

Flood

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do said. "We had about 4 inches of water on the blacktop on the north side of campus and around our modular classrooms."

Bellando said fortunately that water subsided reasonably quickly through school.

"Some water entered one of the classrooms adjacent to the gym due to heavy roof runoff at that point. The water was removed right away," he said.

Mark Twain Elementary withstood about 6 inches of standing water at its entrance.

Bellando said that school was also able to

stave off water entering the school at the entrance, however, flows did seep into other areas.

"We had water intrusion into the library due to ground saturation and some water leaking through the windows," he said. "We had to remove some books in the library so they wouldn't be damaged. We also had to use extractors to remove water that entered the library along with ventilation fans."

"We are closely monitoring that area to be certain it dries thoroughly," he added.

Like many others in the valley, the district would welcome a few sunny days as well.

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Grants

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Trierweiler



Grambusch

gel is fortunate to be in good shape overall."

Each chief saluted help from within their respective departments in securing the grants.

"One of our former volunteers, Craig Emch, spearheaded this project. I have to give him credit for tackling this," Trierweiler said.

Miles noted that Silverton Fire Capt. Ed Grambusch authored that district's grant application.

The aim in Silverton, Mt. Angel and elsewhere around the state are the same.

"Oregonians have been hearing about 'The Big One' for so many years, many may have grown tone-deaf and complacent. But our

emergency planners are telling us 'It's real, and it's coming,'" said State Senator Ted Ferrioli, R-John Day. "Communities need to prepare by making sure (schools and emergency-response facilities) have been seismically retrofitted so they won't 'pancake' during a large quake."

"These buildings must survive, not only to protect children, but so they'll be available to serve as emergency operations centers, field hospitals, rendezvous points for families, and places where community response can be coordinated," Ferrioli added, stressing that "we must also turn our attention to police stations, fire halls and ambulance centers from which first responders are dispatched."

Grambusch said engineering reports revealed Silverton's main station lacked key elements to resist a major seismic event, and he provided an itemized list describing with the \$736k and change means to the district.

"If there were to be an earthquake, we may not be able to get the apparatus bay doors open be-

cause the building has shifted and the doors are stuck," Grambusch said. "The interior components of the station are a hazard to employees; ceiling tiles and light fixtures could fall on us, windows might break/shatter, rigid pipes could break..."

"We cannot help others if we are injured or killed."

With that in mind, the district welcomes the structural improvements afforded.

"This grant allows us to hire a contractor and other professionals to fix seismic deficiencies at our main station," he said. "(The main station) includes apparatus bays that hold four fire apparatus, training rooms, sleeping quarters, public education presentation areas, administrative offices and the Emergency Operations Center, which is used by the fire district as well as the city of Silverton and other first responders."

"This station is a very important component to the fire safety of the community we serve."

Up the road in Mt. Angel, the \$60k should help get things in ship shape. "Our focus is to im-

prove the facility to 'immediate occupancy' standards so emergency operations can continue without interruption after a major seismic event," Trierweiler said. "Our project won't require us to vacate or really effect much from an operational standpoint."

"There is a lot of work to be done, but it's relatively minor in comparison to some other projects in the state. The two largest components are improvement or placement of anchors and sheer walls."

Trierweiler said the goal is to get the project underway and finished as quickly as possible.

"Our project is straightforward and should take only a matter of weeks once the dust starts flying," he said. "Of course there are certain administrative procedures we follow and that will take some time on the front end. If we can attract the right contracting partners with capacity in their schedule it's possible we can be finished by year end."

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Schools

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to prepare by making sure schools have been seismically retrofitted so they won't 'pancake' during a large quake.

"These buildings must survive, not only to protect children, but so they'll be available to serve as emergency operations centers, field hospitals, rendezvous points for families, and places where community response can be coordinated."

A handful of schools in Marion and Polk counties will receive funding, including Whitworth Elementary in Dallas, Four Corners Elementary in Salem-Keizer, and Lincoln and Washington Elementary's in Woodburn.

