



AGENCY:	City Council
MEETING DATE:	February 9, 2015
DEPARTMENT:	Administration
PRESENTED BY:	L. Ruffing

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

TITLE:
RECEIVE OVERVIEW AND UPDATE ON GRANT-FUNDED ACTIVITIES

ISSUE:
 An overview of the City’s current grant activities is provided to inform the City Council of the scope of the City’s grant-funded activities in advance of the February 26, 2015 Mid-Year Budget Review workshop.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
 This is an informational item. No Council action is requested.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):
 Not needed. No action will be taken.

ANALYSIS:
 The City of Fort Bragg actively seeks grants to augment ongoing revenue sources. Over the years, the City has been very successful in obtaining grant funding for a wide variety of projects, ranging from planning activities to community services to capital projects. While all City departments are involved in seeking and administering grants, the Community Development Department and the Public Works Department are most actively engaged in seeking grants and implementing grant-funded activities. Over the past 10 years, the City has invested considerable resources to ensure sufficient staffing and training to write grant applications, implement grant-funded activities, and meet fiscal monitoring and reporting requirements. Consequently, the City has secured many millions of dollars of state and federal revenues to help fund capital improvement projects, to fund long-range planning activities, to provide assistance to local businesses, and to help local non-profit service providers improve their programs and facilities.

The following table provides a “snapshot” of active grant awards and activities for FY 2014/15. Some of the activities are winding down, some are just starting up, and others will be implemented in the future.

	GRANT PROGRAM: ACTIVITY	TOTAL GRANT AWARD	PURPOSE
1	CDBG: Homeless Mental Health Program	500,000	Link homeless people to effective services for untreated mental health disorders, to promote best outcomes while reducing overuse and unreimbursed use of agency services such as emergency room visits and law enforcement interactions- administered by MCHC and Coast Clinics.

2	CDBG: Microenterprise Assistance	300,000	Business assistance for businesses with five employees or less- administered by West Company.
3	CDBG: Homeless & Mental Health/Transitional Housing Facility Acquisition	1,200,000	To assist the Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center with the acquisition of facilities to provide homeless and mental health services and transitional housing units.
4	CDBG: Harrison Street House rehabilitation	670,000	Major rehabilitation of Harrison Street House transitional housing including safety improvements, solar system, heating and energy efficiency improvements (completed in 2014).
5	CDBG: Microenterprise Assistance (new)	232,000	To help local entrepreneurs start-up and grow small businesses
6	CDBG: Giving Garden Project	186,000	To establish a community garden that will be operated by the Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center with assistance from the Noyo Food Forest to provide job training and life skills to homeless clients and food for local meal programs.
7	CDBG: HELP Plus Program	214,000	To assist all City residents with appliance retrofits and other programs to reduce utility bills and conserve water.
8	CDBG: HELP H2O Program	65,000	To provide one-time only emergency water bill assistance to low income residents linked with mandatory water conservation education.
9	CDBG Over-the-Counter Grant: Business Loan	836,150	This is a CDBG funded business retention/expansion loan for a local business (Sportz Chrysler). Monthly payments will accrue as program income.
10	CDBG Supplemental Activity: Senior Center kitchen rehab	35,000	Rehabilitation of the commercial kitchen at the Redwood Coast Senior Center.
11	CDBG Supplemental Activity: Food Bank freezer and pallet jack	20,000	Purchase of an overflow freezer and an electric pallet jack for the Fort Bragg Food Bank.
12	CDBG Supplemental Activity: Hospitality House flooring and solar array	41,000	Replacement of flooring and installation of solar system at Hospitality House emergency shelter.
13	CDBG Supplemental Activity: Project Sanctuary building improvements	10,000	Construction of an additional exit route and reception area at Project Sanctuary's Franklin Street facility.
14	CDBG Supplemental Activity: Food Bank Solar System	75,000 to 150,000	Upgrade of roof and installation of solar array at Fort Bragg Food Bank.
15	CDBG Supplemental Activity: Bainbridge Park Upgrades	75,000 to 150,000	Installation of picnic facilities, landscaping, and improvements to lighting at Bainbridge Park.
16	CDBG Supplemental Activity: FBUSD Playing Field Rehab	75,000 to 150,000	Rehabilitation of Dana Gray playing fields.
17	CDBG Supplemental Activity: Sidewalk Infill	Up to 150,000	Sidewalk infill project on Boatyard Drive.
18	CDBG Supplemental Activity: Housing Rehab	Up to 150,000	Additional funding for owner-occupied housing rehabilitation loan program.

