


## COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

## Planning Department

**MEMORANDUM**

Date: December 27, 2015  
To: Housing Advisory Commission  
From: Kent Edler   
Re: Disaster Recovery Initiative (DRI) Grant Closeout

In 2011, The Planning Department received a \$249,583 grant from the California Department of Housing and Community Development to fund work on updating the General Plan/Local Coastal Program (GP/LCP) and associated County Code regulations to address reduction of impacts from natural hazards including floods, fires, and coastal hazards. The grant funded portions of work on the grant activities has been completed.

This item is being brought before your Commission to conduct a public hearing to review the past use of funds and program performance associated with the grant, to review closeout documents, and to solicit citizen input regarding the outcome and accomplishments of the funding received and expended.

The project to amend portions of the General Plan/Local Coastal Program (GP/LCP) and the County Code that address public safety was initiated to promote goals, policies and regulations that would increase the resilience of the community relative to the expected impacts of climate change in Santa Cruz County, provide for adaptation strategies, and implement several Priority Actions in the County's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP). In 2011 the Planning Department obtained funding from the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Disaster Recovery Initiative grant program to implement recommendations of the LHMP related to flooding, coastal bluffs and beaches, erosion, and fire.

The contract activities of the grant include:

- Update and revise the flood provisions of the County Geologic Hazards Ordinance
- Update the Safety Element of the General Plan
- Update the non-flood provisions of Geologic Hazards Ordinance
- Evaluation of stormwater runoff policy including ordinances and standards
- Planning for future elevation of structures within 100-year floodplains
- Development of a tree removal permit related to the 2008 Bonny Doon (Martin) Fire
- Development of a Eucalyptus abatement plan
- Development of planning manual for fuel load reduction in salamander habitat areas

Even though we have expended all grant funds plans to continue working on the amendments. In 2016, the Planning Department expects to complete environmental review of the ordinance and General Plan

amendments. Following completion of environmental review, the recommended revisions will be presented to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors for approval.

The proposed update of the GP/LCP Public Safety Element includes amendments to:

- Section 6.2 Coastal Bluffs and Beaches: acknowledge and incorporate sea level rise in policies, and address development on coastal bluffs and beaches, including coastal protection structures.
- Section 6.3 Erosion Control: reduce the amount of land clearing that can be done without a permit.
- Section 6.4 Flood Hazards: acknowledge and incorporate climate change and sea level rise in flood hazard policies, and make other clarifications and updates to flood hazard policies.
- Section 6.5 Fire Hazards: amend for consistency with state law, including road access standards and incorporating the state standard for defensible space of 100 feet around existing structures.

The goals and policies contained in the General Plan and Local Coastal Program are implemented through regulations contained in the County Code. For this reason, the following County Code regulations are also proposed to be amended:

- Chapter 16.10 Geologic Hazards is amended to provide regulations consistent with the proposed GP/LCP Coastal Bluffs and Beaches policy amendments, to remove the floodplain regulations, and to update other regulations for hazards such as landslides, earthquakes and liquefaction.
- Chapter 16.10 currently also includes regulations that apply to floodplains. In order to achieve greater clarity for regulations that apply within floodplains (as opposed to within other geologic hazard areas), and to better incorporate guidance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), a new separate Chapter 16.13 "Floodplain Management Regulation" is proposed.
- Chapter 16.22 Erosion Control land clearing provisions are amended in order to reduce the threshold for when a land clearing permit is required from one acre to one-quarter acre in all areas of the County (the requirement for a permit for any amount of land clearing within sensitive habitat areas would not change). Amendments to provide greater clarity and consistency regarding permit processes are also proposed.
- Chapter 16.20 Grading Regulations are amended to incorporate road access standards consistent with the proposed amendments to the Fire Hazard section of the GP/LCP Safety Element.

Project closeout documents including the Final Funds Request, the Financial Accomplishment Report are attached.

### **Conclusion/Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the Commission hold a public hearing to discuss this report and accept public input on the project.

# Disaster Recovery Initiative (DRI) Funds Request Rev. 11.09.11



## Conditions for DRI Processing:

- 1) Supporting Documentation - Include Summary of Expenditures Form with each Funds Request.
- 2) Requests less than \$1,000 will be returned (exception: Final Funds Request)
- 3) Section II & III - list only activities for which funds are being requested.

Be sure to enter Previous Balance information in boxes 14 & 20 even for first requests.

