



TO: National Special Districts Coalition

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Grant Services Activity Report – January through June 2024

This Activity Report reviews grant services and consulting work performed by TFG on behalf of the National Special Districts Coalition (NSDC) throughout January – June 2024. Activities include those performed on behalf of NSDC as a whole as well as those provided to individual special districts.

District Consultations

TFG held consultations and answered project inquiries for the following special districts. Our work was either initiated through direct referral or through the districts' use of the NSDC Project Idea Funding Portal.

Oak Creek Fire District, CO

The district met with TFG for a one-on-one consultation on February 26, 2024 to discuss their interest in pursuing funds for EMS gear, equipment, and facility upgrades, including a new fire station. The district has been successful in applying for grant funding through the state and is looking to apply for federal grants, specifically through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). TFG advised the District that we are available to assist in grant review and grant writing for federal grant opportunities. Additional follow-up is planned as FEMA grants open.

Fallbrook Regional Health District, CA

The District submitted to the NSDC Project Portal to inquire about funding sources for general Broadband, Energy, Cybersecurity, Homelessness, Public Health, and Transportation topics. TFG followed up to schedule a meeting and provided comprehensive grant guides for the topics of interest. The District has yet to follow up with TFG.

Materials Shared:

[Broadband Grant Guide](#)

[Public Health Grant Guide](#)

[Transportation Grant Guide](#)

[Homelessness Grant Guide](#)

[Cybersecurity Grant Guide](#)

[Grid Modernization Grant Guide](#)

Strasburg Fire Protection District, CO

The District submitted to the NSDC Project Portal to inquire about fire-related funding sources. TFG followed up to schedule a meeting and provided a comprehensive grant guide for the topic of interest. The District has yet to follow up with TFG.

Materials Shared:

[Fire Prevention and Safety Projects Grant Guide](#)

Yolo County Resource Conservation District, CA

The District submitted to the NSDC Project Portal to inquire about funding sources for three projects regarding a compost program, watershed restoration and Green House Gas reduction. TFG followed up to schedule a meeting and provided comprehensive grant guides for the topics of interest. The District met with TFG for a one-on-one consultation on June 27, 2024. After the call TFG conducted federal grant research for the District's three objectives and followed up with resources, recommendations and seven potential grant opportunities.

Materials Shared:

[Water Supply Grant Guide](#)

[Parks and Recreation Grant Guide](#)

[Grid Modernization Grant Guide](#)

[Electric Vehicles Grant Guide](#)

[Water Ecosystem and Restoration Grant Guide](#)

Upper Pine River Fire Protection District, CO

The District submitted to the NSDC Project Portal to inquire about funding sources for relocating an old fire station. The District met with TFG for a one-on-one consultation on June 27, 2024. After the call TFG conducted federal grant research for the District's project and followed up with recommendations and three potential grant opportunities.

Materials Shared:

[Fire Prevention and Safety Projects Grant Guide](#)

San Miguel Fire Department, CA

The Fire Department submitted to the NSDC Project Portal to inquire about funding sources for the construction of two fire stations. TFG followed up to schedule a meeting and provided a comprehensive grant guide for fire infrastructure projects. The District met with TFG for a one-on-one consultation on May 23, 2024. The Fire Department did not follow up with TFG after the consultation.

Materials Shared:

[Fire Prevention and Safety Projects Grant Guide](#)

Port Costa Sanitation District, CA

The District submitted to the NSDC Project Portal to inquire about Water and Wastewater funding sources. TFG followed up to schedule a meeting and provided a comprehensive grant guide for the topic of interest. The District met with TFG for a one-on-one consultation on May 23, 2024. During the call the District informed TFG of two wastewater projects for which they are seeking funding (the replacement of 2 pumps and the renovation of 1 sand filter bed). TFG conducted thorough research and provided the District with a list of possible funding opportunities to explore.

