



City of Grover Beach

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City of Grover Beach Awarded \$1.8 Million in Grants

GROVER BEACH, CA — Last week the City of Grover Beach learned the City is the recipient of \$1.8 million in grant funds. The award was made in Community Development Block Grant funds by the California Department of Housing and Community Development. The City applied for the funds in March and the \$1.8 million award represents a fully-funded request.

"I am absolutely thrilled" said Mayor Debbie Peterson when notified of the request. "The City applied for funding on a very competitive state-wide basis and staff did extremely well to win full funding. The Council is very pleased with the outcome. The funds will be used to assist the City with the completion of several priority projects."

Most of the money, \$1.5 million, will be used to upgrade the City's aging water system. Many of the original water lines within the City were installed 75 years ago when the system was sized to serve a much smaller community. According to Public Works Director/City Engineer Greg Ray, *"The water lines are made of steel and consist of mostly 2" and 4" water line. The system is no longer efficient due to corrosion and leaks. The upgrade to 8" lines will improve the system's reliability and increase water flow to the City's fire hydrants in many locations throughout the City."*

Another \$200,000 will be used to purchase land for an affordable housing project. The City's Housing Element will be updated using \$35,000. An update of the City's Economic Development Strategy, a City Council priority, received \$65,000 in funding. The City's Economic Development Strategy will identify the best possible approach to growth to further stimulate economic activity and attract business and job creation.

For more information regarding the award please contact City Manager Bob Perrault at (805) 473-4567.

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