

Yachats EP Committee Meeting
24 July 2023

Tracy Crews' three proposals:

"The grant I wrote through work for NOAA's Disaster Response in Coastal Communities call for proposals was selected for funding. The project will start in the fall and run for two years. Specific project objectives are:

1. Design, prototype and field test an innovative device attached to community caches to detect major earthquakes and provide a warning system and beacon to lead the public to safety, while also ensuring timely access to the supplies within. Developed through a partnership with OSU's Innovation Lab, this device could be scaled up for broad distribution, increasing survivability in coastal regions.

2. Work with residents of coastal communities to create new Tsunami Quests that help residents and tourists gain increased situational awareness about local tsunami hazards and what they should do if the ground starts to shake. Educational Tsunami Quests will be low-tech, accessible to general audiences, engaging for all ages, and located in places that lack self-guided tsunami education opportunities.

3. Partner with organizations to host community Prepare Fairs that provide opportunities for public engagement and empower targeted audiences to become more personally prepared. These events will be marketed to the tourism industry, visitors, and residents, and will reach new audiences that have not been well served by existing resources or programs.

In short, we are working on a device that can be attached to existing caches that will lead folks up to them, will be working with community partners to create Quests that will also lead residents and visitors to caches and assembly areas, and will also have some staff and potentially funding to help support community prepare fairs. I will keep you in the loop as we move forward."

Any volunteers?