

Prepared by Del Norte County for California Department of Food and Agriculture CDFA Community Resilience Centers Program

Primary Contact: Randy Hooper



### **Opportunity Details**

#### **Opportunity Information**

Title

CDFA Community Resilience Centers Program

Description

The Community Resilience Centers (CRC) Program will focus on improving community facilities to enhance the state's emergency preparedness capabilities, particularly in response to climate change.

Awarding Agency Name

California Department of Food and Agriculture

Agency Contact Name

Sofia Goss

Agency Contact Phone

(916) 900-5135

Agency Contact Email

crcprogram@cdfa.ca.gov

Fund Activity Categories

Agriculture

Category Explanation

Departments

Fairs and Expositions

Subjects

Opportunity Manager

Sofia Goss

Opportunity Posted Dates

12/27/2022 - 12/27/2027

Announcement Type

Initial Announcement

**Funding Opportunity Number** 

Agency Opportunity Number

Assistance Listings Number

Public Link

https://www.gotomygrants.com/Public/Opportunities/Details/2f115694-e319-497e-8c2c-8d2695ba58e6

Is Published

Yes

#### **Funding Information**

Total Program Funding \$150,000,000.00



**Funding Sources** 

State

**Funding Source Description** 

The Budget Act of 2021 appropriated a one-time General Fund allocation of \$150 million for fairground and community resilience centers. Of the total amount appropriated to CDFA, \$38 million will be awarded to community resilience centers to support infrastructure for emergency evacuation, shelter, base camps during emergency events, and critical deferred maintenance. Elements for this infrastructure may include cooling and heating centers, clean air centers, and extended emergency evacuation response centers, equipped with community kitchens, shower facilities, broadband, back-up power, and other community needs during an emergency or climate events.

**Funding Restrictions** 

#### **Award Information**

Award Range

\$5,000,000.00 - \$38,000,000.00

Award Period

07/03/2023 - 06/30/2026

Award Announcement Date

Award Type

Competitive

Capital Grant

Yes

**Expected Number of Awards** 

10.00

Indirect Costs Allowed

Yes

Indirect Cost Description

Costs associated with technical assistance or project management.

Indirect Cost Rate

Restrictions on Indirect Costs

Yes

Citation Governing Indirect Cost Restriction

Matching Requirement

No

#### **Submission Information**

Submission Window

12/27/2022 5:00 PM - 03/10/2023 5:00 PM

Submission Timeline Type

One Time

Submission Timeline Additional Information



Allow Multiple Applications

No

Application Review Start Date / Pre-Qualification Deadline

Other Submission Requirements

#### **Question Submission Information**

Question Submission Open Date

Question Submission Close Date

Question Submission Email Address

Question Submission Additional Information

Attachments

#### **Technical Assistance Session**

**Technical Assistance Session** 

No

#### **Eligibility Information**

Eligibility Type

Public

Eligible Applicants

- State Governments
- County Governments
- · City or township governments
- Special District Governments
- Independent School Districts
- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
- Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities
- Native American tribal organizations (not Federally recognized)
- Nonprofits with 501(c)(3) status (excludes institutions of higher education)
- Nonprofits without 501(c)(3) status (excludes institutions of higher education)
- Small Businesses

Additional Eligibility Information

#### **Additional Information**

Additional Information URL

Additional Information URL Description

#### **Award Administration Information**

State Award Notices

Administrative and National Policy Requirements



Reporting

State Awarding Agency Contacts

Other Information



## **Project Information**

### **Application Information**

Application Name

Del Norte County

Award Requested \$7,930,000.00

Total Award Budget \$7,930,000.00

### **Primary Contact Information**

Name

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### **Project Description**

#### **CDFA CRC Program Application Intake Form**

P	ease	note:

\*\*CDFA recommends that you gather the required information and documents prior to beginning the application on Amplifund. You can visit the CRC program website for an outline of the questions. Once you begin the application, please remember to constantly save your changes. If there is inactivity for over 20 minutes, Amplifund will not save the changes.

