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## Land-use Agency Awards Nearly \$200,000 to Coastal Communities for Public Access Projects

The [Department of Land Conservation and Development](#) (DLCD) announced Monday that it will award \$198,300 in construction grants to seven coastal communities in order to improve public recreational access to the ocean or to estuaries.

"These grants will enhance more than \$700,000 in local construction projects," said Nan Evans, manager of the department's Ocean-Coastal Management Program, "Each of these projects will improve local recreational opportunities in coastal waters as well as tourism opportunities on our coast."

The funding is available to Oregon communities because the state has a federally approved program for managing the state's ocean and coastal resources, Evans said, and comes from Section 306A of the federal Coastal Zone Management Act. The seven communities for the DLCDC grants are:

- City of Astoria: \$40,000 for the 9th Street River Park along the waterfront;
- City of Florence: \$50,000 for a Veterans' Memorial Park on the old town bayfront;
- City of Newport: \$30,400 for recreational pedestrian access along the North Jetty;
- Port of Brookings Harbor: \$15,000 for an expansion to its handicapped-accessible fishing pier;
- Port of Gold Beach: \$14,500 to replace a public boat ramp;
- Port of Tillamook Bay: \$30,000 for an access trail to the Three Graces Tidal Pool; and
- City of Yachats: \$18,400 for two ocean-view parks along its oceanfront.

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