected to take place in the first or second week of March.) Because of this compressed time schedule for submittal of project requests for consideration by our Senators, County staff were requested to submit projects to the County Administrator's Office by February 24, 2023.

Staff were requested to consider projects for submittal to our congressional delegation that are (or could be):

- Ready to receive funding;
- Supported by officials or others who will send letters of support;
- Projects for which a \$1M appropriation could make a substantive impact;
- Projects that leverage Measure X project allocations.

The Senate Appropriations Committee guidance for project submittals ([linked here](#)) was distributed to County staff.

As a reminder, for the past two federal budgets, the County has received federal Community Project Funding projects included in FY 2022 and FY 2023:

FY 2022

1	Contra Costa Crisis Services Hub	\$ 1,000,000
2	Mobile Crisis Response Team Expansion	\$ 1,061,552
3	Collaborative Care Implementation	\$ 900,000
4	Just Transition Economic Revitalization Plan	\$ 750,000
5	Veterans Memorial Building Improvements (D-11)	\$ 700,000
6	Veterans Memorial Building Improvements (D-9)	\$ <u>300,000</u>
		\$ 4,711,552

(Note, the total does not include the \$1.5 million secured for East Contra Costa Fire Protection District, advanced by then-Congressman McNerney and Senator Padilla. In addition, funding for the Harmful Algal Bloom Demonstration Program for the Delta was secured in the amount of \$4 million, advanced by Congressman DeSaulnier.)

FY 2023

- 1 Strategies for Supporting Youth in the Community \$ 1,180,000
- 2 Transition Aged Youth Diversion Program \$ 1,000,000

At the time of writing this Board Order, the following projects had been put forth by County staff for federal FY 2024 Community Project Funding:

1. Knightsen Wetland Restoration
2. Bay Point Library Project
3. Byron Airport Utility Program
4. Sea Level Adaption Plan

As projects are submitted to the County Administrator's Office, they are vetted for applicability to the federal guidelines, prioritized, and budgetarily analyzed with consideration of equity. CAO staff anticipates additional project requests coming forward prior to the deadlines.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If the County Administrator, or designee, is not authorized to submit Community Project Funding requests to the County's congressional delegation, the County will miss an opportunity to receive federal funding in the FY 2024 budget when it is enacted.