#### **Applicant Information**

Applicant Organization/Name (Must match the applicant's federal tax return):

County of Del Norte

Organization Type:

federal/state/local/tribal government

Applicant Mailing Address:

981 H Street, Suite 210. Crescent City, CA 95531

Website:

co.del-norte.ca.us

California Senate and Assembly District

Applicants can enter the <u>California Senate District</u> and <u>California Assembly District</u> number in the two-digit format XX. If more than one district, enter "All". If the program/project is outside of California, enter 00.

California Senate District:

02

California Assembly District:

02

Taxpayer Identification Number (xx-xxxxxxx):

94-2254126

Unique Entity Identifier (For Federally Funded Programs Only):

#### Authorized Representative

Name:

Neal Lopez

Title:

County Administrative Officer

Email:



#### nlopez@co.del-norte.ca.us

Phone Number: 707-464-7214

### **Secondary Contact**

Name:

Randy Hooper

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#### **Submitter Information**

Submitting Organization:

County of Del Norte

Submitter Name:

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#### **Project Proposal (30 points total)**

**Proposal Name** 

Del Norte County Community Resilience Complex

Grant Amount Requested (Minimum of \$5,000,000)

\$7,930,000

1. Provide a description of the proposed project area/location, specifically if serving disadvantaged communities and disadvantaged unincorporated communities. Include population size/reach and demographic information (e.g., populations, race/ethnicity, and income). Additionally, describe the process used to select the project area. (10 points)

Del Norte County is a rural county, located in the northwest corner of California. In 2021 the non-incarcerated County population was 24,964. The County seat of Del Norte County is the City of Crescent City. Crescent City is the only incorporated city in Del Norte County. Other communities in Del Norte County include: Klamath, Smith River, Gasquet, Fort Dick, and Hiouchi. Del Norte County is a rural County with an economy historically built upon logging, fishing, and mining activities. Today, Del Norte County's economy is primarily built upon tourism and public sector employment. By industry, the largest amount of jobs in Del Norte County are provided by health care and social assistance (12.1%) and government (12%) according to the US Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

While Del Norte County does not contain any Disadvantaged Communities, according to the US Census Bureau, Del Norte County's poverty rate was 18.5% in 2020, as compared to the State's rate of 11.5%. Since at least 2011, Del Norte County's poverty rate has far exceeded the state's Poverty Rate, likely resulting from lower than state average per capita income. Specifically, Del Norte County's per capita income in 2020 was \$40,192, compared to the State per capita income of \$70,192.

The largest ethnic groups are "White alone" at 61%, followed by "Hispanic or Latino" at 20%. While "American Indian alone" represents about 7% of the population, this group increased by almost 52% between the 2014 and 2020 period. The largest population group, by age is 25-39, however the fastest growing group, by age, between 2011 and 2020 was the 65-74 year old age group. Del Norte County's largest concentration of residents live in and around the County's only incorporated city, Crescent City.

The County's proposed Community Resilience Complex Project is centrally located to Del Norte County and is within proximity to the largest concentration of County residents, who live within and around the City of Crescent City. Currently, the County owns two public buildings that would meet the specifications necessary for community resilience centers, one at the Recreation Gymnasium and the other at the Veterans Memorial Hall. These locations provide ideal access as they are located outside of the tsunami run-up zone and are easily accessible from the County's main highway, US 101, via main arterial City roads. Due to its ideal, central location the Complex would best serve the largest number of residents of any potential locations within the County.

2. Provide a detailed description of the proposed project. The work plan must include clear timelines, discrete tasks, and detailed deliverables to demonstrate the Applicant's readiness and capacity to implement the proposed project on time and within budget. (15 points)

Del Norte County currently contracts with a handful of engineering and architectural firms for on-call services related to civil engineering and architectural services. Additional services available to the County under these contracts on an on-call basis include project management, construction management, permitting & environmental compliance, ADA (CASp) services, and grant reporting and compliance. These services have been obtained for a 5-year basis, on-call, using a competitive RFP process. The purpose of the County adopting these contracts was in order to be able to move confidently and quickly forward when funding opportunities such as the CDFA Community Resilience Centers Program with project implementation.