19	HOME: Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program	500,000	Housing rehabilitation loan program to benefit low- and moderate-income residents.
20	Housing-Related Parks Grant	98,550	To plan for the rehabilitation of Dana Gray Playing Fields and C.V. Starr Community Center gymnasium project.
21	State Parks Prop 84: Coastal Trail	4,844,500	Construction of 3.5 mile multi-use trail, restoration of native landscaping, installation of parking, restrooms, signage, benches, etc.
22	State Coastal Conservancy: Coastal Trail	1,085,000	Additional funding for Coastal Trail project.
22	Caltrans: Coastal Trail	344,700	Funding for multi-use trail along Glass Beach Drive as part of Coastal Trail project.
23	Federal Appropriation/Caltrans: Chestnut Street Multi-Use Path	750,000	Construction of multi-use path on the north side of Chestnut Street from Franklin Street to Fort Bragg High School.
24	Active Transportation Program: Chestnut Street Multi-Use Path	259,000	Construction of multi-use path on north side of Chestnut Street and safety education program for school children.
25	SWRCB Prop 84: Green Alleys Project	643,400	Construction of low impact development project that will improve three deteriorated alleys including storm drainage and resurfacing.
26	NCIRWMP: Summers Lane Reservoir	700,000	Partial funding for construction of a 45 acre-foot water storage reservoir on the City's Newman Gulch property to address late-summer and drought-related water shortages.
27	Coastal Conservancy: Noyo Center-Whale	32,000	To help fund the Blue Whale skeleton restoration project and related educational programs.
28	Coastal Commission: Noyo Center-Education	35,000	To help fund Noyo Center's marine science education programs.
29	MCOG: Wayfinding Signage Plan	16,000	To plan an effective wayfinding system that will help residents and visitors navigate and find important destinations, parking, and other public facilities.
30	MCOG: City Surrounded by a Park	85,500	To plan for a comprehensive trail system that connects the Coastal Trail to new recreational facilities along the Noyo River and Pudding Creek Drainages.
31	MCOG: Noyo Harbor Access Plan	52,250	To identify alternative routes for safe pedestrian and bicycle access to North Noyo Harbor from the City of Fort Bragg.
32	COPS Program: Community Service Officer	100,000	To help fund one Community Services Officer position in the Police Department.
33	OJP Vest Partnership: 50% rebate for bulletproof vests	5,000	To help offset costs of bullet-proof vests for public safety officers.
	TOTAL GRANT FUNDING	\$14,619,550	Total amount of the grant awards listed in this table. Not all funds will be expended in FY 2014/15.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The City's efforts to obtain grants result in considerable amounts of funding for projects, services and activities that would otherwise require funding from the City's general fund, water or wastewater enterprise funds or would not be undertaken. In addition, the CDBG program provides significant assistance to local non-profit organizations that are providing essential services to low-income residents in our community.

City staff expends time writing grant applications, administering grant-funded activities, and ensuring that necessary procedural and reporting requirements are met. Overall, the City's track record in writing successful grant applications is very high and the City also has a very solid performance record for the completion of grant-funded projects and activities.

IMPLEMENTATION/TIMEFRAMES:

The City's grant activities are on-going.

ATTACHMENTS:

None.

NOTIFICATION:

None.

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