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Coastal cities, counties receive \$530,000 in planning grants

SALEM – Oregon’s coastal cities and counties have been awarded \$530,000 in federal coastal planning assistance grants for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

The funds – distributed by the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) – are part of a federal Coastal Zone Management grant to the state from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Thirty cities and five coastal counties will receive \$340,000 in basic planning assistance grants. Local governments use the funds to process development applications, work with land owners, carry out long-range planning, and administer local land use regulations. Grants are calculated on a population-based formula approved by the 2001 Legislature. Local land use plans and ordinances are part of Oregon’s federally approved Coastal Management Program at DLCD and are eligible for grant support.

“Oregon’s coast is an outstanding state and national resource,” said Lane Shetterly, director of DLCD. “Coastal local governments need all the help they can get in managing development pressures and protecting our coastal heritage. I am proud of our local governments and very pleased that DLCD can assist with federal Coastal Management Program funds.”

In addition, DLCD will award more than \$190,000 to six cities and two counties for competitive technical assistance grants. The grant awards include:

- City of Astoria, \$10,500 to update its inventory of buildable lands;
- City of Warrenton, \$25,000 to inventory buildable lands for employment and housing;
- City of Rockaway Beach, \$10,000 to inventory buildable lands for employment and housing;
- City of Port Orford, \$30,000 for Phase 2 of a special-area comprehensive refinement plan;
- City of Port Orford, \$11,468 to build city GIS capacity as part of county-wide GIS;
- City of Gold Beach, \$6,532 to build city GIS capacity as part of county-wide GIS;
- City of Brookings, \$10,000 to expand city GIS capacity and participate in county-wide GIS;

- Tillamook County, \$25,000 for a north-county regional buildable lands inventory for Manzanita, Nehalem, and Wheeler;
- Curry County, \$30,000 for comprehensive planning of the Harbor Hills and Harbor Bench urban growth areas; and
- Curry County, \$22,000 to purchase equipment needed to complete an online, county-wide, GIS system.

“These are all terrific projects,” said Shetterly. “Local governments are strapped for cash and these projects simply couldn’t happen without outside funds. I’m pleased that we found a way to fund them all.”

Oregon receives federal funds because the state’s Coastal Management Program within DLCD, approved in 1977, meets national requirements.

“Thirty years ago coastal residents led the way in coastal protection,” Shetterly added. “We’ve built upon their efforts. I hope Congress will continue to support the crucial work of local governments in protecting these outstanding coastal resources.”

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