Dallas

Amount: \$700,160
School(s): Whitworth Elementary School
Use: Rehabilitation of the gymnasium
Timeline: Construction is expected to start in the summer of 2018 and be complete by the start of the 2018-2019 school year in September.

The district has been working on getting funding for seismic renovations for awhile now and did the initial seismic assessment on several of our school facilities, including Whitworth Elementary in September of 2015, said Kevin Montague, facilities director for the district.

The district has successfully obtained two seismic grant funds under the program, both of which were for Whitworth. Once the completion of this most recent grant is completed, the entire school will be seismically upgraded to Life/Safety condition, said Montague.



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Silver Falls School District's rural Victor Point Elementary School was among the schools previously awarded seismic-improvement grants through Business Oregon's Infrastructure Finance Authority.

North Santiam School District

Amount: \$924,263;
\$1,500,000
School(s): Stayton High School and Sublimity Middle School
Use: High school Industrial Arts/Music Building; overall middle school upgrade
Timeline: 2018

"These are the first North Santiam School District (seismic grant) awards," said NSSD Superintendent Andy Gardner. "Given the late timeline and invasiveness of the Sublimity project, we are looking to do the work in the summer of 2018. We are looking at the high school project the same way. The escalation in construction prices is a challenge."

Salem-Keizer

Amount: \$1,492,268
School(s): Four Corners Elementary School
Use: Seismically strengthen the school by replacing certain roofing materials, tying the walls to the new roof, and renovating some of the brick doorways for clear exits in the event of an earthquake.

Timeline: Complete by the start of the 2018-2019 school year. Construction

is anticipated to begin at the start of the 2018 summer, said Joel Smallwood, manager of maintenance and construction services for the district.

This is the second grant from this program Salem-Keizer has received.

Silver Falls

Amount: \$1,498,575;
\$351,500; \$1,498,100
School(s): Mark Twain Elementary, Robert Frost Elementary, Silverton Middle School

Use: Upgrade the Mark Twain elementary classrooms and various other projects, upgrade the Robert Frost covered play area, and upgrade the Silverton Middle School gym.

Timeline: Based on previous grants, the district predicts the projects will be complete by the start of the 2018-2019 or 2019-2020 school year, said district Superintendent Andy Bellando.

The district has received three grants from this program in the past. "We actually qualified for three other seismic grants to this point," SFSD Superintendent Andy Bellando said. "Scotts Mills School seismic rehab was completed last summer. The project was



Bellando

approximately \$1.1 million. Victor Point and Butte Creek School seismic projects are slated for this summer.

"The specific scope of work for each of the new sites has yet to be determined," Bellando added. "However, the grants will fund seismic needs throughout Mark Twain Elementary School, to the covered play structure of Robert Frost School and to the gymnasium at Silverton Middle School. These are yet to be scheduled but I anticipate their completion during the summer of 2018 or 2019."

Woodburn

Amount: \$1,500,000;
\$1,499,235
School(s): Lincoln and Washington Elementary Schools

Use: Upgrade elementary schools — reinforce walls, basement; fix unreinforced walls, especially areas in Lincoln with multiple windows.

Timeline: Construction at Washington Elementary can begin immediately since the district is already working on construction there via a 2015 construction bond, said Woodburn Superintendent Chuck Ransom. Construction is estimated to be complete by the start of the 2018-2019 school year.

Lincoln will be the later of the two. Construction should begin and Ransom is hopeful it can be completed in the middle of the 2018-2019 school year. Construction for the 2015 bond is anticipated to be complete by 2020.

Ransom said the difficult part is having students still in the building as they work, but they are trying to schedule as much construction over the summer as possible.

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Other schools receiving funds include:

- » Cascade School District-Cloverdale Elementary School, \$974,190
- » Jefferson School District-Jefferson Elementary Classrooms, \$1,423,600
- » Jefferson School District-Jefferson Middle School Gym, \$1,459,645
- » North Marion School District-North Marion HS Gym, \$1,420,685
- » North Marion School District-North Marion MS Gym, \$1,494,870
- » Santiam Canyon School District-Jr/Sr HS Auditorium, \$1,415,460

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