



AGENDA
CITY OF SEASIDE
COMMUNITY SAFETY
ADVISORY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING
440 HARCOURT AVE
Wednesday, September 16, 2026
5:45 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL - COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION

Eugene Jones	Chair
Yvonne Thomas	Vice Chair
Anthony Amarante	Commissioner
Maiaika Velazquez	Commissioner
Kalyn Foliaki	Commissioner
Alan Katz	Commissioner

3. REVIEW OF AGENDA

If there are any items that arose after the 72-hour posting deadline, this is the point in the meeting where a vote may be taken to add the item to the agenda. (A 2/3-majority vote is required).

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public wishing to address the Commission on matters within the jurisdiction of the City of Seaside, but not on this agenda, may do so during the Public Comment period for up to three (3) minutes. Comments on specific agenda items are heard under that item. For the public record, please state your name.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. APPROVE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 19, 2026, REGULAR MEETING

B. APPROVE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 2, 2026, SPECIAL MEETING

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. CONTINUE DISCUSSION AND REVIEW THE SCORES OF THE APPLICATIONS AND IDENTIFY THE TOP 10–15 PROPOSALS FOR THE 2026 YOUTH OPPORTUNITY GRANT PROGRAM.

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss applications and identify the top 10-15 applications to move to the next round of deliberations.

7. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

8. REPORTS FROM STAFF

This is a time specifically set aside for the Staff Liaison to provide updates on non-agendized requests from the Commission, and to provide brief information on topics under the purview of the Commission.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting:
October 21, 2026
5:45 PM

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CITY OF SEASIDE
COMMUNITY SAFETY
ADVISORY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBER
Wednesday, August 19, 2026
5:45 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 5:46 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL - COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION**

PRESENT: Jones, Thomas, Amarante, Velazquez, Foliaki, Katz

ABSENT: None

EXCUSED: None

Quorum established (50% + 1)

3. **REVIEW OF AGENDA**

Vice Chair Thomas motioned to add Ted Black, of the Youth Center, to the presentations.

Motion 2nd by Commissioner Velazquez

AYES: 6

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion passed.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. APPROVE MINUTES FROM JULY 15, 2026 REGULAR MEETING

Motion to approve: Foliaki

2nd: Thomas

AYES: 6

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

6. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

A. DISCUSS THE PROCESS TO REVIEW AND SCORE THE APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2026 YOUTH OPPORTUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

Assistant City Manager Daniel Meewis presented and reviewed the process with the commission. A game plan was established to divide the work and will be assigned through follow-up emails, directly with Assistant City Manager Daniel Meewis.

7. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

KATZ: Shared the enjoyment of participating at National Night Out. Impressed with Chief Borges's response to an incident that occurred in Salinas.

VELAZQUEZ: Enjoyed participating in National Night Out. Attended the Youth Violence Prevention meeting and will attempt to continue attendance. Mentioned the Daily Exotics ride-a-long with Chief Borges video.

THOMAS: Great job with 100% attendance at National Night Out by the commission. Photos have been uploaded to the Facebook page.

JONES: Tabling at National Night Out was great. As a citizen, he is comfortable with the information he has received regarding Seaside Police Department's flock camera use.

AMARANTE: National Night Out was a great event and he enjoyed participating. He has heard community concern about flock camera use in general.

FOLIAKI: National Night Out was a great event to have the commission table for the first time. Expressed gratitude to Officer Madolora and the Community Resource Specialists for their presentation to Sun Street Center. Kudos for a successful car week.

8. REPORTS FROM STAFF

Chief Borges provided the following updates:

- Fireworks went off during car week. However, they were caught and cited. The after-action report will be presented at the August 20, 2026, city council meeting.
- Exotics on Broadway had long barrel rifles in plain view to be prepared and safe. Next year they will have snipers dressed more appropriately and the placement/sight of the weapons will be considered.

- The nation-wide divide regarding flock cameras will not go away.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Foliaki

2nd: Velazquez

AYES: 6

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Lualemana, Commission Clerk

Eugene B. Jones, Chair



MINUTES
CITY OF SEASIDE
COMMUNITY SAFETY
ADVISORY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING
986 HILBY AVENUE
Wednesday, September 2, 2026
5:45 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at: 5:45 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:

COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:

Eugene Jones	Chair	<u>X</u>
Yvonne Thomas	Vice Chair	<u>X</u>
Anthony Amarante	Commissioner	<u>X</u>
Maiiaka Velazquez	Commissioner	<u>X</u>
Kalyn Foliaki	Commissioner	<u>X</u>
Alan Katz	Commissioner	<u>X</u>

STAFF:

Dan Meewis X

3. REVIEW OF AGENDA:

If there are any items that arose after the 72-hour posting deadline, this is the point in the meeting where a vote may be taken to add the item to the agenda. (A 2/3-majority vote is required)

* None

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

* Motion to open up public comments on Business Item A:
Commissioner Foliaki/Commissioner Katz M/S/P

5. BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. HAVE A DISCUSSION AND REVIEW THE SCORES OF THE APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2026 YOUTH OPPORTUNITY GRANT PROGRAM:

* The meeting was held for the Seaside Community Safety Advisory Commission to review 31 grant applications totaling \$1.5 million for the Youth Opportunity Grant program, with \$400.00 available for funding. At this meeting the Commissioners reviewed the grant proposals for community safety initiatives. During the public comment period, representatives from various organizations presented their proposals.

