

54. Adopt resolution authorizing submission of grant application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development for the 2020 Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Infrastructure Program to support Federal Emergency Management Agency Public Assistance match requirements related to the CZU Lightning Complex Fire, and take related actions ()



County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors

Agenda Item Submittal

From: Office of Response, Recovery and Resilience

Subject: Authorization to Submit Application for 2020 CDBG-DR Infrastructure Program Funding

Meeting Date: June 24, 2025

Formal Title: Adopt resolution authorizing submission of grant application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development for the 2020 Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Infrastructure Program to support Federal Emergency Management Agency Public Assistance match requirements related to the CZU Lightning Complex Fire, and take related actions

Recommended Actions

1. Adopt resolution authorizing the County of Santa Cruz Office of Response, Recovery & Resilience (OR3) to submit an application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for the 2020 Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBGDR) Infrastructure Program for funds in an amount not to exceed \$2,547,211.53; and
2. Authorize the OR3 Director to execute all necessary documents related to the application, grant agreement, and implementation of the program, including any amendments and fund requests.

Executive Summary

The County of Santa Cruz is an eligible applicant to receive grant funding through the 2020 DR-4558 (CZU Fire) CDBG-DR Infrastructure Program administered by HCD. OR3 seeks support to apply for an allocation of \$2,547,211.53 under this CDBG-DR program on behalf of the County and eligible sub-applicants. The purpose of this application is to secure funding to serve as the non-federal cost share (local match) for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) eligible infrastructure projects supporting post-disaster recovery in the County's unincorporated areas and among partner entities.

Discussion

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), through HCD, allocated funding under the CDBG-DR Infrastructure Program to assist counties impacted by DR-4558 (CZU Fire). Santa Cruz County has been identified as a Most Impacted and Distressed (MID) area and is eligible to apply for an allocation of \$2,547,211.53 based on eligible projects and recovery timelines.

The CDBG-DR Infrastructure Program is intended to support FEMA PA permanent work (Categories C–G) by providing the non-federal cost share required to implement disaster recovery projects. The County explored all internal PA projects to determine if any projects from the Community Development and Infrastructure recovery side were eligible for this grant program. It was determined in consultation with County staff and HCD staff that for Santa Cruz County, eligible projects include those administered by

the County on behalf of County Service Area 46, as well as projects in partnership with:

- Camping Unlimited – Camp Krem
- Cal Poly Swanton Pacific Ranch
- Bracken Brae and Forest Springs Water System Consolidation Project

These funds will reduce the recovery fiscal burden in meeting match requirements for FEMA PA and help advance long-term recovery and resilience for communities impacted by the 2020 wildfires. Submission of the application requires formal adoption of the attached resolution authorizing the County's participation and designating OR3 as the lead agency for the grant. The resolution designates the OR3 Director or their designee as the County's authorized representative to submit the application, enter into the grant agreement, and execute all related documentation.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact to the County General Fund at this time. Should the application be successful, staff will return to the Board with a separate item to formally accept and appropriate the awarded funds. Grant funds will be passed through to partner sub-applicants through agreements upon grant award.

Strategic Initiatives

Equity Framework - County Facilities & Infrastructure, Plans, Policies & Budgets

Submitted By:

David Reid, Director

Recommended By:

Carlos J. Palacios, County Executive Officer

Artificial Intelligence Acknowledgment:

Chat GPT, 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. Insert Number

On the motion of Supervisor:

Duly seconded by Supervisor:

The following resolution is adopted:

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING AND THE
EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS
THERE TO FROM THE 2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
DISASTER RECOVERY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz as follows:

SECTION 1:

The Board of Supervisors has reviewed and hereby approves the submission to the State of California of one or more application(s) in the aggregate amount, not to exceed, of \$2,547,211.53 for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) activities, pursuant to the 2020 CDBG-DR Infrastructure Program.

SECTION 2:

The Board of Supervisors hereby approves the use of Program Income in an amount not to exceed \$2,547,211.53 for CDBG eligible activities.

SECTION 3:

The Board of Supervisors acknowledges compliance with all state and federal public participation requirements in the development of its application(s).

SECTION 4:

The Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and directs the Director of the County of Santa Cruz Office of Response, Recovery & Resilience to execute and deliver all applications and act on the County's behalf in all matters pertaining to all such applications.

SECTION 5:

If an application is approved, the Director of the County of Santa Cruz Office of Response, Recovery & Resilience is authorized to enter into, execute and deliver the grant agreement (*i.e.*, Standard Agreement), any recordable or nonrecordable contract documents, and any and all subsequent amendments thereto with the State of California for the purposes of the grant.

SECTION 6:

If an application is approved, the Director of the County of Santa Cruz Office of Response, Recovery & Resilience is authorized to sign and submit Funds Requests and all required reporting forms and other documentation as may be required by the State of California from time to time in connection with the grant.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz held on 6/24/2025 by the following vote:

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Felipe Hernandez, Chair
Board of Supervisors

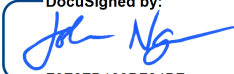
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County of Santa Cruz

I, Juliette Rezzato, Deputy County Clerk of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said Board of Supervisors on this 24th day of June, 2025 and that said resolution has not been amended, modified, repealed, or rescinded since its date of adoption and is in full force and effect as of the date hereof.

Juliette Rezzato, Deputy County Clerk of the County of
Santa Cruz, State of California

By: Juliette Rezzato

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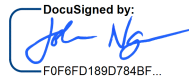
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