

## Planning Commission – Housing Grants Update

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In the summer of 2021 Yachats was sent information for several grants that the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) were funding. These grants were connected to House Bill 2003 which was passed by the legislature in 2019. HB 2003 requires medium and large cities in the state to make plans to meet the diverse housing needs of Oregonians. The law requires Oregon's medium and large cities to study the future housing needs of their residents and to develop strategies to make sure the housing needed is produced. Although Yachats did not fall under the category of either a large or medium sized city (population at or higher than 10,000) the DLCD area representative, Hui Rodomsky, informed the City Planner that the rarity of having funding available for these types of grants to such small cities and the importance of having this work on file to cities made the chance to apply an important step for the City to take.

Two grants were applied for and won: Housing Needs Assessment (HNA) and Housing Implementation Plan (HIP). DLCD chose the consultants, Cascadia Partners, who would do the work with the City of Yachats, and the official process began in February 2022.

### ***What is a Housing Needs Analysis (HNA)?***

The HNA is a study of a city's existing and future housing needs. The HNA is used to determine if the city has enough land zoned for housing to meet projected needs over 20 years. It also helps a city determine if more land is needed for specific type(s) of housing, such as apartments or single-family detached houses. Further, the findings of an HNA help the city to identify actions and solutions to facilitate development of the housing that is needed, such as zoning changes or incentive programs.

### ***What is a Housing Implementation Plan (HIP)?***

A Housing Implementation Plan (HIP) is a document that identifies a set of actions the city will undertake to facilitate development of needed housing. The HIP builds on the research and information provided in the HNA. The HIP includes more specific information about actions the city will take to facilitate development of needed housing, including how the actions will be prioritized, a timeline for actions, partner agencies or organizations, and funding needed.

During initial discussions with Cascadia Partners the City requested that included in the deliverables Cascadia Partners submit as part of the final product Geospatial Information System (GIS) maps of Yachats. These maps were requested because Yachats did not have any updated maps of the City nor did Yachats have the technological ability to create and update GIS maps. The grant process was revised in such a way that the first step was the creation of the new maps and the development of a Buildable Lands Inventory.

### ***What is a Buildable Lands Inventory (BLI)?***

A Buildable Lands Inventory (BLI) is an assessment of the capacity of land within a city to accommodate forecasted housing and employment needs over a twenty-year period.

### ***What is the timeline for this project?***

The project began in February 2022. The HNA will be completed in September of 2022 and the HIP will be completed in Summer of 2023.