* Before the public comment period started, the Commissioners noted conflicts of interest from some members regarding specific organizations and agreed to recess after public comments to discuss the proposals and begin scoring them.

* Public Comment (3 Minutes):

- * Chantelle Cafferata – Central Coast High School – Driver's Education Program
 - * Andrew & Charles – Boys & Girls Club – Career Exploration Initiatives
 - * Juan Sanchez – Condor Public Arts – Multicultural Programming
 - * Veronica Vasquez – JMM Dance Company – Health, Wellness, and Youth Services
 - * Lynn Foden – United Way – Financial Literacy Program
 - * Rosalyn Green – Action Council – Youth Leadership Academy
 - * Miss Robertson – Seaside Rising Youth Leadership Academy – Youth Leadership Development
 - * Francisca Gonzalez – Community Health Worker in Seaside – Spoke about the importance of the Seaside Rising Youth Leadership Academy
 - * Laura Murphy – Friends of Seaside Parks (FOSPA) – Environmental Education
 - * Andy Ortiz – Monterey County Rape Crisis Center – Child Safety Education
 - * Brenda Joyce Thomas – Seaside Society Cotillion League and Leadership Academy – SSCL – Young Women's Leadership and Mentorship
 - * Nathan Dennin – EDMO – After-School and Summer Programming
 - * Rob Rapp – Sun Street Centers – Youth Safety and Empowerment Programs
 - * Raymond and Eli – Jamin Dance Company – supports youth with autism
 - * Nina – Seaside Rising Youth Leadership Academy – Youth Leadership Development
 - * Rosemary – Seaside Rising Youth Leadership Academy – Youth Leadership Development – She is one of the youths that the program has help her
 - * Julie Smills-Denti – Community Human Services – Street Outreach for Homeless Youth
 - * Donna Penwell – Friends of Seaside Parks (FOSPA) – Environmental Education
 - * Miss Simon & Gene Holloway – Youth of Promise – Youth and Community Engagement
- * After the public comment session was completed, staff gave future meeting and timeline information. The Commissioners will have a discussion tonight. The Commissioners will make their final recommendations at their September 16, 2026 meeting. Their final recommendations will be going to the October 1, 2026 City Council meeting.
- * The Commissioners discussed managing the public comments and narrowing down the list of 31 proposals to more manageable number for City Council consideration. They agreed to potentially select the top 5 proposals from each group to create a more equitable process, though the exact number of final proposals need to be determined.

6. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

- * By the September 16, 2026 meeting, all the Commissioners will review their assigned grant applications, separate applicates into well-established and grassroots/startups, and prepare to prose their top 5 applicants (with suggested funding amounts if desired) to share with staff.
- * All the Commissioners will submit any questions they have about the grant proposals to staff by the following Tuesday, so they can compile and send a

standardized set of questions to applicant organizations.

- * At the September 16, 2026 meeting, all the Commissioners will deliberate and decide on the top 10 – 15 applicants to invite for formal presentations at the October meeting.
- * At the October meeting, all the Commissioners will hear formal presentations from the selected top applicants, score them in real time, disclose any conflicts of interest, and finalize the finding recommendations to be forwarded to the City Council for consideration at the November 5, 2026 city Council meeting.

7. REPORTS FROM STAFF:

- * Staff will send an email to all applicant organizations outlining the revised timeline and process encouraging those who did not make public comment tonight to do so at the September 16, 2026 meeting, and informing them that after the September 16, 2026 meeting, the Commission will narrow down to a top 10 – 15 applicants who will be invited to make a formal presentation at the October meeting.
- * Staff will compile and distribute a standardized set of questions from the Commissioner to all applicant organizations after receiving questions by the deadline.
- * Staff will prepare and distribute a revised scoring spreadsheet after the September 16, 2026 meeting, incorporating Commissioners' revised rankings and any proposed funding amount for their top applicants.

8. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at: 8:15 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Commission Clerk

Eugene B. Jones, Chair

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting

September 16, 2026

Time: 5:45 p.m.

Attachments from the
September 2, 2026 Meeting



CITY OF SEASIDE STAFF REPORT

Item No.: 5.A.

TO: City Council

FROM: Greg McDanel, City Manager

BY: Dan Meewis, Assistant City Manager

DATE: September 2, 2026

SUBJECT: HAVE A DISCUSSION AND REVIEW THE SCORES OF THE APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2026 YOUTH OPPORTUNITY GRANT PROGRAM.

