



Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services & OR3

Review of Measure Q Grant Program

COAB Meeting March 18, 2026

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MQ Grant Program Inaugural Application Cycle – By the Numbers

48 Days application period (*January 26 – March 13, 2026*)

54 Applications submitted across Tier 1 (**30**) and Tier 2 (**24**)

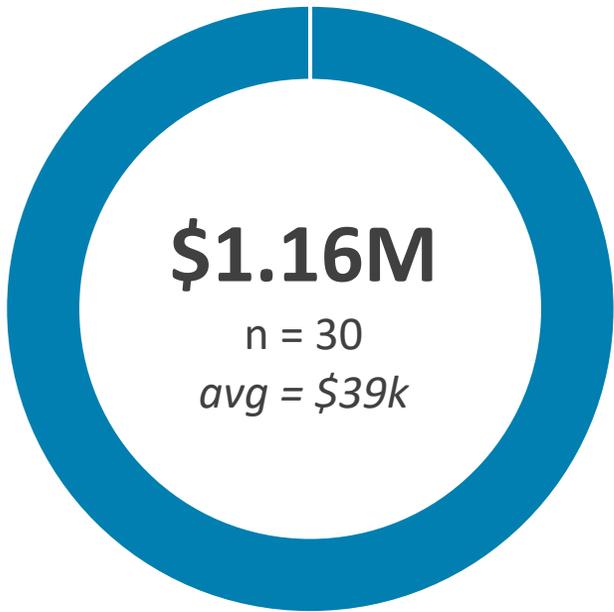
\$8.9M in requested funds

3.6x Total funding request equal to ~3.6x the size of the MQ Grant Program annual budget (**\$2.5M**)

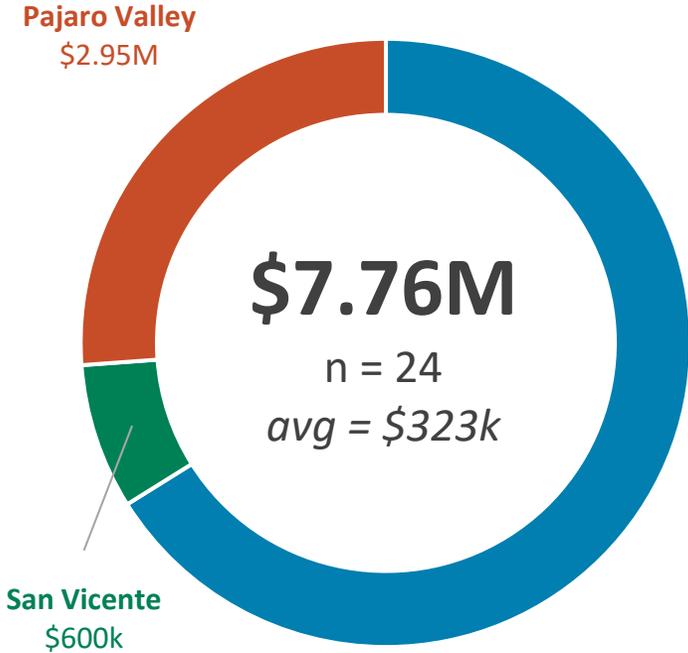
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Tier 1 Community Catalyst
\$5k - \$50k