Materials Shared:

[Water and Wastewater Grant Guide](#)

Timber Mesa Fire and Medical District, AZ

The District submitted to the NSDC Project Portal to inquire about General NSDC Grant Services; Fire; Public Safety and Law Enforcement; and Public Health funding sources. TFG followed up to schedule a meeting and provided comprehensive grant guides for all the topics of interest as well as the NSDC services pricing sheet. The District did not follow up with TFG.

Materials Shared:

- [Fire Prevention and Safety Projects Grant Guide](#)
- [Public Safety and Law Enforcement Grant Guide](#)
- [Public Health Grant Guide](#)
- [NSDC Grant Services Pricing Sheet](#)

Running Springs Water District, CA

The District submitted to the NSDC Project Portal to inquire about building a new fire station in Running Springs to replace their 50+ year old fire station. TFG followed up to schedule a meeting and provided comprehensive grant guides for all the topics of interest. The District engaged but was unable to make their scheduled meeting. TFG followed up with the District to reschedule but has not heard back.

Materials Shared:

- [Fire Prevention and Safety Projects Grant Guide](#)
- [Public Facilities Grant Guide](#)

San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District, CA

The District submitted to the NSDC Project Portal to inquire about building a new fire station to allow for the incorporation of state-art facilities and equipment, enabling firefighters to work more efficiently and safety. The District is currently in the process of tearing down and constructing the new Station 18 in the community of Crest (Southern California). TFG followed up to schedule a meeting and provided comprehensive grant guides for all the topics of interest. The district engaged but was not able to make the first two meeting dates. TFG has reached out to book a new meeting with the District and has not heard back.

Materials Shared:

- [Fire Prevention and Safety Projects Grant Guide](#)
- [Public Facilities Grant Guide](#)

Winston - Dillard Water District, OR

The District submitted to the NSDC Project Portal to inquire about a reservoir replacement project. TFG followed up to schedule a meeting and provided comprehensive grant guides for the topic of interest. The District met with TFG on April 25, 2024 and discussed needs associated with the replacement of a reservoir and their history in pursuing competitive grants, mainly through the state, for the project. TFG is in the process of following up with the District to discuss review of funding opportunities.

Materials Shared:

[Drinking Water Grant Guide](#)

[Water Supply Grant Guide](#)

NSDC Services

Resource Guide

TFG compiled a comprehensive [NSDC Grants Program Resource Guide](#) for NSDC Grants members. The resource guide was launched to NSDC members who registered for the Grants training webinar part-one (summarized in the section below) on June 13. The NSDC Grants Program Resource Guide provides a review of key information and services available to special districts under the NSDC Grants Program along with direct access to the NSDC Grants Project Idea Portal, the NSDC Grants Weekly Update, and NSDC Member Portal. The Resource Guide will also be incorporated and included as a link in the NSDC Weekly Grants Update.

Grants Training Webinar Series

TFG and NSDC held part-one of a grants training webinar series titled: **“Follow the Money: Where grant funding went, where it’s going, and how to bring it home”** on May 30, 2024. TFG provided a comprehensive review of federal grant funding including the latest developments and how they impact districts seeking competitive grant funding. This segment aimed to help participants navigate the federal funding landscape effectively, predict potential federal funding changes in the upcoming election year, and provide an overview of the new and expanded grant services offered to NSDC member associations and individual special districts.

Participants: 131. [View the list.](#)

Registrants: 248. [View the list.](#)

Additional Services Provided to Districts

TFG is currently engaged with the following districts on a monthly basis to provide federal funding and grant consultation services.

Marina Coast Water District, CA

Marina Coast Water District just renewed it’s contract with TFG for a third year. TFG worked with the District to develop and implement a comprehensive strategic funding plan for priority projects. TFG wrote and

submitted an application for MCWD for the WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Grant program. Awards are expected to be announced in June or July of 2024.

Santa Cruz Port District, CA

TFG worked with the Santa Cruz Port District under a monthly retainer to research funding opportunities for the District’s top priorities. The search for grant funding came at the direction of their board and was limited to the District’s projects related to coastal resiliency and sea level rise. Despite extensive research, no programs were found to align with the District’s needs and goals for their projects.