RECOMMENDATION

Discuss the process to recommend funding allocations for the City Council consideration

BACKGROUND

The City of Seaside established the Youth Opportunity Grant (YOG) formerly known as the Community Social Services (CSS) Grant Program in 2020, to support local organizations that provide essential social, educational, and health-related services benefiting Seaside residents. The program aims to strengthen community-based organizations and enhance quality of life through programs that address key community needs.

In January 2026, the City Council directed staff to redefine the scope, recommend a name change, and draft an Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit applications.

At the July 2, 2026, meeting, the City Council approved the updated program policy, RFP and scoring matrix, and renamed the program "Youth Opportunity Grant"

For Fiscal Year 2026–2027, the City has allocated \$400,000 in one-time grant funding for this program. Eligible applicants include nonprofit and community-based organizations that serve Seaside youth ages 24 and under in areas such as:

- Education, tutoring, mentoring, career readiness, and workforce development
- Youth development, recreation, arts, culture, and positive enrichment activities

- Mental health, behavioral health, and social-emotional support services for youth
- Violence prevention, intervention, diversion, and public safety-related youth support services
- Civic engagement, leadership development, neighborhood connection, and community-building programs focused on youth participation and belonging
- Basic needs, housing stability, or family support services when the applicant demonstrates a clear, direct, and measurable benefit to Seaside youth

A minimum 10% match (cash or in-kind) is required from applicants. Award recipients must provide quarterly reports, including measurable outcomes and participant data, and comply with City insurance and reporting requirements.

The 2026 YOG Grant cycle closed on August 7, 2026. City staff conducted an initial review of all applications to verify eligibility, completeness, and alignment with City priorities. Applications meeting all criteria will be presented for the Commission's review and discussion.

In evaluating applications, the Commission shall use the scoring matrix to determine the following:

- Community Need & Target Population (30 Points)
- Program Design & Feasibility (20 Points)
- Anticipated Youth Outcomes & Impact (20 Points)
- Equity & Reach (15 Points)
- Organizational Readiness & Partnerships (10 Points)
- Cost Effectiveness & Match (5 Points)

Overall, the City received applications from thirty-one organizations for a total requested amount of \$1,559,304.00. The organizations that submitted applications are as follows:

Action Council	Arts Council for Monterey County	Bridge Community Services
Community Partnership for Youth	Community Services Human	Central Coast High School
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.	Cub Scout Pack 135	EDMO
Friends of Seaside Parks Association	Gene Holloway Consulting	Greater Victory Temple Church
EHC	Every Child Has a Voice	Monterey Peninsula College foundation
JMM Dance	Palenke Arts	MC Rape Crisis

Seaside Raiders	Set Free Monterey	SunStreet Centers
The Village Project Inc.	Uniquely United Soccer	Valley Health
Youth on Course	Boys & Girls Club	Cotillion league
United Way Monterey County	Harmony at Home	Bird School
Solid Nation		

At the August 16, 2026, CSAC meeting, the commission was introduced to the review process, and was given all the applications to review. After discussion, it was decided that the commission would be split into three groups of two and given 10 random applications for review. Prior to the commission receiving the review groups, they made conflict of interest disclosures to ensure that they would not be given any applications that may be a conflict of interest.

During this meeting, staff recommends having a robust discussion about the applications that they have reviewed, Provide feedback, and try and determine a top 10 to review even further prior to City Council submitting to City Council for consideration.

FISCAL IMPACT

\$400,000 has been allocated in Fiscal Year 26/27 in account 100-9250-4206.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY

Dan Meewis

ATTACHMENTS

1. FY 2026-2027 Youth Opportunity Grant Program - RFP (FINAL)
2. Youth Opportunity Grant Program Policy

Reviewed for Submission to the City Council by:



Greg McDanel, City Manager

City of Seaside



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

YOUTH OPPORTUNITY GRANT PROGRAM (FY 2026 – FY 2027)

ISSUING OFFICE: City of Seaside
 City Manager's Office
 440 Harcourt Avenue
 Seaside, CA 93458

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)
COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM
FY 2026–2027

SECTION 1 – INTRODUCTION, PURPOSE, AND CONDITIONS

1.1 Program Purpose

The City of Seaside invites qualified nonprofit, community-based, faith-based, and fiscally sponsored organizations to submit proposals for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Youth Opportunity Grant Program. The program provides financial assistance to organizations delivering programs and services that benefit Seaside children, adolescents, and transitional-age youth age 24 and younger and advance City Council priorities. Funding is intended to enhance quality of life, address identified community needs, and support youth-serving programs related to education, health, prevention, intervention, recreation, basic needs, and positive youth development.

This Request for Proposals is issued pursuant to the City of Seaside Youth Opportunity Grant Program Policy. The policy establishes the overarching framework for the program, while this RFP sets forth the application requirements, evaluation criteria, and selection process for the FY 2026-2027 funding cycle.