Tier 2 Community Impact
\$50k - \$500k

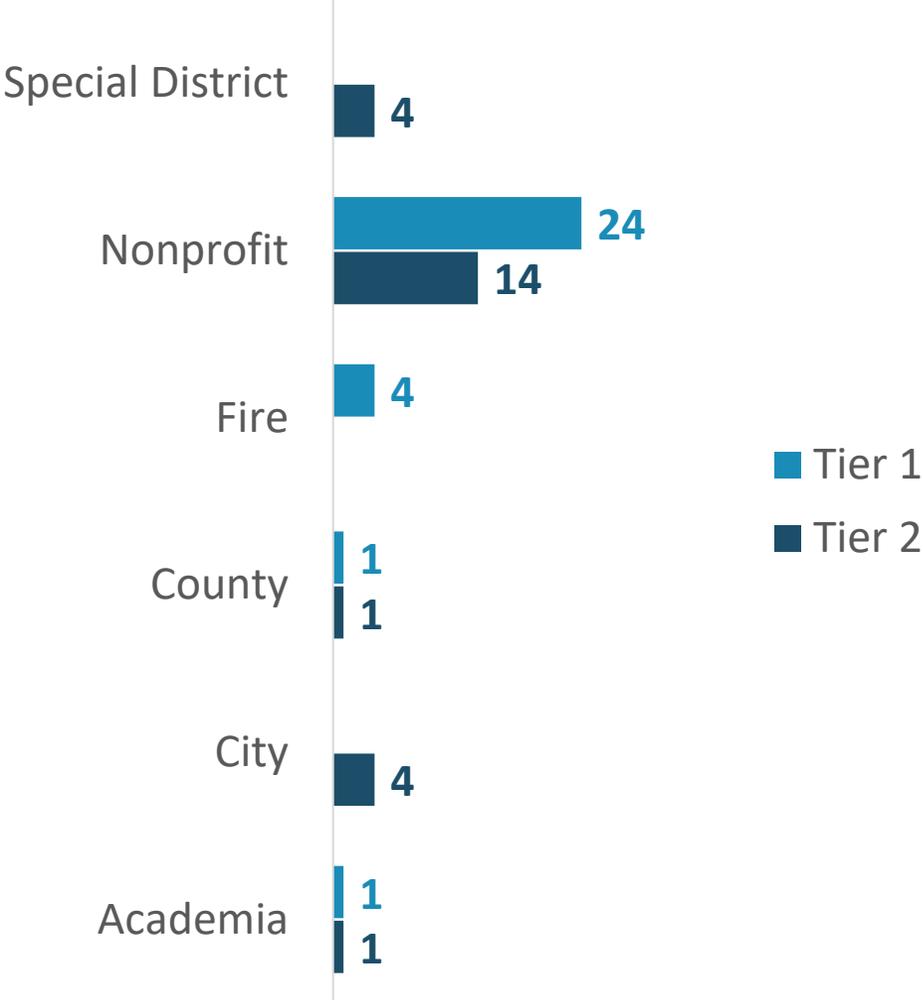


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Application Count by Organization Type



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MQ Grant Program Inaugural Application Cycle – Challenges and Opportunities



Challenges

- **Over-subscription** of avail. funding highlights local **demand for stable revenue sources** to support resilience projects (applications = 3.6x annual MQ budget)
- Ongoing improvements needed to optimize **grant portal interface** and reduce barriers to entry
- Developing ongoing guidance for project implementation including **prevailing wage, environmental compliance, contracting**

Opportunities

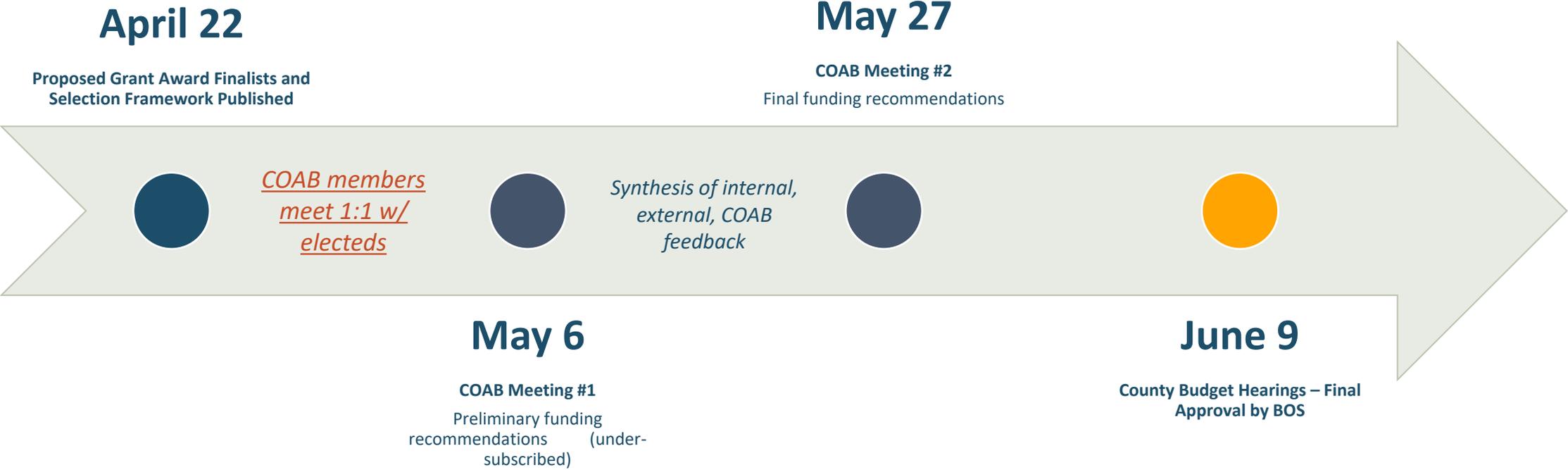
- Utilizing a **two-year performance period** for inaugural cycle could increase available allocation and support project implementation
- Grant applications provide inventory of local needs / capacity and **“matchmaking” opportunities** in between cycles
- Commitment to **continuous process improvement** as grant portal issues are identified
- Working with local and state land stewardship partners to identify **permitting streamlining** strategies

MQ Grant Program Inaugural Application Cycle – Evaluation Timeline



Date	Grant Cycle / COAB Milestones	County Budget Milestones
March 13	Application period closes	
March 16 – 25	Compliance review by County staff	
March 16 – April 15	External evaluation period; recommendations report submitted to County staff	
April 22	<p>COAB Meeting (proposed)</p> <p>Proposed grant award finalists and selection framework published; COAB members and Board members are encouraged to review the staff report and begin 1:1 outreach</p>	
May 6	COAB Meeting #1 — Preliminary funding recommendations discussed; COAB provides initial feedback	
May 19		Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting
May 27	COAB Meeting #2 — Final funding recommendations presented, incorporating feedback from Meeting #1	
June 9	<i>Final grant funding selections presented to Board of Supervisors</i>	
June 10 – 11		County Budget Hearings
June 24		Last Day County Budget Hearing

MQ Grant Program Inaugural Application Cycle – Process for Incorporating COAB Feedback



Questions?

Thank You

