



CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT
Status Updates for Monthly City Council Meeting

DATE: April 1, 2022

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Chad Sweet, City Administrator

Day-to-Day

- BUILDING DEPARTMENT
 - ◆ Leonard Brogden - Gearhart's temporary Building Official
 - ◆ RFP closes June 15th - it has been extended two months

- CODE ENFORCEMENT
 - ◆ Nothing new to report

- PUBLIC WORKS
 - ◆ Annual backflow testing letters have gone out
 - ◆ The City's Water Conservation Plan update was due to the State March 31st
 - ◆ The Water Seismic Risk Management Plan draft is being reviewed

- STAFF/ADMINISTRATION
 - ◆ Nothing new to report

- VACATION RENTALS
 - ◆ Nothing new to report

Special Projects

- ODOT HWY 101 CORRIDOR PROJECT
 - ◆ Nothing new to report

- PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT
 - ◆ Waiting for equipment delivery → site is being surveyed for prep work

- FIRE STATION UPDATE
 - ◆ City website has lots of factual documents available, including the tax calculator
 - ◆ The City does not regulate political signs as long as they are on private property and not obstructing traffic views
 - ◆ Last day to register to vote - April 26th
 - ◆ Ballots begin mailing April 27th (unless overseas/military or out of state, then earlier)

Grants

- City Grant History list is attached for Council (the 3 grant updates below are on the list)
 - ◆ Also attached; Example of one of many grant programs that advertise they fund fire station construction projects, but Gearhart does not qualify (USDA) → others:
 - BRIC - Can BRIC fund a new building construction for a critical facility if the current facility is located in a hazard zone (i.e. fire station in flood zone)?
 - This construction activity on its own is not eligible. BRIC can fund mitigation projects to reduce risk from natural hazards such as upgrades beyond codes to buildings for floods, retrofitting buildings for wind, or application of ignition-resistant construction for wildfires.
 - SCG - House bill to fund "station construction grants" H.R.3728 still stuck in House committee since 6/2021
 - AFG/FSC - applied and were denied and it hasn't been offered since (2009)
 - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - population too small
 - Business Oregon - began the process with them in 2020, but only seismic rehab projects available (not new construction, or rebuilds)
 - Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation's Defense Community Infrastructure Program (military) → awarded a fire station construction project to Oceanside, CA in 2010; looking into it.
- HMGP (Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant Program)
 - ◆ LOI successful! HGMP app for UGB Land Swap funds due in June
- NWSC (Necanicum Watershed Council)
 - ◆ Bee Pollinator Project grant to OWF (Oregon Wildlife Foundation) for \$5k successful!
 - Noah working with Scappoose Bay WC for their spring plant sale to set up a plant purchase and planting plan

On Our Radar

- WORKSESSION
 - ◆ May 31st - Agenda TBD
- SATURDAY, APRIL 23RD IS BUSY!
 - ◆ Gearhart Clean Up Day (dump drop at City Hall) - 8a-10a
 - ◆ Emergency Cache Day (1st of 2 access days at GVFD) - 9a-11a
 - ◆ SOLVE Beach Clean Up (meet at 10th St access) - 10a-12p

Of Note

- BUDGET COMMITTEE APPLICATIONS
 - ◆ Accepting until Friday, April 29th - Budget meeting is Thursday, May 5th
 - Apps on the website under Contact Us/Job Openings
- GRANT DONATIONS
 - ◆ Accepting until Monday, April 25th - Budget hearing is Thursday, May 5th
 - Apps on the website on the May 5th City calendar date
- COFFEES WITH THE MAYOR
 - ◆ April 13th - 11a GVFD
 - ◆ April 26th - 3p GVFD

Grant Apps/Award History

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Organization	Fiscal Year	Application Amount (rounded)	Awarded (rounded) *pending= submitted; in progress= preparing	Description
American Firefighter's Grant (AFG)	FY03-2004	\$67,800	\$67,800	Replace all Non-Compliant PPE/SCBAs
American Firefighter's Grant (AFG)	FY04-2005	\$18,700	\$18,700	Ladders & Thermal Imager
American Firefighter's Grant (AFG)	FY05-2006	\$165,000	\$0	Replace Unimog truck
American Firefighter's Grant (AFG)	FY06-2007	\$184,300	\$184,300	Replace Unimog truck
American Firefighter's Grant (AFG)	FY09-2010	\$55,100	\$0	SCBA fill station; turnout washer & dryer
American Firefighter's Grant (AFG)	FY10-2011	\$38,000	\$38,000	SCBA fill station
American Firefighter's Grant (AFG)	FY10-2011	\$2,785,000	\$0	ARRA Station Grant - replace fire station
American Firefighter's Grant (AFG)	FY12-2013	\$37,000	\$0	Wellness & Fitness Equipment
American Firefighter's Grant (AFG)	FY12-2013	\$111,300	\$0	PT Recruiter/Training Officer - 4 years
American Firefighter's Grant (AFG)	FY13-2014	\$104,600	\$0	PT Recruiter/Training Officer - 4 years
American Firefighter's Grant (AFG)	FY14-2015	\$137,000	\$0	Recruiter/Training Officer - 4 years
American Firefighter's Grant (AFG)	FY15-2016	\$325,700	\$0	FT Recruiter/Training Officer - 4 years
American Firefighter's Grant (AFG)	FY16-2017	\$145,650	\$0	Non-Compliant SCBAs & RIT Equipment
American Firefighter's Grant (AFG)	FY17-2018	\$198,700	\$0	Non-Compliant SCBAs & RIT Equipment
American Firefighter's Grant (AFG)	FY18-2019	\$145,000	\$145,000	Replace Non-Compliant SCBAs
OR Dept of Land Conserv Dvlpmt (DLCD)	FY18-2019	\$14,000	\$14,000	Coastal Resiliency Grant - Tsunami Hazard Overlay Zone (THOZ)
State Homeland Security Grant (SHSP)	FY18-2019sub	\$15,000	\$15,000	Emergency Operations Plan update