1.2 Funding Philosophy

The City seeks to support both established organizations with demonstrated service delivery capacity and emerging or grassroots organizations proposing innovative or responsive youth-serving programs. The evaluation framework is intentionally designed to prioritize youth-related community need, program impact, feasibility, measurable outcomes, and cost effectiveness, while ensuring that newer organizations are not disadvantaged due to limited organizational history.

1.3 Reservation of Rights

The City of Seaside reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive irregularities or informalities, to modify or cancel this RFP, and to award funding in the manner deemed to be in the best interest of the City. Issuance of this RFP does not obligate the City to award funds or enter into any agreement.

1.4 Public Records Disclosure

All proposals submitted in response to this RFP shall become the property of the City of Seaside and are subject to disclosure pursuant to the California Public Records Act. Applicants may identify proprietary or confidential information; however, such designation does not guarantee that the information will be exempt from disclosure if required by law.

SECTION 2 – AVAILABLE FUNDING AND PROGRAM PARAMETERS

2.1 Funding Availability

The City of Seaside has allocated \$400,000.00 in one-time funding for the FY 2026-2027 Youth Opportunity Grant Program, subject to City Council approval.

2.2 Funding Requirements

Youth Opportunity Grant Program awards are one-time awards unless otherwise authorized by City Council. A minimum ten percent (10%) cash or in-kind match is required from all applicants. Grant funds must supplement, and not supplant, existing funding sources and may only be used for allowable program-related expenditures. Applicants must demonstrate the capacity to implement the proposed program within the grant period.

SECTION 3 – ELIGIBILITY

3.1 Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants include public or private nonprofit organizations recognized under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; community-based or faith-based organizations serving Seaside residents; and grassroots organizations applying in partnership with an established nonprofit fiscal sponsor. Applicants must demonstrate that a meaningful portion of program participants or beneficiaries are Seaside youth age 24 and younger. Programs serving broader populations must identify the direct benefit to Seaside youth participants. Faith-based organizations may apply provided that grant funds are not used for religious instruction, worship, or proselytizing and that participation in funded programs is open to all residents regardless of religious affiliation.

3.2 Eligible Program Areas

Funding shall prioritize programs and services that primarily benefit children, adolescents, and transitional-age youth age 24 and younger. Eligible programs may include education, tutoring, mentoring, career readiness, and workforce development for youth; youth development, recreation, arts, culture, and positive enrichment activities; mental health, behavioral health, and social-emotional support services for youth; violence prevention, intervention, diversion, and public safety-related youth support services; civic engagement, leadership development, neighborhood connection, and community-building programs focused on youth participation and belonging; and basic needs, housing stability, or family support services when the applicant demonstrates a clear, direct, and measurable benefit to Seaside youth. Programs serving broader populations may be considered only when the applicant demonstrates a clear, direct, and measurable benefit to Seaside youth age 24 and younger. Programs must demonstrate a clear municipal or community benefit, alignment with City priorities, and measurable youth-focused outcomes.

3.3 Allowable and Ineligible Expenditures

Eligible expenditures may include program-related personnel costs directly supporting service delivery; supplies, materials, and equipment necessary to implement the approved program; facility or space rental directly tied to program activities; contracted professional or support services; and outreach, engagement, or participant support costs related to program outcomes. The following expenses are not eligible: general operating deficits unrelated to the proposed program; religious or political activities; fundraising events or activities; personal gifts, prizes, or entertainment unrelated to program objectives; and costs incurred prior to City Council approval.

SECTION 4 – PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

4.1 Proposal Content Requirements

Applicants must submit a complete proposal that clearly addresses the required components outlined below. Proposals must be concise, well-organized, and responsive to this RFP. Incomplete proposals will not be considered.

Each proposal shall include an organizational cover sheet; a narrative describing the youth-related community need addressed and target population; a detailed program description including activities, timeline, and feasibility; a discussion of anticipated youth-focused outcomes and measurable impacts; a description of organizational readiness, partnerships, or fiscal sponsorship arrangements; and a detailed program budget demonstrating the required match.

All required attachments, including proof of nonprofit status or fiscal sponsor documentation and a current W-9 form, must be included.

4.2 Proposal Format and Length Requirements

To ensure consistency, fairness, and an efficient evaluation process, proposals shall comply with the following format and length requirements. Proposals that exceed these limits may not be reviewed in their entirety.

The narrative portion of the proposal shall not exceed **ten (10) pages**, excluding the cover sheet, budget, and required attachments. Applicants are encouraged to be clear and concise in their responses.

Narrative pages shall be formatted using a minimum 11-point font, standard margins, and single or double spacing. Pages must be numbered.

The recommended page allocation by section is as follows:

Statement of Youth-Related Community Need – up to 2 pages

Program Description and Feasibility – up to 3 pages

Anticipated Youth Outcomes and Impact – up to 2 pages

Organizational Readiness and Partnerships – up to 2 pages
Equity and Reach – up to 1 page

Budgets, proof of nonprofit status, fiscal sponsor documentation, and other required attachments are not included in the page limit.

