

City of Clearwater Strategic Grants Plan 2015

Month	Grant Program	Potential Projects	Program Summary
January	Baseball Tomorrow Fund, Major League Baseball	Little league improvements; expand youth sports activities	Funds may be used to finance a new program, expand or improve an existing program, undertake a new collaborative effort, or obtain facilities or equipment necessary for youth baseball or softball programs.
January	Our Town, National Endowment of the Arts	Create an Arts District; tactical Urbanism/Place making; streetscape; festival market; farmers market	Through Our Town, subject to the availability of funding, the National Endowment for the Arts will provide a limited number of grants, ranging from \$25,000 to \$200,000, for creative placemaking projects that contribute toward the livability of communities and help transform them into lively, beautiful, and sustainable places with the arts at their core.
January	Florida Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG)	Homeless Shelter services	Proposed 2013 Statewide Objectives include the following: #3. Support the operation of emergency shelters to house 5,478 persons who are homeless, and provide essential services to those sheltered; #4. Carry out street outreach to the unsheltered homeless on the streets, to connect them with local housing and services, allowing 62 persons to be safely housed.
February	Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation	Disabled programs at Sailing Center	Grants are awarded to organizations that address the needs of people living with paralysis caused by spinal cord and other injuries, diseases or birth conditions, including (but not limited to) stroke, spina bifida, multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). Quality of Life grants, conceived by the late Dana Reeve, are awarded to programs or projects that improve the daily lives of people with paralysis, with some emphasis on but not limited to paralysis caused by spinal cord injuries.
March	Traffic Safety Grants	Pedestrians & bike safety; high visibility enforcement	Grants are awarded to state and local safety-related agencies to assist in the development and implementation of programs that address traffic safety deficiencies or expand ongoing safety programs activities in safety priority program areas. Match is 25% in Year 2 and 50% in Year 3 when personnel costs are included in multi-year grants.

April	Public Library Construction Grants	New Countryside; New East Branch; repositioning at Main Library	The Department of State, Division of Library and Information Services, provides state funds to governments to construct public libraries. Construction projects includes the construction of new buildings as well as the acquisition, expansion, or remodeling of existing buildings used for public library services. Projects must result in a completed library building on the specified site.
May	COPS Hiring Program Grants (CHP) Sub Category School Resources Officers (SRO)	Prevention/intervention in troubled schools & neighborhoods	Through this competitive program, the COPS Office will provide funding to hire police officers, with additional consideration for the hiring of police officers to focus on selected community policing issues. Applicants are able to request funds to hire new officers, rehire recently laid-off officers, or maintain officers scheduled to be laid-off.
May	HUD Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants	Neighborhood planning; target neighborhoods including East Gateway, North Green, & Lake Bellevue	The Choice Neighborhoods program supports locally driven strategies to address struggling neighborhoods with distressed public or HUD-assisted housing through a comprehensive approach to neighborhood transformation. Local leaders, residents, and stakeholders, such as public housing authorities, cities, schools, police, business owners, nonprofits, and private developers, come together to create and implement a plan that transforms distressed HUD housing and addresses the challenges in the surrounding neighborhood.
June	HUD Emergency Solutions Grant	Homeless services; support C.H.I.P. homeless program	The ESG program is designed as the first step in a continuum of assistance that addresses homelessness and enables the homeless population to move steadily toward independent living. The Continuum of Care (CoC) model is based on the understanding that homelessness is not caused simply by a lack of shelter, but is caused by a variety of underlying human and social conditions. HUD believes the best approach for alleviating homelessness is to establish a community-based process that provides a comprehensive response to the diverse needs of homeless persons.
August	Federal Land and Water	Boardwalk along	Provides grants for acquisition or development of land for public

	Conservation Fund Program	Coachman Park; Crest Lake Park improvements; pedestrian Bridge across Road on Courtney Campbell Causeway; land acquisition on McMullen Booth Road for Trail Head; Pier 60 Park and Beachwalk; boardwalk and docks	outdoor recreation use. Sport Fields, Lighting, General park and playground improvements.
Varying deadlines	Specific Cultural Project (SCP)	Capital Theatre	The Specific Cultural Project (SCP) grant is designed to fund a cultural project, program, exhibition, or series taking place within the grant period (July 1 through June 30). The grant activities must support the mission of the organization and further the state's cultural objectives.
	RESTORE Act, Pot 3 Spill Impact (FL Gulf Coast Consortium)	Storm water Management improvements & expansion; Water Quality & flood protection; storm pipe system improvements; Stevenson Creek; Coastal Basins Project; Alligator Creek; Citywide seawall replacement; converting septic to sewer; hurricane hardening Utility Plants; upgrade waterfront Parks	1. Protect & restore native habitats 2. Provide stormwater quality improvements 3. Create policies, programs and/or mechanisms to remediate environmental and/or economic damages 4. Protect against future environmental &/or economic vulnerability 5. Provide climate change/sea-level rise planning, adaptation &/or related community engagement 6. Provide flood & storm protection to infrastructure and other publically owned assets that consider resilience & changing sea levels. 7. Implement or further actions in the Pinellas County Post-Disaster Redevelopment Plan 8. Diversify & improve the economy including tourism. 9. Promote sustainable recreational fishing and consumption of seafood dependent on the Gulf ecosystem &/or protect or promote working waterfronts.
	Boating Infrastructure Grants Program (BIG P)	Dock repair and replacement; Pier 60 Roof replacement;	Funding through competitive and non-competitive grants is provided for tie-up facilities for transient recreational boats 26 feet or longer (non-trailerable). This program is funded from the U.S. Fish and