If awarded, the first deliverable of this grant would be a final set of design plans and bid documents. Specifically, the County would present a request for a Work Order to be developed for design services and construction bid documents. The request for a Work Order proposal from the contracted design professionals would be transmitted within three-months. Upon receipt of proposals the County would issue the Work Order contract within two-months, depending upon whether the approval requires action by the Board of Supervisors or whether it may be approved by the County Administrative Officer. This process should be able to be concluded in 23/24 but may roll into 24/25.

It is anticipated that the design plan and bid documents will take approximately six-months to complete. Once they are completed an RFP will be posted requesting bids from qualified construction professionals. After the RFP process is concluded and a contractor is selected, a contract will be negotiated and will then need to be approved by the Board of Supervisors. It is anticipated that this process will take approximately three-months. These efforts should most likely occur in 24/25.



Upon award of the contract, the contractor will begin work on the project. Pending final design of the project, this project is anticipated to include the following items at the Veterans Hall: reconstruction of the parking lot at the, heating and cooling system upgrades, ADA compliance upgrades, a new roof and solar power system, backup power generator, renovation of the commercial kitchen, renovation of bathrooms, installation of a theater screen and audio/visual equipment, reconstruction of upstairs offices for the County Office of Emergency Services and Emergency Operations Center, upgrades to communications equipment (e.g. antennas, etc.), construction of locker area for sheltered guest's belongings, and other related improvements. Improvements at the Recreation Gymnasium are only anticipated to include bringing the facility up to ADA compliance standards as it would be the overflow facility from the Veterans Hall. Both locations may include earthquake retrofit if determined to be necessary by the project designer. Once the construction project is complete in 25/26, the Complex will be immediately available for occupancy by the Office of Emergency Services and the general public.

Please submit complete pre-development work i.e., plans/designs, if available. Projects will be reviewed for completion and feasibility.

JO Estimate for paving parking at Vet's Hall.pdf

3. Provide a description of how the proposed project aligns with the Community Resilience Centers Program's objectives and priorities. (5 points)

In addition to housing the County's Office of Emergency Services and accommodating the Emergency Operations Center, which are County services directly related to the community resilience center program, the Complex will also serve as an Extended Evacuation Center, Cooling or Warming Center, Community Kitchen, and for various other related community gathering purposes.

With development of solar power equipment and backup power generation the Complex will be highly resilient in the face of the challenges faced by a rural community such as Del Norte County. Notably, Del Norte County faces exposure to tsunami, wildfire, coastal and/or river flooding, and earthquake hazards, among others also possible hazards. The inclusion of earthquake retrofit and the location of these structures outside of the tsunami hazard area add to their resilience in the face of earthquake and tsunami. Additionally, the structures are located outside of the County's most wildfire prone areas, and along the coast with prevailing winds that will allow for the facility to effectively provide shelter for those impacted by wildfire including those needing clean air shelter from smoke. Finally, those unhoused residents needing warming during emergency situations will find the central location of the Complex to be ideally located for that need (i.e. the central location is walkable from known encampments that exist in Del Norte County), thereby aiding the County's most vulnerable population.



#### **Project Budget (10 points total)**

Please complete the budget template below and provide a narrative of how the project budget aligns with the proposed goals and objectives, activities, and timelines. (10 points)

As previously noted in the Work Plan section, Del Norte County already contracts for services that will be necessary for the initial phase of this project. Specifically, architectural design professionals and civil engineers who are available for on-call services issued by Contract or Work Order depending upon the fee amount. These contracts allow the County to expediently engage with qualified professionals for the professional services related to Design Development and Construction Development since a competitive RFP process has already resulted in the award of master contracts. Design and Construction Development services are estimated to each cost \$125,000. A 20% contingency is included with both services for a total budget amount of up to \$150,000 for each service. It is anticipated that Design Development and Construction Development will commence in 23/24 after contracts are finalized and conclude in 24/25. As the Design and Construction Development processes are concluded, applications will be filed with the appropriate regulatory authorities for compliance with the Building Codes, CEQA, and other permitting requirements (e.g. Regional Air Quality Control Board for the backup power generator, etc.). The estimated budget for agency review fees and permits is \$50,000.

