

55. Adopt resolution accepting unanticipated revenue in the amount of \$151,500 from the California Fire Safe Council to build local wildfire mitigation capacity through the 2025 CAL FIRE County Coordinator Grant Program, and take related actions ()



County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors

Agenda Item Submittal

From: Office of Response, Recovery and Resilience

Subject: Accept 2025 County Coordinator Grant Revenue

Meeting Date: June 10, 2025

Formal Title: Adopt resolution accepting unanticipated revenue in the amount of \$151,500 from the California Fire Safe Council to build local wildfire mitigation capacity through the 2025 CAL FIRE County Coordinator Grant Program, and take related actions

Recommended Actions

1. Adopt resolution accepting and appropriating unanticipated revenue in the amount of \$151,410 from the California Fire Safe Council to support build local wildfire mitigation capacity through participation in the 2025 CAL FIRE County Coordinator Grant Program; and
2. Direct the Office of Response, Recovery, and Resilience (OR3) to return to the Board of Supervisors on or before July 31, 2026, to provide an update on grant deliverables and impact.

Executive Summary

The California Fire Safe Council has awarded Santa Cruz County \$151,410.35 in a third round of funding through the 2025 County Coordinator Program. The program supports local capacity to coordinate wildfire mitigation efforts across agencies and communities. The County's work plan includes six required tasks and four locally scoped activities, with two tasks structured to serve as local match for the County's FEMA BRIC Phase 1 award. Board approval is requested to accept the funds and implement the grant program.

Discussion

The County Coordinator Program, administered by the California Fire Safe Council (CFSC), supports partial funding for a position in each participating county to enhance local wildfire resilience efforts. Through this program, County Coordinators support planning, outreach, and coordination between local agencies, state partners, and communities. Santa Cruz County successfully participated in this program for two consecutive grant cycles and OR3 has been selected for renewed funding in the 2025 cycle. CFSC now requires that each grantee complete six core activities:

1. Develop a plan with CAL FIRE or a CAL FIRE contractor to integrate County Coordinators into local operations.
2. Contribute to the CFSC GIS Networking Portal.
3. Attend at least one Qualified Entities Training hosted by CAL FIRE.
4. Host a county-level training on the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) toolkit.
5. Develop a preliminary plan outlining steps to initiate a county-level CWPP.
6. Present program scope, deliverables, and impacts to the County's Board of Supervisors.

These required tasks form the foundation of the County's grant work plan and are supplemented by several additional locally scoped activities that build on strategic wildfire resilience goals as well as the work of past County Coordinator projects. In addition to meeting CFSC requirements, the County is leveraging select tasks to align with its FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Phase 1 award. Specifically, the following additional tasks were added to the scope of work:

- **GIS Data Development** Supports parcel-level project scoping and environmental compliance using GIS layers and biotic resource data informed by fiscal year (FY) 2023 deliverables.
- **Community Wildfire Risk Reduction Project Development and Solicitation:** Staff time to support early project development and permitting strategies for priority areas originally scoped under Phase 2 of the County's BRIC proposal, which has since been canceled. These tasks will not only fulfill CFSC goals but also serve as local match for the BRIC Phase 1 award, maximizing the benefit of both funding sources while supporting countywide wildfire resilience planning. The remaining tasks focus on continued bilingual outreach, strategic coordination, and staff capacity-building—particularly for under-resourced communities in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI).

Financial Impact

Total award in the amount of \$151,410.35 will be accepted into General Ledger (GL) Key 186000, revenue object 40810 and appropriated under GL 186000, expense objects 62223/62928/62381/51000 to support staff time, outreach supplies, and contractual costs for this program. No local match is required. Grant revenue is typically issued in two advance installments, provided progress can be demonstrated over course of the performance period. Several tasks are eligible to be claimed as match under FEMA BRIC Phase 1 funding amounting to 2/3 of the total award, with the remaining 1/3 dedicated to supporting required grant deliverables and bolstering existing outreach efforts.

Strategic Initiatives

Equity Framework - Plans, Policies & Budgets, Communications & Education, Community Voices & Partnership
Operational Plan - Comprehensive Health & Safety, Sustainable Environment
Climate Action - Natural & Working Lands, Wildfire Prevention, Government Operations

Submitted By:

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Recommended By:

Carlos J. Palacios, County Executive Officer

Artificial Intelligence Acknowledgment:

Chat GPT 4o, an Artificial Intelligence (AI) large language model tool, significantly contributed to the development of this agenda item, including Staff Report, in compliance with the County of Santa Cruz AI Appropriate Use Policy.

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Resolution No.

On the motion of Supervisor

Duly seconded by Supervisor

The following resolution is adopted:

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING UNANTICIPATED REVENUE

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Cruz is the recipient of funds, in the amount of \$ 151,410,
from CALIFORNIA FIRE SAFE COUNCIL,
for the 2025 CAL FIRE COUNTY COORDINATOR GRANT program; and

WHEREAS, the above-referenced funds are either in excess of those anticipated or are not specifically set forth in the current fiscal year budget for the County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code section 29130(b), such funds may be made available for specific appropriation by four-fifths vote of the Board of Supervisors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Santa Cruz County Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector accept the amount of \$ 151,410 for the
2025 CAL FIRE COUNTY COORDINATOR GRANT program.

GL Key	GL Object	JL Key	JL Object	Amount	Account Description
186000	40810	O25FSC	40810	151,410	OR3/ST-DISASTER ASSISTANCE

and that such funds be and are hereby appointed as follows:

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186000	62928	O25FSC	62928	1,420	OR3/TRAVEL-OTHER
186000	62381	O25FSCB	62381	75,033	OR3/PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
186000	51000	O25FSC	51000	21,914	OR3/REGULAR PAY
186000	51000	O25FSCB	51000	32,643	OR3/REGULAR PAY

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California,
 this _____ day of _____, _____ by the following vote
 (requires four-fifths vote for approval):

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NOES:


ABSENT:

 Chair of the Board


ATTEST: _____
 Clerk of the Board

DEPARTMENT HEAD I hereby certify that the fiscal provisions have been researched and that the
 Revenue(s) (has been)(will be) received within the current fiscal year.

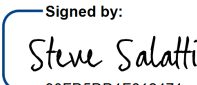
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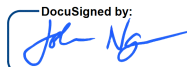
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