

Prospects look promising for completion of paving project

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The City Council directed the City Manager to sign the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application seeking \$3.3 million to complete Front Street paving from Play St to 101 South.

The CDGB is a federally-funded program through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

As an entitlement jurisdiction (cities with populations of less than 50,000 and counties with populations of less than 200,000, Crescent City has applied for CDBG funding through the California Dept. of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

Last September, a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) was released with approximately \$19 million in funding to be awarded to wait-listed Over-the-Counter (OTC) projects only.

Crescent City is one of those eligible entities. The City submitted an application for a \$1,065,485 for a Storm Drain Improvement project on F St.

In October, the City held a public hearing for the 2024 NOFA. As a result, Council directed staff to prepare an application for an OTC Public Infrastructure Project- Front Street Play to L Street (101 South). The 2024 NOFA has been postponed until late Summer / Fall, 2024.

If awarded, the impact on Crescent City could be significant. The grants issued are on a reimbursable basis, therefore the City will need to upfront the project's cost and then request reimbursement from HCD.

It is unknown whether this CDBG application will be successful but if granted, the City will need to take steps to make certain there is adequate cash flow to meet all the necessary expenses. The City will be meeting with financial advisor Urban Futures to evaluate all options.