## Section I - DRI Grantee Information

<b>1. DRI Contract #</b> <b>11-DRI-7557</b>	<b>2. Grantee Name:</b> <b>County of Santa Cruz</b>	<b>3. Request Type</b> <b>Final</b>	<b>4. Request #</b> <b>9</b>	<b>5. Date Prepared</b> <b>5/14/2015</b>
<b>Contract Dates</b>		<b>10. Grantee Address:</b>		<b>11. Preparer Name &amp; Address:</b>
<b>6. Execution:</b> 1/6/2012	701 Ocean Street, 4th Floor	Kent Edler		
<b>7. Expiration:</b> 3/31/2015	Santa Cruz, CA, 95060	701 Ocean Street, 4th Floor		
<b>8. Amended</b>		Santa Cruz, CA, 95060		
<b>9. Amendment:</b>	<b>Phone #:</b> 831-454-3168	<b>Phone #:</b> 831-454-3168		
	<b>Email:</b> Kent.Edler@santacruzcounty.us	<b>Email:</b> Kent.Edler@santacruzcounty.us		

## Section II - Funds Requested (to the nearest dollar)

1	12. DRI Activity - <b>NON</b> - DREF (Activity Categories 1, 3, & 4)	13. Budget	14. Prev. Balance	15. Funds Returned:	16. Request Amount	17. Balance
				to Contract	Disencumbered	
1						\$0
2						\$0
3						\$0
4						\$0
5						\$0
6						\$0
7						\$0
8						\$0
<b>DRI Funds (NON - DREF):</b>		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

1	18. DREF Only Activity (Activity Categories 2A - 2F)	19. Budget	20. Prev. Balance	21. Funds Returned:	22. Request Amount	23. Balance
				to Contract	Disencumbered	
1	ity 2A -(20..) Planning	\$249,583	\$17,221			\$0
2						\$0
3						\$0
4						\$0
5						\$0
6						\$0
7						\$0
8						\$0
<b>DRI Funds (DREF Only):</b>		\$249,583	\$17,221	\$0	\$0	\$0

<b>24. Comments:</b>	<b>Total Requested &amp; New Balance</b>
	\$17,221

See attached "Summary of Hours Worked" document for a summary of the hours as well as a description of the hours worked on the grant.

## Section III - Expenditure of Previously Advanced Funds

1	25. Activity	26. Funds Request #	27. Amount Advanced	28. Amount Expended	29. Funds Returned	30. Balance
1						\$0
2						\$0
3						\$0
4						\$0
<b>Totals:</b>			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

## Section V - Grantee Approval

**Grantee Certification:** I certify to the best of my knowledge that this report is true in all respects, that the reported amounts agree with the official accounting reports and that all disbursements have been made or will be made for the purposes and conditions of this grant.

<b>Preparer Signature:</b> <b>Preparer Name:</b> Kent Edler	<b>Date:</b> 5/13/2015	<b>Authorized Signature:</b> <b>Authorized Signer Name:</b> Kathleen Molloy Previsich <b>Date:</b> 5/13/2015
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DRGR Voucher #:	Voucher Date:	Program Rep:	Fiscal Rep:
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Grant No.: 11-DRI-7557  
Grant Amend. No.:  
Execution Date: 01/06/12  
Expiration Date: 03/31/15  
DBG Program Rep: Linda Boyle

	Final FAR
	Closeout Report

Section I - Fund Status		Report Period: From: 01/03/15 To: 03/31/15					
Section I Part A - Requested Fund Information							
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Contract Activities	HUD Code	Budgeted Amount	Total Requested To Date	Total CDBG Funds Received	CDBG Funds Requested Not Received	Total CDBG Funds Disbursed	CDBG Funds-on-Hand* (Col. 5 - 7)
1- Update Flood Hazards Provisions	20	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 90,654.78	\$ 88,930.53	\$ 1,724.25	\$ 88,930.53	\$
2- Update Safety Element	20	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 66,000.00	\$ 57,230.93	\$ 8,769.07	\$ 57,230.93	\$
3- Update Non-Flood Provisions	20	\$ 69,998.00	\$ 65,787.04	\$ 59,801.63	\$ 5,985.41	\$ 59,801.63	\$
4- Stormwater Detention / LID	20	\$ 3,407.00	\$ 3,407.64	\$ 3,407.64		\$ 3,407.64	\$
5- Structural elevation program	20	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 693.36	\$ 544.86	\$ 148.50		\$
6- Tree Removal Guidelines	20	\$ 1,918.00	\$ 1,918.08	\$ 1,918.08		\$ 544.86	\$
7- Fuel Load reduction Plan	20	\$ 10,273.00	\$ 10,272.96	\$ 10,272.96		\$ 1,918.08	\$
8- Abatement Plan	20	\$ 7,093.00	\$ 7,093.44	\$ 7,093.44		\$ 10,272.96	\$
9- General Administration	21A	\$ 4,894.00	\$ 3,755.70	\$ 3,161.70	\$ 594.00	\$ 7,093.44	\$
Total		\$ 249,583.00	\$ 249,583.00	\$ 232,361.77	\$ 17,221.23	\$ 3,161.70	\$

\*Note: If Funds-on-Hand exceeds 5,000, please explain why in Section VI - Comments.

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Section II - Expenditure of Match, Leverage & State /Federal Sources		
(3)	(4)	
		\$ 249,583.00
		\$ 232,361

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