Eagle River Water and Sanitation District, CO

TFG began working with Eagle River Water and Sanitation District in March of 2024 to develop and conduct a full comprehensive needs assessment and funding strategy that will match their priority projects with federal grant opportunities as well as congressionally directed spending.

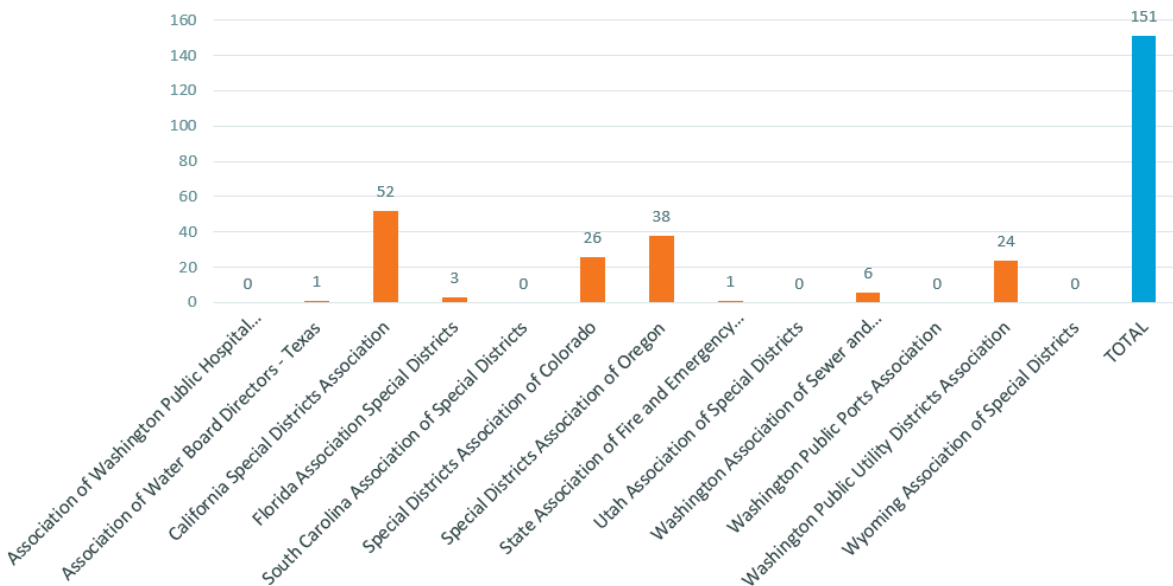
South Tahoe Public Utilities District, CA

TFG began working with the South Tahoe Public Utilities District in June of 2024 to develop and conduct a full comprehensive needs assessment and funding strategy that will match their priority projects with federal grant opportunities.

Project Idea Portal Report

View the [Project Idea Portal here](#).

Grant Portal Submission by NSDC Member



Grant Portal Inquiries Submitted by NSDC Member							
	Submission Status				Outcome		
	Submitted	Pending	Open	Closed	Info Sent	Meeting Held	Engagement
Association of Washington Public Hospital Districts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Association of Water Board Directors – Texas	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
California Special Districts Association	52	1	5	46	42	14	5
Florida Association Special Districts	3	1	0	2	3	0	0
South Carolina Association of Special Districts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Districts Association of Colorado	26	0	3	23	18	5	0
Special Districts Association of Oregon	38	2	2	34	27	3	1
State Association of Fire and Emergency Districts (SAFE-D)	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
Utah Association of Special Districts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Washington Association of Sewer and Water Districts	6	0	1	5	6	1	0
Washington Public Ports Association	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Washington Public Utility Districts Association	24	0	0	24	20	7	0
Wyoming Association of Special Districts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	151	4	11	136	117	31	6

**Some inquiries have come to TFG directly and not through the online portal. TFG is in the process of adding those inquiries in to the data set.*