



# City of Grover Beach

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## **CITY RECEIVES \$2.6 MILLION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**

GROVER BEACH, CA – The City of Grover Beach is pleased to announce that the City has received a \$2.6 million Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the California Department of Housing and Community Development for water line replacement, housing assistance funding, and a senior center feasibility study. Grover Beach was one of the only cities in the state to receive at least \$2.5 million and also received \$1.8 million in CDBG funding in 2013 primarily for water line replacement. Grover Beach is the only city in San Luis Obispo that participates in the CDBG “non-entitlement” program that allows the City to apply for competitive grants rather than receive a set allocation of approximately \$75,000.

The City of Grover Beach was awarded \$2.6 million in 2017 CDBG funding for the following three activities:

- *Public Improvements* (\$2,000,000) - This will fund the installation of approximately 2,100 lineal feet of water lines and water system components that service residential areas in an area of the city bounded by West Grand Avenue, South Oak Park Boulevard, Mentone Avenue, and South 10<sup>th</sup> Street.
- *Public Services* (\$500,000) – This will fund two programs administered by the 5Cities Homeless Coalition that include \$410,000 for subsistence payments (eviction prevention) and \$90,000 for security deposits (rapid rehousing).
- *Planning & Technical Assistance* (\$100,000) – This will fund a senior center feasibility study to analyze potential sites and develop a conceptual plan with preliminary construction estimates.

The City has executed the necessary contracts with the Department of Housing and Community Development and anticipates being able to begin expending funds in these three areas by the end of the calendar year. Once the City has received final approval to expend funds, the 5Cities Homeless Coalition can proceed to use the funds for housing assistance and the City will request proposals for the design of the water project and the consultant to prepare the senior center feasibility study.

“The City Council is thrilled to be receiving this CDBG funding for these important public improvements and services,” said Mayor John Shoals. “This funding will be used to upgrade existing public infrastructure and support much needed services that benefit our community.”

“I am very pleased that funding for housing assistance was included in the City’s grant award,” stated Janna Nichols, 5Cities Homeless Coalition Executive Director. “These funds will greatly help the 5Cities Homeless Coalition assist Grover Beach residents who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.”

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