



# Mendocino County

## Legislation Text

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** Executive Office

**Meeting Date:** April 20, 2021

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**Item Type:** Consent Agenda

**Time Allocated for Item:** N/A

**Agenda Title:**

Adoption of Resolution Approving an Allocation of \$5,404,000 in Funding and the Execution of a Grant Agreement and Any Amendments Thereto from the CDBG-MIT Program to Fund County Emergency Communication Improvement Projects

**Recommended Action/Motion:**

Adopt resolution approving allocation of \$5,404,000 in funding and the execution of a grant agreement and any amendments thereto from the CDBG-MIT Program to fund County emergency communication improvement projects; and authorize Chair to sign same.

**Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:**

The Board approved the original resolution at the March 23, 2021 meeting.

**Summary of Request:**

The Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery Mitigation Resilient Infrastructure Program (CDBG-DR MIT-RIP) program assists local jurisdictions with mitigation-related infrastructure needs to support risk reduction from the three primary hazards (wildfire, flooding, and earthquake) as established within the Mitigation Needs Assessment. The program prioritizes projects that impact vulnerable and Low to Moderate Income (LMI) populations as well as those located inside the Most Impacted and Distressed (MID) or documented to impact the MID. Per the grant requirements, 50% of the funds are required to benefit the MID, 50% of the funds are required to be spent in the MID, and 50% of the funds are required to benefit LMI persons. Consideration is given to certain costs typically related to emergency management, disaster response, or disaster preparedness that are not generally eligible for CDBG funding but provide a demonstrable benefit to the community per the definition of a mitigation activity.

The County submitted Notice of Intent for the following projects in December 2020.

**New 911 Dispatch Bunker**

Requested Amount \$2,777,000

To purchase and install a prefabricated bunker-type structure adjacent to the County Probation Department Building to house 911 switching equipment which is vital to the County's emergency response activities.

### **Emergency Communications Resilience**

Requested Amount \$6,000,000

To improve reliability and resiliency of its microwave and radio communications systems through the procurement and installation of higher capacity, upgraded microwave equipment including microwave radios, waveguides, power supplies, ethernet, and routers, and the establishment of a redundant microwave communications loop by adding new microwave equipment to connect the Fort Bragg site with the Matheson Peak site to ensure County-wide connectivity and prevent widespread communications outages should one tower location be out of operation for any reason. In total, 16 sites will receive upgraded equipment during project implementation.

### **Emergency Communications Facility Hardening**

Requested Amount \$971,000

To improve resiliency of microwave and radio communications system equipment from wildfire and other hazard events via various on-site improvements including new equipment shelter structures, access road improvements, new fencing, aggressive fuels reduction, and the installation of new generators and transfer switches to upgrade and replace end of life generators.

### **San Hedrin Tower Power Line Improvements and Site Hardening**

Requested Amount \$1,060,000

To replace existing failing power line poles which serve an existing microwave and radio communications tower located on Mount San Hedrin in Mendocino County. The County will also improve the existing equipment housing structure, as many structural, shell, mechanical and electrical systems have reached end-of-life and continue to deteriorate, to ensure that all necessary communications equipment housed on site is protected from both natural hazards such as wildfire as well as inclement weather events such as heavy rains and snow storms.

This resolution gives the Chief Executive Officer authority to execute, enter into, and deliver all project agreements and documents necessary for the grant, if awarded.

A similar resolution has been presented to the Board and adopted at the March 23, 2021 meeting. At the time of submitting the March 23rd resolution, the County had not received the announcement of the \$5,404,000 allocation from Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). On March 26th, HCD requested that the County adopts another resolution with the \$5,404,000 specified.

### **Alternative Action/Motion:**

Return to staff for alternative handling

**Supervisory District:** All

**vote requirement:** Majority

<b>Supplemental</b>	<b>Information</b>	<b>Available</b>	<b>Online</b>	<b>At:</b>
<a href="https://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/disaster-recovery-programs/cdbg-dr/cdbg-mit-2017/index.shtml#cdbg-mit">https://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/disaster-recovery-programs/cdbg-dr/cdbg-mit-2017/index.shtml#cdbg-mit</a>				

### **Fiscal Details:**

**source of funding:** N/A

**current f/y cost:** N/A

**budgeted in current f/y:** N/A

**if no, please describe:**

**annual recurring cost:** N/A

**revenue agreement:** N/A

**budget clarification:** Partial funding was received for the projects; staff will be presenting an update on potential funding strategies during future Board meeting.

**Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel:** Yes

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**CEO Liaison:** Executive Office

**CEO Review:** Yes

**CEO Comments:**

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Deputy Clerk I

Date: April 21, 2021

Final Status: **Adopted**

Executed Item Type: **Resolution** Number: 21-054