4.3 Narrative Guidance

The following guidance is provided to assist applicants in preparing responsive proposals. Applicants are encouraged to address each topic clearly and concisely, using available data, experience, or reasonable assumptions as appropriate. Emerging or pilot programs are not required to demonstrate prior performance data if anticipated youth outcomes and implementation plans are clearly articulated.

Statement of Youth-Related Community Need

Describe the community need or issue the proposed program seeks to address, with particular emphasis on how the need affects Seaside youth age 24 and younger. Applicants may reference qualitative or quantitative data, lived experience, or observed service gaps.

Program Description and Feasibility

Explain the proposed activities, services, or interventions, including how the program will be implemented during the grant period. Describe timelines, staffing, partnerships, and any key assumptions necessary for successful delivery.

Anticipated Youth Outcomes and Impact

Identify the youth-focused outcomes the program is expected to achieve and how success will be measured. Outcomes may be quantitative or qualitative and should be appropriate to the scale and nature of the proposed program.

Equity and Reach

Describe how the program will reach underserved or priority youth populations and ensure equitable access to services. Applicants should identify any barriers to participation and strategies to address them.

Organizational Readiness and Partnerships

Describe the organization's readiness to implement the proposed program, including staffing, governance, partnerships, or fiscal sponsorship arrangements. New or emerging organizations may demonstrate readiness through collaborations or clearly defined roles and responsibilities.

SECTION 5 – SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Proposals must be received by 5 p.m. local time, August 7, 2026. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Proposals may be submitted electronically or in hard copy format, as specified in the RFP announcement or any issued addenda. Completed proposals shall be directed to:

Dan Meewis
Assistant City Manager
City of Seaside
440 Harcourt Avenue
Seaside, CA 93955
dmeewis@ci.seaside.ca.us

Applicants will be notified of the date on which Youth Opportunity Grant Program allocation recommendations are scheduled for City Council consideration.

Proposals may be submitted electronically or in hard copy format, as specified in the RFP announcement or any issued addenda.

SECTION 6 – EVALUATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

6.1 Evaluation Process

All complete proposals will be evaluated and scored by City staff and members of the Community Safety Advisory Committee (CSAC), using the evaluation criteria and scoring matrix adopted for the FY 2026-2027 funding cycle. Evaluation criteria and weighting may be modified annually based on local needs or strategic priorities established by City Council.

Applications shall be evaluated using criteria that may include, but are not limited to, demonstrated youth-related community need, program quality and feasibility, anticipated impact and measurable youth outcomes, equity and reach, organizational readiness and partnerships, and cost effectiveness.

The evaluation framework is designed to ensure that emerging or grassroots organizations are not disadvantaged due to limited organizational history, provided that proposed youth outcomes and implementation plans are clearly articulated.

6.2 Scoring Criteria

Proposals will be scored using a 100-point evaluation framework that emphasizes youth-related community need, impact, equity, feasibility, and cost effectiveness, while limiting the weight assigned to organizational longevity or prior funding history. Detailed scoring criteria and point allocations are included as Attachment A to this RFP.

6.3 City Council Approval

Following committee evaluation, funding scenarios and recommendations will be presented to City Council. All grant awards are subject to City Council approval, and City Council retains final authority over funding allocations.

SECTION 7 – TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

The anticipated schedule for the FY 2026–2027 Youth Opportunity Grant Program is as follows:

Milestone	Date
RFP Issuance	July 6, 2026
Application Deadline	August 7, 2026
Committee Evaluation Period	Through September 4, 2026
City Council Consideration	September 17, 2026
Grant Agreement Execution	No later than October 1, 2026

The City reserves the right to modify this schedule as necessary.

SECTION 8 – GRANT AGREEMENT AND REPORTING

Successful applicants will be required to enter into a grant agreement with the City of Seaside. Funded organizations must submit quarterly progress and expenditure reports as specified in the agreement; submit a final report documenting outcomes, services provided, and use of funds; and participate in Blue Ribbon Task Force meetings and provide a minimum of two program reports during the grant cycle. Organizations that fail to comply with reporting requirements may be deemed ineligible for future funding.

SECTION 9 – QUESTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing by [DATE]. Responses to questions and any clarifications or addenda will be issued in writing and made available to all prospective applicants.

EXHIBIT A – SCORING MATRIX (TO BE INCLUDED WITH FINAL RFP)

Attachment A includes the FY 2026-2027 scoring criteria, point allocations, and scoring guidance. The City may adjust criteria and weighting annually based on local needs or strategic priorities established by City Council.