		Sailing Center improvements; Island Estates Boat Slips; Clearwater Harbor Marina floating docks; boardwalks; Pier 60 Park and Beachwalk	Wildlife Service and is expressly used for projects such as: Slips expressly designed for these recreational boats, Mooring buoys, day-docks, floating docks, floating breakwaters, safe harbors, Fixed piers, fixed breakwaters, retaining walls, bulkheads Channel markers, buoys, directional information. Support facilities designated for transient recreational boats such as: Restrooms, Pump-out stations, Dockside utilities, water supplies, recycling and trash receptacles. Initial, one-time only dredging, only to provide transient vessels with safe channel depths to the transient facility.
	TIGER	Major transportation grants in conjunction with Greenlight Pinellas; TOD developments; Downtown Intermodal facility	The Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery, or TIGER Discretionary Grant program, provides a unique opportunity for the DOT to invest in road, rail, transit and port projects that promise to achieve critical national objectives. Since 2009, Congress has dedicated more than \$4.1 billion for six rounds to fund projects that have a significant impact on the Nation, a region or a metropolitan area.
	Improving Access to Healthcare Grant Program (IMPACT), Florida Blue Foundation	Create Medical District	Grants are strategically awarded to diverse, philanthropic, community-based solutions that: incorporate new, innovative and evidence-based approaches; build program and/or organizational capacity; are forward-focused and cognizant of a changing health care system; address health care disparities in a culturally-competent manner; promote collaboration; and leverage financial, human and other resources to maximize measurable impact.
	General Grants Program, Dr. Scholl Foundation	Urban Place Making; East Gateway needs	Foundation categories are broad including civic, cultural and environmental activities.
	Housing: Community Development, Bank of America Charitable Foundation	East Gateway, North Green & Lake Belleview neighborhoods; Sustainable Communities initiatives	In response to pressing challenges facing individuals and families across the country, Bank of America is lending, investing and giving to help create economically vibrant communities that are better places in which to live and do business. The Bank of America Charitable Foundation provides philanthropic support to address needs vital to the health of our communities through a focus on preserving neighborhoods, educating the workforce for 21st century jobs and

			addressing basic human services, such as hunger.
	Waste Management - General Grants Program	Clean up of old gas site; environmental cleanup of redevelopment sites	Waste Management targets support to specific projects or programs that enhance the scope of services offered by an organization. These guidelines outline the programs that Waste Management is most motivated to support: Environment, Environmental Education, Causes Important to the areas where we operate - Waste Management is committed to enhancing our communities through programs that help make them cleaner and better places to live.
Monitor the Federal Register for forthcoming Notice of Funding Availability from HUD for specifications on application requirements and further program details.	HUD National Disaster Resilience Competition	City of Clearwater is eligible to compete for these funds.	<p>The program will allocate almost \$1 billion in funds from the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) appropriation to communities that have experienced natural disasters in recent years. The competition seeks to promote innovative mitigation strategies that better prepare communities for the potential effects of climate change, such as more erratic weather, severe storms, and sea level rise. Communities recently affected by a disaster may compete for funding to create plans to help them rebuild and increase their resilience to future disasters.</p> <p>This competition will build on HUD’s earlier project, the “Rebuild by Design” competition, which funded planning proposals to reconstruct and strengthen communities that were affected by Hurricane Sandy in 2012. The winning proposals addressed concerns such as protecting food supply from flood hazards; improving drainage infrastructure in dense urban environments; and mitigating damage from storm surge, storm water runoff and sea level rise in waterfront neighborhoods.</p> <p>The competition will be a year-long program with two phases: 1) risk assessment and planning; and (2) design and implementation. Many communities will be eligible for funding and technical assistance during Phase 1. However, only a subset of these communities will be invited to continue in Phase 2 to design and implement solutions for recovery and future resilience. The best proposals will receive funds for implementation.</p>

			We encourage you to review your local government's mitigation projects currently in your County's Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) and/or proposed projects you will want to add in the annual LMS update. If you have been missing LMS meetings, it's time to start making them a priority!
AMENDMENT 1 Ballot Initiative November 4 th Election	The Florida Water and Land Conservation Amendment	Land acquisition and recreational development programs	AMENDMENT 1 will dedicate funds to acquire and restore Florida's conservation and recreational lands. The amendment will set aside one third (1/3) of the existing State Documentary Stamp Tax (collected on real estate transactions in the State) to fund a minimum of \$10 Billion of new projects over 20 years through the Florida Forever Program. This will allow the Florida Communities Trust Program and other Programs, to award GRANTS to Florida's Local Governments for acquisition and development beginning in the Summer of 2015. This will be a dedicated revenue stream for the next 20 years. The City should monitor this opportunity!