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**Subject:** Grants and Funding Monthly Report

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### Overview

The purpose of this memo is to provide a monthly outline of upcoming funding opportunities and grant programs that could potentially meet the District's funding needs in the near future. This memo is not a comprehensive list of all grants that are currently available, but ones that you may be able to submit competitive applications for relevant priority projects.

### Future Opportunities

January kicked off the State's budget negotiation process, which began with the Governor's budget proposal release on January 10. Key takeaways from the Administration's budget proposal included a \$37+ billion projected deficit and discussions about declaring a budget state of emergency in order to draw down on budget reserves. While the budget proposal serves as an important benchmark for the state's fiscal health predictions, it is important to know that formulating a final budget agreement is an iterative process that will require negotiations and concessions between both houses of the Legislature and the Governor.

Over the next few weeks, the Legislature will hold informational hearings to discuss various parts of the Governor's proposal before releasing the text of their budget bills and priorities. Typically, the Legislature has advocated for creative methods to maintain existing spending levels such as drawing from reserves, passing short term taxes, and passing statewide revenue bond measures. The Governor, on the other hand, has typically advocated for fiscal prudence, modest cuts, and maintaining cash reserves in case budget conditions worsen. Overall, the Legislature and the Governor will have until July to enact a budget, with revisions that can carry on into the summer months. Additionally, the budget situation is always subject to change, should April tax revenues come in higher than expected.

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**Current Applications**

Name	Amount Requested	Project	Status/Deadline
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)  <a href="#">Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG)</a>	TBD	Regional request for radios.  Local request for monitors.	Due March 8, 2024

**Looking Ahead: Grant Program Highlights**

Name	Awards & Match	Description	Timeline
California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES)  <a href="#">Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)</a>	Letter of Intent Required  25% Match Required	The HMGP funding opportunity provides support for communities to implement mitigation activities to reduce risk to life and property from natural hazards. In California, natural hazards include wildfire, earthquake, drought, extreme weather, flooding, and other impacts of climate change. HMGP funding can also support the development of Local Hazard Mitigation Plans (LHMP) and project scoping activities.	NOI Deadline: February 16, 2024
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)  <a href="#">Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG)</a>	No Award Maximum  5-15% Match Required Based on Population	Administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the program provides funding to help fire departments with critically needed resources to protect the public; to train emergency personnel, and to foster interoperability and support community resilience, as well as enhance through direct financial assistance, the safety of the public and to provide a continuum of support for emergency responders regarding fire, medical, and all hazard events.	Application closes March 8, 2024
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)	No Award Maximum	The FEMA SAFER grant program assists local fire departments with staffing and deployment	NOFO Expected

<p><a href="#"><u>Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER)</u></a></p>	<p>35% Match Required</p>	<p>capabilities to respond to emergencies and assure that communities have adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards.</p>	<p>February/March 2024</p>
<p>Gary Sinise Foundation</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Strengthen our Defenders Grant</u></a></p>	<p>No Min/Max</p> <p>No Match</p>	<p>Through the Gary Sinise Foundation's First Responders Outreach, we provide help to critical funding for emergency relief, training, and essential equipment to ensure these heroes perform to the best of their abilities.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Firehouse Subs</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Firehouse Subs Grant Program</u></a></p>	<p>\$10-25K Average Award</p> <p>No Match Required</p>	<p>The Firehouse Subs Program provides funding to purchase equipment or provide training for firefighters in areas where the restaurant chain operates.</p>	<p>Next round open April 4, 2024</p>