Upon completion of the initial design work, the information will be turned over to a qualified professional that the County is contracted with for support with the Bidding Process. These professional services for the Bidding Process may be consolidated into a single contract for services for Construction Development provided by a civil engineer. The estimated budget for this work is \$50,000 and with a 20% contingency, the total budget necessary will be up to \$60,000. The Bidding Process will lead to the development of a bid package that will be released to contractors through an RFP and will conclude with the selection of a bid, negotiation of price, and award of contract by the Board of Supervisors.

The final stage of the project will be the Construction phase. During this stage, the contractor will purchase the equipment included in the project, engage with necessary subcontractors for various pieces of the project (e.g. electrical contractors, solar installers, etc.) and implement the Design and Construction plans based on the specifications provided. The budget for the materials, supplies, and equipment is estimated to be \$4,000,000 and the construction costs in the construction contract are estimated to be \$3,000,000. The construction contract should include a 7% contingency of \$490,000 in order to account for non-scope changes or cost overruns. It is anticipated that the Construction phase would commence in 24/25 and conclude in 25/26.

During each phase of this project, Project Management will be provided by Del Norte County Administration and \$10,000 is budgeted per year for these efforts. Based on the timeline provided here, there is clear linkage between the design of this project through to its completion and the budget requested for each phase of the project.

**Project Budget Template** 

CRC Project Budget Template.xlsx

Complete Project Budget

2023-03-10 CRC Project Budget Del Norte.xlsx



#### Community Need/Benefit (20 Points)

1. Describe the community's needs, including the public health, environmental, and economic challenges facing the project area. Provide examples of existing barriers the community is facing in their ability to access climate resilience resources. (5 Points)

As previously noted, Del Norte County is unfortunately far above the State average in regard to the poverty rate. In addition to this high poverty rate, Del Norte County suffers from a lack of housing supply and low per capita income. Perhaps most challenging, Del Norte County is composed of approximately 80% tax exempt public lands. Taken together, these factors combine to create extremely difficult circumstances for residents of Del Norte County with regard the public infrastructure as local governments simply do not have a tax base that can support services that residents in many other parts of the State would consider customary or expected. Consequently, climate resilient resources are few and far between in this rural community for these and many other structural reasons.

It is also worth noting that by simple virtue of the County's remote geography in the extreme northwest corner of California, that Del Norte County faces many barriers for accessing climate resilience resources. Surface access into Del Norte County from the south is via US Highway 101. This stretch of roadway has become notorious due to geologic instability, as it is perched several hundred feet up a steep bluff from the Pacific Ocean, where the sliding roadway has become an enormous challenge and which Caltrans has dubbed "Last Chance Grade". Surface access from the north and northeast, which is from Oregon in both cases, is only slightly improved over the access from the south and faces similar challenges with natural conditions along the Pacific Ocean where many slides occur to the north rendering Highway 101 frequently unusable; through the Smith River canyon to the northeast, where commercial vehicles are restricted in size due along Highway 199 due to the dangerous curves that exist along that roadway, surface access is similarly impacted.

Del Norte County does have one commercial airport that provides air service, however even the air service is federally subsidized under the United States Department of Transportation's Essential Air Service program (EAS), due to Del Norte County's remote and isolated geography. Interestingly, the EAS program is most common in the remote communities of Alaska, where the US DOT provides similar assistance to rural residents for access to larger communities for medical, legal, etc. purposes. Del Norte County is one of only three communities in California eligible for the EAS subsidy due to its remote location.

