

CITY OF COOS BAY CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Staff Report

MEETING DATE	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
July 7, 2026	3.d

TO: Mayor Benetti, Council President DiNovo and City Councilors

FROM: Jeff Adkins, Fire Chief

THROUGH: Nichole Rutherford, City Manager

ISSUE: Consideration to Accept the Business Oregon Seismic Rehabilitation Grant and Adopt Resolution 26-24 Appropriating the Grant Funds

SUMMARY:

The Eastside Fire Station serves as an important emergency response, disaster preparedness, and community resource facility for the Eastside neighborhood. The City has been awarded a Business Oregon Seismic Rehabilitation Grant in the amount of \$2,165,772 to complete a comprehensive seismic retrofit of the building. This project will improve the station's ability to remain operational following a major earthquake and support the City's emergency response and recovery capabilities during a disaster. Acceptance of the grant and appropriation of the funds will allow the City to proceed with the long-term preservation and seismic strengthening of this critical public safety facility.

ACTION REQUESTED:

If it pleases Council, accept the Business Oregon Seismic Rehabilitation Grant for the Eastside Fire Station in the amount of \$2,165,772, authorize staff to proceed with project implementation, and adopt Resolution 26-24 appropriating the grant funds.

BACKGROUND:

The Eastside Fire Station was originally constructed in 1956 as City Hall for the City of Eastside. Following the merger of Eastside and Coos Bay in 1983, the building was repurposed as a fire station and has continued to serve the Eastside community in that role ever since. The facility remains an important emergency response and disaster preparedness asset for the neighborhood.

The southern Oregon coast remains vulnerable to a major Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake. Previous evaluations identified the Eastside Fire Station as having significant seismic deficiencies and a high risk of structural failure during a major seismic event. Maintaining an operational fire station in the Eastside area following a disaster is important to supporting emergency response, recovery efforts, and community resilience.

In July 2024, the City was awarded a Business Oregon Seismic Rehabilitation Grant in the amount of \$1,125,284 to complete a seismic retrofit of the facility. Following two separate construction bidding processes, project costs significantly exceeded available grant funding. As a result, the City declined the grant award in November 2025 and directed staff to pursue a future funding opportunity.

In January 2026, staff reapplied through the Business Oregon Seismic Rehabilitation Grant Program with updated project costs and scope. The City has now been awarded \$2,165,772 to complete the seismic rehabilitation project. Acceptance of this grant will allow the City to move forward with strengthening the structure and improving its ability to remain operational following a major earthquake or other disaster.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

This Business Oregon Seismic Rehabilitation grant award is for \$1,125,284. These funds would be utilized to improve the seismic resiliency of the Eastside fire station to include labor, materials, and project management as outlined in the grant award agreement. While this may be a prime opportunity to consider additional nonstructural remodeling, no additional funds have been budgeted for work not covered by the grant. This grant will be expended in the 2026-2027 fiscal year, with any remaining funds at fiscal year end budgeted in the subsequent 2027-2028 fiscal year.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Resolution 26-24 Appropriation Authority_Seismic Rehab Grant.pdf
- Business Oregon Seismic Retrofit Award Letter.pdf