

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Bob Nisbet, Director  
General Services Department

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Assistant Director

**SUBJECT:** Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (FEMA-1505)  
1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Supervisorial Districts

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## Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Execute Professional Service Agreement with Ehlen, Spiess & Haight in the not to exceed amount of \$60,000 for engineering services to effect a seismic retrofitting of the 1950's Santa Maria Juvenile Court in Santa Maria, FEMA Project 1505-43-17, and
2. Execute Professional Service Agreement with Ehlen, Spiess & Haight in the not to exceed amount of \$53,400 for engineering services to effect a seismic retrofitting of Building A, B and a portion of Building C on the Cook-Miller Court Campus in Santa Maria, FEMA Project 1505-44-18, and
3. Execute Professional Service Agreement with Ehlen, Spiess & Haight in the not to exceed amount of \$80,000 for engineering services to effect a seismic retrofitting of the historic Santa Barbara Courthouse in Santa Barbara, FEMA Project 1505-45-19.
4. Approve Budget Revision (BR #2005766) in the amount of \$469,585.00 for the County Match requirements of FEMA 1505 Grant funding.

## Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with Goal No. 2. A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit.

## Executive Summary and Discussion:

As a result of the San Simeon Earthquake (FEMA 1505-DR-CA) of December 22, 2003, the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) through the California State Office of Emergency Services (OES) made available Hazardous Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding. For an agency to be eligible for these FEMA funds an approved Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) had to be approved by FEMA. Additionally, projects in the LHMP required a Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA) of 1.00 or better to qualify for the HMGP funding. The County of Santa Barbara received approval of its multi-jurisdictional Hazardous Mitigation Plan in February 2004 and facilitated by David Richard of County Public Works.

Subsequent to this approval, State OES issued a public notice State Wide to all eligible Counties, Cities and special districts seeking Notice of Interest (NOI) for HMGP allocations. The County of Santa Barbara submitted its NOI in February 2005 and received notice of its HMGP Court Facilities obligation in September 2005 in the amount of \$1,162,500.00 with the County match of \$387,500.00 for a total project budget of \$1,550,000.00. In addition to this obligation, other county departments were successful in their request bringing the total HMGP obligation for the County of Santa Barbara to just over \$2,000,000.00.

In consultation with State OES, the County Executive Office, County Disaster Recovery Manager and General Services, the following projects were identified to receive funding:

1. Old sections of 1950's Juvenile Court Space, Foster Road, Santa Maria (\$290,000)
2. Buildings A & B and a portion of Building C on the Cook-Miller Court Campus in Santa Maria (\$485,000)
3. Portions of the Historic Santa Barbara Courthouse (\$775,000)

Since the September 2005 approval, the Office of the County Architect has been working with the County Executive Office, Ehlen, Spiess & Haight (consulting engineers), County Building Official (regarding the permit track) and the County Disaster Recovery Manager, to define the scope of work and refine individual work plans for each site selected for seismic retrofitting. As a result of refining these work plans, the need to address federally mandated ADA upgrades was indicated by the County Building Official. Typically ADA upgrades can cost as much as the work that triggers the upgrades. Of the three identified projects, the Historic Santa Barbara Courthouse falls under the State Historic Building Code. The Historic Building Code allows the County Building Official to flex the requirements so that historic resources receive maximum protection. The remaining projects fall under the regular California Building Code. ADA compliance is targeted at 10% or \$155,000. Of that amount, \$116,250 is FEMA eligible with an additional County match in the amount of \$38,750.

The FEMA approved work-plans for each of the three projects describe the scope of proposed work in court related space and certain non-court spaces, like: office space for the District Attorney, Public Defender and Sheriff. The detail of these work-plans is available in the Office of the County Architect.

The following two tables illustrate the original project (FEMA approved) budgets and the revised budgets due to ADA upgrade requirements. FEMA has obligated the Original Budget for a total of \$1,196,972. Of that amount, \$181,344 is eligible for payment, which the County has requested.