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)
YOUTH OPPORTUNITY GRANT PROGRAM
FY 2026–2027**

“ATTACHMENT A”

This Attachment A establishes the evaluation criteria and scoring framework used by City staff and the Community Safety Advisory Committee (CSAC) to review eligible Youth Opportunity Grant Program applications. The scoring matrix is intended to support a consistent, transparent, and equitable evaluation process and to inform City Council deliberations. Final funding decisions remain solely within the authority of the City Council.

Evaluation criteria and weighting may be modified annually to reflect evolving community needs or strategic priorities established by City Council.

Summary Scoring Table (100 Points Total)

<i>Evaluation Criterion</i>	<i>Maximum Points</i>
Community Need & Target Population	30
Program Design & Feasibility	20
Anticipated Youth Outcomes & Impact	20
Equity & Reach	15
Organizational Readiness & Partnerships	10
Cost Effectiveness & Match	5
TOTAL POSSIBLE SCORE	100

Scoring Criteria and Guidance

1. Community Need & Target Population (30 Points)

Evaluates the extent to which the proposal demonstrates a clear and compelling youth-related community need affecting Seaside youth age 24 and younger. High scores are awarded to proposals that clearly identify a documented or well-articulated need, define the target population, and demonstrate relevance to Seaside youth. Applicants may use qualitative data, quantitative data, lived experience, or observed service gaps.

2. Program Design & Feasibility (20 Points)

Evaluates the quality, clarity, and feasibility of the proposed program or service. High scores are awarded to proposals that clearly describe program activities, present a realistic implementation timeline, identify staffing and partnerships, and demonstrate the ability to implement the program during the grant period.

3. Anticipated Outcomes & Impact (20 Points)

Evaluates the expected youth-focused outcomes and community impact of the proposed program. High scores are awarded to proposals that identify clear, realistic outcomes and explain how success will be measured. Applicants proposing new or pilot programs are

not required to demonstrate historical outcome data if anticipated outcomes are clearly articulated.

4. Equity & Reach (15 Points)

Evaluates how effectively the proposed program serves underserved or priority youth populations and promotes equitable access. High scores are awarded to proposals that identify barriers to participation and describe strategies to ensure inclusion and access.

5. Organizational Readiness & Partnerships (10 Points)

Evaluates the applicant's readiness to implement the proposed program. High scores are awarded based on staffing, governance, partnerships, or fiscal sponsorship arrangements. Organizational longevity, size, or prior City funding are not required for a high score.

6. Cost Effectiveness & Match (5 Points)

Evaluates the reasonableness of the proposed budget relative to expected outcomes. High scores are awarded to proposals that meet or exceed the required 10 percent match and demonstrate efficient use of grant funds.

Important Evaluation Notes

Lack of organizational history or prior City funding will not disadvantage applicants. Scores are intended to inform, but not replace, City Council judgment. City Council retains final authority over all funding decisions.



**YOUTH OPPORTUNITY GRANT PROGRAM
POLICY**

Purpose: The Youth Opportunity Grant Program provides financial assistance to nonprofit, community-based, and faith-based organizations that deliver programs and services benefiting Seaside children, adolescents, and transitional-age youth, defined for the purposes of this policy as individuals age 24 and younger. The purpose of the program is to enhance quality of life, address identified community needs, and advance City priorities through targeted investments in youth-serving programs related to , education, health, prevention, intervention, recreation, basic needs, and positive youth development.

This policy establishes the overarching framework for the Youth Opportunity Grant Program. Specific program details, application requirements, evaluation criteria, and timelines shall be established annually through a City-issued Request for Proposals (RFP). This policy is intended to provide consistent governance while allowing flexibility to respond to evolving community needs and City Council priorities.

Eligible Applicants: Grants may be awarded to:

- Public or private nonprofit organizations recognized under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;
- Community-based or faith-based organizations serving Seaside residents; and
- Grassroots organizations applying in partnership with an established nonprofit fiscal sponsor

Organizations must demonstrate that a meaningful portion of program participants or beneficiaries are Seaside youth age 24 and younger. Programs serving broader populations must identify the direct benefit to Seaside youth participants. Faith-based organizations may receive funding provided that grant funds are not used for religious instruction, worship, or proselytizing activities, and that participation in funded programs is open to all residents regardless of religious affiliation.

Eligible Program Areas: Funding shall prioritize programs and services that primarily benefit children, adolescents, and transitional-age youth, defined for purposes of this policy as individuals age 24 and younger. Eligible programs may include, but are not limited to:

- Education, tutoring, mentoring, career readiness, and workforce development for youth
- Youth development, recreation, arts, culture, and positive enrichment activities
- Mental health, behavioral health, and social-emotional support services for youth
- Violence prevention, intervention, diversion, and public safety-related youth support services
- Civic engagement, leadership development, neighborhood connection, and community-building programs focused on youth participation and belonging



SEASIDE CALIFORNIA

YOUTH OPPORTUNITY GRANT POLICY

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**CITY OF SEASIDE
STAFF REPORT**

Item No.: 6.A.