2. Describe how the proposed project will enhance the state's emergency preparedness capabilities, particularly in response to climate change, both short-term and long-term. (5 Points)

In order for the State to enhance its emergency preparedness, sufficient geographic consideration must be provided in how the State chooses to invest in California's many communities. Frequently, rural, geographically isolated communities are underdeveloped due to a lack of resources to secure funding when it becomes available. Said another way, it is often those most in need of the help, that don't get it. In the case of State investments, the location of these investments must be considered in order for the State to be able to enhance its overall preparedness capabilities. In the case of Del Norte County, the sad truth is that Del Norte County is a traditionally underinvested community by the State. This is truly unfortunate as the need in this community is substantial. Del Norte County is exposed to many forces of nature that influenced by climate changes, such as sea level rise, coastal erosion, and wildfires. Currently, the County's ability to be resilient in the face of these climactic conditions to serve the residents of Del Norte County is woefully inadequate. By providing resources to Del Norte County through funding this project, the State will enhance its preparedness by investing in a geographic corner of the state that desperately needs help and which would be tremendously beneficial to the residents of the County.

3. Describe how the proposed project will offer comprehensive, multi-benefit, and holistic projects that support year-round community services and activities, with sustained benefits beyond emergency/evacuation events. In addition, provide a plan to advance workforce development program within the community using the resilience center. (5 Points)

As envisioned, this project would provide what is currently not available to the residents of Del Norte County by creating a space that would be available for a variety of community uses. Specifically, the facility would be able to house the County's Office of Emergency Services, Emergency Operations Center, and Veterans Services as well as enhanced recreational program offerings. These activities and services are provided year around to the residents of Del Norte County and would be augmented through improvements contemplated with this project. For example, the Recreation Gymnasium cannot be utilized to its full capacity by the community currently due to ADA issues with the restrooms. This would be corrected by this project. Additionally, the County has plans to utilize both the Veterans Hall and the Recreation Gymnasium for workforce development including conducting hiring events, job fairs, etc. The Recreation Gymnasium is used by the County to employ many youth in the community for Recreation Division programs and sports leagues, from the which the community benefits.

4. Describe how the proposed project will serve the residents of their communities within one year of project completion. (5 Points)

As discussed in the project narrative and timeline, upon completion of construction the Complex will be immediately



available for operations of the Office of Emergency Services and available to the public. Immediate benefits will include community access to a Commercial Kitchen, Warming or Cooling Center, food distribution, veterans services, and a wide range of other services which are not currently available or would be substantially improved by this project. As the Complex is under the direct charge of the County, there will be no delay in making these facilities available to the community and it is anticipated that even more ranges of use than are currently available would be possible.



#### Applicant's Financial and Management Capacity (30 Points)

1. Provide a description and appropriate financial documents to demonstrate the experience, financial stability, and capacity to manage program funds. (5 Points)

Del Norte County utilizes an internally developed budget and claims system program for budget purposes and processing of vendor payments and payroll expenses. The most recent County Financial Statement and Independent Auditor's Report for the period ending June 30, 2021 is attached to this application.

Del Norte County is the recipient of a wide number of grants through various departments. This grant will be administered by the Office of Emergency Services whose fiscal personnel have extensive experience with grant compliance including grant reporting, grant closeout, and grant audits.

Del Norte County is in good standing with all funding agencies and programs and has annual financial statements available.

2. Demonstrate organizational capacity to implement the CRC program proposal and serve the residents of their communities within one year of project completion. (5 Points)

County Administration is structurally led by the County Administrative Officer (CAO) who is supported by the Assistant CAO and Administrative Services Manager. The Office of Emergency Services (OES) is a division of the Administration Department and is staffed by OES Manager, OES Coordinator, and OES Fiscal Analyst. This core team of staff will oversee the phases of this project and collectively have decades of experiences in administering grants and overseeing public construction projects.

Recently, County Admin and OES led the efforts to obtain and utilize several CalOES grants including Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) and Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) funds to permit and construct a backup power generator for the County's Administrative Center. That project will provide recent experience for the Admin team in implementing a similar project.

As noted in the project timeline, the County has a handful of projects with highly reputable and accomplished firms that are able to provide engineering, architecture, and other related professional services via on-call contracting. The County is highly confident in its ability to provide this project as described within this application in order to be available to residents of the County within one year of completion.