**Original FEMA approved and obligated project budgets and County Match:**

<i>Project</i>	<i>Original FEMA Approved Project Budget</i>	<i>County Match (25%)</i>	<b><u>FEMA</u> <u>Obligated Funds</u> <i>(includes grant administration costs)</i></b>	<i>FEMA Release of Funds (A/E Fees Only)</i>	<i>Amount FEMA Authorized for Automatic Payment</i>
<i>1505-43-17: Old sections of Juvenile Court Space</i>	\$290,000	\$72,500	\$216,562	\$56,250	\$5,148
<i>1505-44-18: Buildings A &amp; B and a portion of Building C on the Cook-Miller Court Campus</i>	\$485,000	\$121,250	\$372,383	\$50,094	\$4,852
<i>1505-45-19: Portions of the Historic Santa Barbara Courthouse</i>	\$775,000	\$193,750	\$608,027	\$75,000	\$16,503
<i>Sub-Total Budget</i>	\$1,550,000	\$387,500.00	\$1,196,972	\$181,344	\$26,503
<i>Non-Eligible Staff Time</i>	0	\$43,335.00	0	0	
<i>Total Budget</i>	\$1,550,000	\$430,835.00	\$1,196,972	\$181,344	

The following table illustrates the requested additional amount for ADA costs. The request is pending FEMA review and approval. Until the County receives FEMA approval, the original budget in the table above will govern. The last two columns in the table below indicate the revised County Match Requirement and the increase amount to that original match. By this Board Action, these amounts will be allocated from the SB 1732 Seismic Retrofitting funds set aside for seismic retrofitting of courthouse facilities as an anticipated requirement of the transfer of these facilities to the State Judicial Council in the next few years.

**Revised Project Budgets and County Match:**

<i>Project</i>	<i>Original FEMA Approved Project Budget</i>	<i>ADA Budget</i>	<i>Revised Requested Project Budget</i>	<i>Revised County Match (25%)</i>	<i>Addition County Match due to ADA Costs</i>
<i>1505-43-17: Old sections of Juvenile Court Space</i>	\$290,000	\$26,350	\$316,350	\$79,087.50	\$6,587.50
<i>1505-44-18: Buildings A &amp; B and a portion of Building C on the Cook-Miller Court Campus</i>	\$485,000	\$51,150	\$536,150	\$134,037.50	\$12,787.50
<i>1505-45-19: Portions of the Historic Santa Barbara Courthouse</i>	\$775,000	\$77,500	\$852,500	\$213,125.00	\$19,375.00
<i>Sub-Total Budget</i>	\$1,550,000	\$155,000	\$1,705,000	\$426,250.00	\$38,750.00
<i>Non-Eligible Staff Time</i>	0	0	0	\$43,335.00	0
<i>Total Budget</i>	\$1,550,000	\$155,000	\$1,705,000	\$469,585.00	\$38,750.00

**Environmental Documentation**

**NEPA Review:** Program environmental review for each of the identified projects was conducted by OES/FEMA in compliance with FEMA Regulation 44 CFR Part 10.8(d)(2)(iii) and FEMA Environmental Policy Memo #5. In addition to regular NEPA review the historic Santa Barbara Courthouse has undergone a Section 106 historic resources review and was determined to pose no significant impacts and received a Negative Declaration. The Juvenile Hall and Cook-Miller buildings each received a Categorical Exemption.

**Budget Revision Request**

Budget Revision Requests are required to be approved by the Board in compliance with Government Code Sections §29125 and §29130 and normally heard by the Board once a month in batches. However, in order for the consulting contracts to be executed by the Board a project budget is required. The approval of Budget Revision Request (BR #2005766) in the amount of \$469,585 from the SB 1732 Seismic Retrofit project funds (063/0030) to each of the project accounts will fulfill the required 25% required county match. The amount being allocated in this Budget Revision Request anticipates FEMA approval of the additional ADA budget request. In the event that FEMA does not approve the additional funding for ADA, this project will return to the SB 1732 Seismic Project \$38,750.

Each project budget will be allocated the following amount from this Budget Revision Request:

- 1505-43-17(063/8552): SM Juvenile Hall: FEMA \$105,000 County Match \$35,000 Total \$140,000
- 1505-44-18 (063/8553): SM Cook & Miller: FEMA \$103,344 County Match \$26,115 Total \$129,459
- 1505-45-19 (063/8554): SB Courthouse: FEMA \$131,344 County Match \$68,782 Total \$200,126

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

The project is consistent with the adopted Facility Policy Framework and will not impact Mandated Programs or Service Levels.

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**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

County matching funds will be from the SB 1732 Courthouse Seismic Mitigation Project (funds in 063/0030) in the amount of \$469,585. Facility impacts are related to the actual construction work to install the seismic improvements. This Board action does not authorize construction thereby no Facility Impacts will occur at this time.

**Special Instructions:**

Forward three duplicate original executed agreements for each project and a Minute Order to the County Architect at 1105 Santa Barbara Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor (Courthouse East Wing).

**Concurrence:**

Auditor-Controller

County Executive Office

Public Works—Disaster Recovery Manager

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