TO: Community Safety Advisory Commission

BY: Dan Meewis, Assistant City Manager

DATE: September 16, 2026

SUBJECT: CONTINUE DISCUSSION AND REVIEW THE SCORES OF THE APPLICATIONS AND IDENTIFY THE TOP 10–15 PROPOSALS FOR THE 2026 YOUTH OPPORTUNITY GRANT PROGRAM.

RECOMMENDATION

Discuss applications and identify the top 10-15 applications to move to the next round of deliberations.

BACKGROUND

The City of Seaside established the Youth Opportunity Grant (YOG) formerly known as the Community Social Services (CSS) Grant Program in 2020, to support local organizations that provide essential social, educational, and health-related services benefiting Seaside residents. The program aims to strengthen community-based organizations and enhance quality of life through programs that address key community needs.

In January 2026, the City Council directed staff to redefine the scope, recommend a name change, and draft an Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit applications.

At the July 2, 2026, meeting, the City Council approved the updated program policy, RFP and scoring matrix, and renamed the program "Youth Opportunity Grant"

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Overall, the City received applications from thirty-one organizations for a total requested amount of \$1,559,304.00. The organizations that submitted applications are as follows:

Action Council	Arts Council for Monterey County	Bridge Community Services
Community Partnership for Youth	Community Human Services	Central Coast High School
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.	Cub Scout Pack 135	EDMO
Friends of Seaside Parks Association	Gene Holloway Consulting	Greater Victory Temple Church
EHC	Every Child Has a Voice	Monterey Peninsula College

		foundation
JMM Dance	Palenke Arts	MC Rape Crisis
Seaside Raiders	Set Free Monterey	SunStreet Centers
The Village Project Inc.	Uniquely United Soccer	Valley Health
Youth on Course	Boys & Girls Club	Cotillion league
United Way Monterey County	Harmony at Home	Bird School
Solid Nation		

At the August 16, 2026, CSAC meeting, the commission was introduced to the review process, and was given all the applications to review. After discussion, it was decided that the commission would be split into three groups of two and given 10 random applications for review. Prior to the commission receiving the review groups, they made conflict of interest disclosures to ensure that they would not be given any applications that may be a conflict of interest.

At the September 2, 2026, Special CSAC meeting, the commission heard public comment from multiple organizations which provided valuable information for the commission to use in their deliberations. During the meeting, staff recommended to the commission an extension of the timeline to provide another meeting for those organizations who did not make public comment to come in and briefly describe their proposals. After the public comment period of the next meeting, the commission will revise an scoring and establish a top 10-15 proposals. The applicants will then be invited to give a formal presentation to the commission at the 10/23 meeting. Following those presentations, the commission will identify the proposals they would like to send to council for consideration on November 5, 2026.

During this meeting, staff recommends continuing the discussion about the applications that they have reviewed, providing feedback, and trying and determine a top 10-15 to review even further prior to submitting the final list to City Council for consideration.

FISCAL IMPACT

\$400,000 has been allocated in Fiscal Year 26/27 in account 100-9250-4206.

ATTACHMENTS

1. FY 2026-2027 Youth Opportunity Grant Program - RFP (FINAL)
2. Youth Opportunity Grant Program Policy

City of Seaside



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

YOUTH OPPORTUNITY GRANT PROGRAM (FY 2026 – FY 2027)

ISSUING OFFICE: City of Seaside
 City Manager's Office
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)
COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM
FY 2026–2027

SECTION 1 – INTRODUCTION, PURPOSE, AND CONDITIONS

1.1 Program Purpose

The City of Seaside invites qualified nonprofit, community-based, faith-based, and fiscally sponsored organizations to submit proposals for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Youth Opportunity Grant Program. The program provides financial assistance to organizations delivering programs and services that benefit Seaside children, adolescents, and transitional-age youth age 24 and younger and advance City Council priorities. Funding is intended to enhance quality of life, address identified community needs, and support youth-serving programs related to education, health, prevention, intervention, recreation, basic needs, and positive youth development.

This Request for Proposals is issued pursuant to the City of Seaside Youth Opportunity Grant Program Policy. The policy establishes the overarching framework for the program, while this RFP sets forth the application requirements, evaluation criteria, and selection process for the FY 2026-2027 funding cycle.

1.2 Funding Philosophy

The City seeks to support both established organizations with demonstrated service delivery capacity and emerging or grassroots organizations proposing innovative or responsive youth-serving programs. The evaluation framework is intentionally designed to prioritize youth-related community need, program impact, feasibility, measurable outcomes, and cost effectiveness, while ensuring that newer organizations are not disadvantaged due to limited organizational history.

1.3 Reservation of Rights

The City of Seaside reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive irregularities or informalities, to modify or cancel this RFP, and to award funding in the manner deemed to be in the best interest of the City. Issuance of this RFP does not obligate the City to award funds or enter into any agreement.

