

Another grant to assist at Beachfront Park

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Crescent City received \$3 million in state Rural Recreation and Tourism grant dollars in 2022 and \$5 million in Statewide Park Program grant dollars in 2021 toward the rebuild of Beachfront Park.

Now it will add another grant to the city revitalization process, using nearly \$3 million Clean California grant to create a gateway to Beachfront Park.

The Clean California Local Grant Program is a Caltrans program that aims to beautify and improve streets and roads, tribal lands, parks, pathways and transit centers, according to the release.

Caltrans awarded roughly \$300 million to 105 projects in the first cycle. The department awarded about \$100 million to 42 projects statewide in the second cycle. Crescent City's project was part of the grant's second cycle.

The Crescent City Cultural Gateway and Beautification Project will improve the public space located at the juncture of US Highway 101 South and Front Street, according to the press release.

The project aims to clean-up and beautify this section of Front Street by establishing a gateway, expanding the Beachfront Park beyond US Highway 101 to Front and N Street, restoring Elk Creek, improving public access at the Cultural Center/Visitor's Center and Veteran's Monument, establishing a designated starting

point for the Tolowa Interpretive Walk, and moving the Transit Hub to a safer and more convenient location, the release said.

Plans are to break ground on an expanded Kid Town, a bike park with pump tracks and an amphitheater — components of Beachfront Park's big redesign, city manager Eric Wier said.

The project includes a gateway monument, landscaping on U.S. 101 to mimic coastal dunes and other environmental features and improved public access to the Crescent City Cultural Center and the Point of Honor veterans monument.

In addition to the new amphitheater, playground expansion and bike park with pump tracks, Beachfront Park will feature a one-mile pedestrian loop and a section devoted to Tolowa culture, according to the release.