

Grants

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Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Past FY:

- Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funding: Utility Bill Assistance and Business Assistance Loans
- Municipal Ocean Water Infrastructure Planning

Present FY:

- Business Assistance Loan Program
- Microenterprise Financial Assistance Program
- Water Meter Replacement Project
- Fire Station Rehabilitation Planning
- Code Enforcement

Future:

- 2024 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) expected release July 2024
- 2023 NOFA awards not yet announced

CDBG –
Business
Assistance
Loan &
Microenterprise
Financial
Assistance
Programs

Business Assistance Loan Program

Total Award: \$500,000

- Low-interest loans for Job Creation or Retention
- Approx \$65,000 available
- Program ends June 2024

Microenterprise Financial Assistance Program

Total Award: \$117,000

- Low-interest loans for Microenterprise businesses
- Approx \$35,000 available
- Program ends November 2024

**Workshop for interested businesses at Town Hall on
April 4 from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm**

CDBG – Water Meter Replacement Project

Water Meter Replacement Project

Total Award: \$2,944,365

- City-wide water meter replacement
- Upgraded software will enhance customer experience
- Many commercial and multi-family meters already replaced
- Single-family meter replacement expected completion Fall 2024

CDBG – Water Meter Replacement Project

Fire Station Planning

Total Award: \$203,702

- BID-ready plans and specs for Fire Station Reconstruction (originally Rehabilitation; Reconstruction was found to be more cost-efficient)
- Phased reconstruction – North building first
- Completed plans for North building expected April 2024
- Potential Application for 2024 CDBG NOFA (OTC Project) pending completed NEPA & CEQA

CDBG - Code Enforcement Program

Code Enforcement Program

Total Award: \$447,749

(\$216,749 Grant Award + \$231,000 Program Income Allocation)

- Program began in April 2021 with one Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) stationed at City Hall
- We now have two CEOs stationed at the Police Department
- Program ends April 2024
- Potential Application for 2024 CDBG NOFA (Included as part of OTC Housing Combination Program)

MCOG OWP Parking Study

Parking Study

Total Award: \$71,752

- Comprehensive downtown parking strategy
- Council will review the study in April and consider adoption of code amendments

California Jobs First

(Formerly
Community
Economic
Resilience
Fund)

The Community Economic Resilience Fund (CERF) was created by the State to build an equitable and sustainable economy across California's diverse regions and has been rebranded to California Jobs First (CJF).

The City of Fort Bragg is a partner of the High Road Collaborative / Redwood Region Resilient Inclusive Sustainable Economy (RRRISE), which has been awarded CJF funding. Identified projects will be eligible for **\$500 million** in funding during the implementation phase (expected to run Winter 2024-2027).

Staff is actively participating in this regional conversation to represent City and coastal interests. Staff is leading the Renewable & Resilient Energy Sector Table and also highly involved in the Blue Economy & Working Lands Sector Table.

Other CDD Grant Opportunities in Process

Affordable Housing \$1,500,000

- CA Department of Housing and Community Development HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) 2022-2023 Funding

Pomo Education & Visibility \$237,000

- Community Foundation of Mendocino County Community Enrichment Grant Program
- T-Mobile Hometown Grant Program
- California Coastal Conservancy Coastal Stories Grant Program

Grants to
Increase
Housing
Opportunities

SB-2, Local/Regional Early Action Planning (LEAP/REAP) & Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) Programs

\$684,587

Deliverables:

- Support Community Land Trust for Housing
- Accessory Dwelling Unit Program Plans
- Purchase Springbrook Building Permit module
- Tiny Homes & Tiny Home Communities
- Vacant Parcel Report
- SB-9 Urban Lot Splits
- Planned Unit Development Standards

Housing Mendocino Coast

with
the
community
land
trust
model

A 501c3 focused on providing home ownership opportunities to households earning up to 120% of the area median income that will stay affordable in perpetuity.

- Added first home to portfolio: City Inclusionary Housing Unit
- \$825,000 of Congressional Earmarked Funds (thank you, Huffman!!)
- \$600,000 of PLHA allocation (thank you, Council!!!)
- Working on receiving additional funding for pilot project through the CA Jobs First Act, CDBG and other HCD programs, as well as HUD.

California
Coastal
Commission
Local
Coastal
Program
Grant
Funding

**Balancing environmental stewardship with economic vitality
with strategic focus on Blue Economy opportunities**

\$898,995

Community Engagement Plan

- www.NoyoOceanCollective.org

Blue Economy Visioning Resiliency & Implementation Plan

- Site specific SLR, Tsunami, Erosion strategy
- Parcel assessment (physical, social, economic conditions)
- Aquaculture Feasibility Study

LCP Update to codify findings of planning effort

- In coordination with County of Mendocino, as they are conducting SLR resilience strategy for coastline, which includes City of Fort Bragg

Regional Blue Economy Initiatives

MCOG- Mendocino Council of Governments

- North Harbor Drive Circulation Plan

Noyo Harbor District & West Business Development Center

- Ice House & Entrepreneurial Support for Local Fishing Fleet

Noyo Center for Marine Science

- Blue Economy Feasibility Study
- Design for Ocean Science Facility on Headlands

Kai-Poma

- Stewarding land previously managed by Caltrans (Blues Beach)

Federal/State Resource Workshop

- April 2024