3. To meet program requirements, describe how the proposed project will be used and maintained for a minimum of 10 years. (5 Points)

The Complex Project will be used in the manner described herein. Namely, the Veterans Hall will continue to provide services to Del Norte County veterans but services will be expanded to include placement of the Office of Emergency Services and construction of an Emergency Operations Center in conjunction with providing space for various sheltering needs of the community as well as community gathering purposes. The Recreation Gymnasium will serve the same functions, minus the veterans service focus, with improvements primarily consisting of critical ADA compliance.

These facilities will be maintained by County personnel from the County's Building Maintenance Division. Building Maintenance is a fully funded County department using the County General Fund. Additionally, the residents of Del Norte County recently enacted a 1% sales general sales tax measure that will provide additional resources for maintaining County facilities that provide "vital services."

4. Financial Documents: Please submit financial documents to determine the applicant's financial capacity to successfully complete the awarded project within the three-year Agreement term. Financial documents include financial audit/review, and/or financial compilation, i.e., balance sheets, income statements, statements of cash flow, and tax returns. (15 Points)

2021 Del Norte County Financial Report and Audit.pdf



#### **Letters of Support/Recommendation (10 Points)**

Letters Of Support/Recommendation: Please submit three (3) letters of support/recommendation from community decision makers/leaders to demonstrate strong partnerships with their communities. The documented engagement should include community-identified climate resiliency needs, with a focus on engagement conducted with disadvantaged and disadvantaged unincorporated communities. (10 Points)

2023-03-10 CDFA CRC Grant Letter of Support CASA DN.pdf, 2023-03-10 CDFA CRC Grant Letter of Support DNFSC.pdf, 2023-03-10 CDFA CRC Grant Letter of Support HS DN.pdf, 2023-03-10 CDFA CRC Grant Letter of Support RHS.pdf, 2023-03-10 CDFA CRC Grant Letter of Support FRCR.pdf, 2023-03-10 CDFA CRC Grant Letter of Support FRCR.pdf, 2023-03-10 CDFA CRC Grant Letter of Support Jim Wood.pdf, 2023-03-10 CDFA CRC Grant Letter of Support Jared Huffman.pdf





State of California
Department of Food & Agriculture
Marketing Division
Fairs & Expositions Branch
CRC-01 (Rev. 11/22)
Attachment 2

# Community Resilience Centers Program Project Budget Template

Applicant Name: Del Norte County

Project Proposal Name: Del Norte County Community Resilience Complex

Grant Amount Requested: \$7,930,000

Instructions: Complete each budget category by entering the amount of grant funds budgeted for each category and corresponding grant year.

Budget Categories	Fiscal Year			Total Grant Funds
TOTAL Budget (% of Total Grant Amount)	FY 23/24	FY 24/25	FY 25/26	
A. Design Development				
Printing/Postage/Misc. Office Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2. Professional Services	\$100,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$125,000.00
3. Design Development Contingency	\$20,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00
4. Project Management	\$5,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$7,500.00
				157,500.0
B. Construction Development				
Printing/Postage/Misc. Office Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2. Professional Services	\$100,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$125,000.00
3. Agency Review Fees	\$35,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00
4. CD Contingency	\$20,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00
5. Project Management	\$5,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$7,500.00
C. Bidding Process				207,500.00
Printing/Postage/Misc. Office Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2. Professional Services	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.0
3. Bidding Process Contigency	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
4. Project Management	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
				62,500.0
D. Construction				
Printing/Postage/Misc. Office Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2. Professional Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Materials/Supplies/Equipment	\$0.00	\$2,500,000.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$4,000,000.00
4. Construction Contract	\$0.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$3,000,000.00
5. Construction Project Contingency	\$0.00	\$280,000.00	\$210,000.00	\$490,000.00
6. Project Management	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$10,000.00	\$12,500.00
				\$7,502,500.0
Subtotal by Fiscal Year	\$285,000.00	\$4,425,000.00	\$3,220,000.00	
GRAND TOTAL (Sections A-D)				\$7,930,000.0



# Del Norte Fire Safe Council

P. O. Box 1135 Crescent City, CA 95531 530-524-1872

March 10, 2023

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE FAIRS AND EXPOSITION BRANCH

RE: CDFA 2022 Community Resilience Centers (CRC) Program

Dear Grant Review Committee:

I am writing to urge your consideration of the Del Norte County Community Resilience Complex Project application for a Community Resilience Centers Grant. This grant would provide enhancements to the Veterans Memorial Hall and Recreation Gymnasium locations and ensure ongoing operation of community halls that provide essential meeting areas in the County during emergency events.

