



The Neskowin Community Association grant application for improving our beach access ramps at Mt. Angel, McMinnville, and Carlton Avenues was awarded \$75,000 from Tillamook County's Transient Lodging Tax (TLT) funds by the Tillamook County Board of Commissioners on June 17th. Based on a community-value qualifying point system, we scored 9th out of 23 competing applications for this award.

This past February we were tipped off by commissioner David Yamamoto that the TLT grant application deadline had been extended. When CAC Chair Ran Koch asked me if I could write a grant application within the 2 week timeframe I said 'No' and then said 'Yes' when we couldn't find an available grant writer in that time frame. I quickly wrote a narrative describing the need for safe access not only for emergency vehicles but for both local and tourist foot traffic as well, and assembled maps, photos, cost estimates, and letters-in-favor. Crucial to the application were letters of support from Fire Chief Oeder, Representative Gomberg, and Public Works' Laity.

We are currently soliciting competing bids from local excavation contractors to implement more lasting improvements to these beach access ramps, with a focus on emergency vehicle access for both our Fire & Rescue and County Sheriff departments. We also plan to convert the existing precarious steps at Carlton Avenue west to a emergency vehicle access ramp as well. And, we hope to secure additional grant funds to support an ongoing repair and maintenance program for these access ramps.

I would like to express thanks for support in this effort from NCA board members Robin Crowell, Ran Koch, and Susan Amort.

Sincerely,

Cameron Nagel  
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