State Homeland Security Grant (SHSP)	FY19-2020	\$54,200	\$54,200	Mass Care Cache (food, H2o, shelter)
Walmart Community Grant Program	FY19-2020	\$5,000	\$0	Public Safety (Resiliency Supplies)
OR Dept of Land Conserv Dvlpmt (DLCD)	FY20-2021	\$25,000	\$25,000	Fire station foundation
OR Dept of Land Conserv Dvlpmt (DLCD)	FY20-2021	\$1,000	\$1,000	Planning services
Oregon Parks & Rec Dept (OPRD-LGGP)	FY20-21, 21-22 ext	\$15,000	\$15,000	Parks Master Plan
State Homeland Security Grant (SHSP)	FY20-21, 21-22 ext	\$28,700	\$28,700	Mass Care Cache (hygiene, first aid, disinfectants, lighting, generators, etc etc)
Oregon Weed Board (OWEB)	FY21-2022	\$12,500	\$0	ODA noxious weed management (CREST)
Pacific Power Foundation	FY21-2022	\$5,000	\$2,000	Toward Centennial Park playground equipment
ODOT Small City Allotment	FY21-22, FY22-23	\$100,000	\$100,000	Sidewalk/curb replacement; ADA reqs
OR Conservation & Recreation Fund	FY21-2022	\$15,000	in progress	Pollinators & Ecology/History signage on RP (Chinook Nation?)
Oregon Wildlife Foundation	FY21-2022	\$5,000	\$5,000	Bee Pollinators (NWSC)
American Firefighter's Grant (AFG)	FY22-2023	\$558,000	pending	Water Tender truck
American Firefighter's Grant (AFG)	FY22-2023sub	\$1,296,000	pending	Administrator joint with Cannon Beach VFD (\$2M)
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP-4499)	FY22-2023	\$30,000	in progress	NHMP land use changes (fire station)
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP-4599)	FY22-2023	\$35,000	pending	Water reservoir solar power battery back-up
OR Dept of Agriculture	FY22-2023	\$20,000	in progress	Noxious Weeds (draft WMP)- Neacoxie Rip Zone
OR Parks Foundation Fund (OPFF)	FY22-2023	\$5,000	in progress	Playground ADA access, walkway

TOTAL APPLICATIONS		\$6,758,250		
TOTAL FUNDS AWARDED			\$713,700	\$6,758,250
TOTAL FUNDS PENDING/IN PROGRESS		\$1,959,000		
POTENTIAL TOTAL FUNDS AWARDED			\$2,672,700	

Rural Development

Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program

What does this program do?

This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. An essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial or business undertakings.

Who may apply for this program?

Eligible borrowers include:

- Public bodies
- Community-based non-profit corporations
- Federally-recognized Tribes

What is an eligible area?

Rural areas including cities, villages, townships and towns including Federally Recognized Tribal Lands with no more than 20,000 residents according to the latest [U.S. Census Data](#) are eligible for this program.

How may funds be used?

Funds can be used to purchase, construct, and / or improve essential community facilities, purchase equipment and pay related project expenses.

Examples of essential community facilities include:

- Health care facilities such as hospitals, medical clinics, dental clinics, nursing homes or assisted living facilities
- Public facilities such as town halls, courthouses, airport hangars or street improvements
- Community support services such as child care centers, community centers, fairgrounds or transitional housing
- **Public safety services such as fire departments, police stations, prisons, police vehicles, fire trucks, public works vehicles or equipment**
- Educational services such as museums, libraries or private schools
- Utility services such as telemedicine or distance learning equipment
- Local food systems such as community gardens, food pantries, community kitchens, food banks, food hubs or greenhouses

What kinds of funding are available?

- Low interest direct loans
- **Grants**
- A combination of the two above, as well as our [loan guarantee program](#). These may be combined with commercial financing to finance one project if all eligibility and feasibility requirements are met.

What are the funding priorities?

- Priority point system based on population, median household income
 - Small communities with a population of 5,500 or less
 - **Low-income communities having a median household income below 80% of the state nonmetropolitan median household income.**

What are the terms?

Funding is provided through a competitive process.

Direct Loan:

- Loan repayment terms may not be longer than the useful life of the facility, state statutes, the applicants authority, or a maximum of 40 years, whichever is less
- Interest rates are set by Rural Development, contact us for details and current rates
- Once the loan is approved, the interest rate is fixed for the entire term of the loan, and is determined by the median household income of the service area and population of the community
- There are no pre-payment penalties
- Contact us for details and current interest rates applicable for your project

Grant Approval:

Applicant must be eligible for grant assistance, which is provided on a graduated scale with smaller communities with the lowest median household income being eligible for projects with a higher proportion of grant funds. Grant assistance is limited to the following percentages of eligible project costs:

1. **Maximum of 75 percent when the proposed project is:**
 - Located in a rural community having a population of 5,000 or fewer; and
 - **The median household income of the proposed service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 60 percent of the State nonmetropolitan median household income.**

[The program uses the old Census with a Metro median income of approx. \$52.8k and Gearhart \$50k. The current Census says Gearhart is at \$83k, so we are moving farther from these types of programs.]