1.4 Public Records Disclosure

All proposals submitted in response to this RFP shall become the property of the City of Seaside and are subject to disclosure pursuant to the California Public Records Act. Applicants may identify proprietary or confidential information; however, such designation does not guarantee that the information will be exempt from disclosure if required by law.

SECTION 2 – AVAILABLE FUNDING AND PROGRAM PARAMETERS

2.1 Funding Availability

The City of Seaside has allocated \$400,000.00 in one-time funding for the FY 2026-2027 Youth Opportunity Grant Program, subject to City Council approval.

2.2 Funding Requirements

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SECTION 3 – ELIGIBILITY

3.1 Eligible Applicants

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SECTION 4 – PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

4.1 Proposal Content Requirements

Applicants must submit a complete proposal that clearly addresses the required components outlined below. Proposals must be concise, well-organized, and responsive to this RFP. Incomplete proposals will not be considered.

Each proposal shall include an organizational cover sheet; a narrative describing the youth-related community need addressed and target population; a detailed program description including activities, timeline, and feasibility; a discussion of anticipated youth-focused outcomes and measurable impacts; a description of organizational readiness, partnerships, or fiscal sponsorship arrangements; and a detailed program budget demonstrating the required match.

All required attachments, including proof of nonprofit status or fiscal sponsor documentation and a current W-9 form, must be included.

4.2 Proposal Format and Length Requirements

To ensure consistency, fairness, and an efficient evaluation process, proposals shall comply with the following format and length requirements. Proposals that exceed these limits may not be reviewed in their entirety.

The narrative portion of the proposal shall not exceed **ten (10) pages**, excluding the cover sheet, budget, and required attachments. Applicants are encouraged to be clear and concise in their responses.

Narrative pages shall be formatted using a minimum 11-point font, standard margins, and single or double spacing. Pages must be numbered.

The recommended page allocation by section is as follows:

Statement of Youth-Related Community Need – up to 2 pages

Program Description and Feasibility – up to 3 pages

Anticipated Youth Outcomes and Impact – up to 2 pages

Organizational Readiness and Partnerships – up to 2 pages
Equity and Reach – up to 1 page

Budgets, proof of nonprofit status, fiscal sponsor documentation, and other required attachments are not included in the page limit.

4.3 Narrative Guidance

The following guidance is provided to assist applicants in preparing responsive proposals. Applicants are encouraged to address each topic clearly and concisely, using available data, experience, or reasonable assumptions as appropriate. Emerging or pilot programs are not required to demonstrate prior performance data if anticipated youth outcomes and implementation plans are clearly articulated.

Statement of Youth-Related Community Need

Describe the community need or issue the proposed program seeks to address, with particular emphasis on how the need affects Seaside youth age 24 and younger. Applicants may reference qualitative or quantitative data, lived experience, or observed service gaps.

Program Description and Feasibility

Explain the proposed activities, services, or interventions, including how the program will be implemented during the grant period. Describe timelines, staffing, partnerships, and any key assumptions necessary for successful delivery.

Anticipated Youth Outcomes and Impact

Identify the youth-focused outcomes the program is expected to achieve and how success will be measured. Outcomes may be quantitative or qualitative and should be appropriate to the scale and nature of the proposed program.

Equity and Reach

Describe how the program will reach underserved or priority youth populations and ensure equitable access to services. Applicants should identify any barriers to participation and strategies to address them.

Organizational Readiness and Partnerships

Describe the organization's readiness to implement the proposed program, including staffing, governance, partnerships, or fiscal sponsorship arrangements. New or emerging organizations may demonstrate readiness through collaborations or clearly defined roles and responsibilities.

SECTION 5 – SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Proposals must be received by 5 p.m. local time, August 7, 2026. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Proposals may be submitted electronically or in hard copy format, as specified in the RFP announcement or any issued addenda. Completed proposals shall be directed to:

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Proposals will be scored using a 100-point evaluation framework that emphasizes youth-related community need, impact, equity, feasibility, and cost effectiveness, while limiting the weight assigned to organizational longevity or prior funding history. Detailed scoring criteria and point allocations are included as Attachment A to this RFP.

6.3 City Council Approval

Following committee evaluation, funding scenarios and recommendations will be presented to City Council. All grant awards are subject to City Council approval, and City Council retains final authority over funding allocations.

SECTION 7 – TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

The anticipated schedule for the FY 2026–2027 Youth Opportunity Grant Program is as follows:

Milestone	Date
RFP Issuance	July 6, 2026
Application Deadline	August 7, 2026
Committee Evaluation Period	Through September 4, 2026
City Council Consideration	September 17, 2026
Grant Agreement Execution	No later than October 1, 2026

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SECTION 9 – QUESTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing by [DATE]. Responses to questions and any clarifications or addenda will be issued in writing and made available to all prospective applicants.

EXHIBIT A – SCORING MATRIX (TO BE INCLUDED WITH FINAL RFP)

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“ATTACHMENT A”

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Summary Scoring Table (100 Points Total)

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Scoring Criteria and Guidance

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