More specifically, the planned rehabilitation project would provide improvements of both the Vets Hall and the Rec Gym and would include: roof replacement, earthquake retrofit, heating and cooling system upgrades, construction of backup power, ADA compliance, construction of a County EOC space and OES offices, installation of large screen and A/V upgrades for public communication, among other critical upgrades. These improvements are aligned with local and state objectives to reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions through energy efficient applications and will ensure longevity of local community infrastructure. Additionally, these investments will enhance community spaces that serve all residents within Del Norte County.

For the reasons mentioned above, the Del Norte Fire Safe Council lends its support for this program and urges CDFA to approve Del Norte County's application for the CRC Program.

Sincerely,

Aaron Babcock

Aaron Babcock, Coordinator Del Norte Fire Safe Council



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For the reasons mentioned above, CASA of Del Norte lends its support for this program and urges CDFA to approve Del Norte County's application for the CRC Program.

Sincerely,

Christine Slette

Executive Director, CASA of Del Norte



#### **HUMANE SOCIETY OF DEL NORTE**

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For the reasons mentioned above, the Humane Society of Del Norte lends its support for this program and urges CDFA to approve Del Norte County's application for the CRC Program.

Sincerely,
Eileen Bennett ~ Vice President
Humane Society of Del Norte
707-464-1686



## RURAL HUMAN SERVICES

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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE FAIRS AND EXPOSITION BRANCH

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For the reasons mentioned above, Rural Human Services lends its support for this program and urges CDFA to approve Del Norte County's application for the CRC Program.

Sincerely,

Randy Brazelton

Executive Director Rural Human Services

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For the reasons mentioned above, the Family Resource Center of the Redwoods lends its support for this program and urges CDFA to approve Del Norte County's application for the CRC Program.

Sincerely,

Amira Long (along@frcredwoods.org)

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**Executive Director** 

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# **Redwood Coast Regional Center**

Respecting Choice in the Redwood Community

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As an Emergency Manager for an organization that works for and with members of Del Norte County's most vulnerable, I would like to lend my support for this project. During emergencies it is imperative that Del Norte County OES has the resources and a safe location to operate and serve members of their rural community. I encourage you to please approve Del Norte County's application for the CRC Program.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fred Keplinger
Emergency Management Coordinator
Redwood Coast Regional Center

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These improvements are aligned with local and state objectives to reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions through energy efficient applications and will ensure longevity of local community infrastructure. Additionally, these investments will enhance community spaces that serve all residents within Del Norte County.

I hope for your favorable consideration of this important proposal. It is a responsible plan that will provide a safety net for the residents of the Del Norte community during storm events and disasters.

Respectfully,

JIM WOOD

Assemblymember, 2<sup>nd</sup> District

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Karen Ross, Secretary California Department of Food and Agriculture 1220 N Street Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Ross:

I am writing in support of Community Resilience Centers grant funding for Del Norte County's Community Resilience Complex Project. This project would significantly upgrade the Veterans Memorial Hall and Recreation Gymnasium facilities and ensure ongoing operation of essential meeting areas during emergencies in the rural north of my congressional district.

The planned rehabilitation project would include roof replacement, earthquake retrofit, heating and cooling system upgrades, construction of backup power, ADA compliance, construction of a county Emergency Operations Center and Office of Emergency Service offices, and installation of large screen and audio/visual upgrades for public communication at the vets hall and gym. These improvements are aligned with local and state objectives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through energy efficiency and will ensure longevity of critical community infrastructure.

Please give Del Norte County's application for Community Resilience Centers funding for the Community Resilience Complex Project your full and fair consideration. If you have any questions, please contact my District Representative John Driscoll at (707) 407-3585.

Sincerely

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