

**Seismic** from 1A

“We were initially told we would probably get our top two (grant requests), but we were able to get all of them,” Langborg said.

Using the grants, the fire district will re-engineer and retrofit buildings to withstand a severe earthquake and be useable in the aftermath.

Langborg said, “The problem with fire stations is that after an earthquake, either they are damaged to the point that you cannot access your equipment because the doors get jammed, or, if the station fails, the equipment is damaged and you can’t use it.”

He said the seismically safe stations would be used for disaster response as well as housing federal resources for recovery, treatment centers and other necessary tasks.

“That is crucial to us, because we have important equipment in there that will be needed right afterwards,” Langborg said. “In a major Cascadia Subduction Zone event, we are expecting the Siuslaw River Bridge to fail and two of the stations are south of the bridge. One is up



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**Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue Station No. 2, located behind Florence City Hall, will not receive a Seismic Rehabilitation Grant because it is within a tsunami zone.**

the North Fork of the Siuslaw River, which most likely will be isolated by landslides.”

SVFR Station No. 2, located just east of Florence City Hall in Historic Old Town, did not qualify for grant money because it is in the tsunami zone.

“Station No. 2 not only sits in a tsunami zone, but it is also an older station,” Langborg said. “It houses some very important equipment such as our boats, ATVs, some of our better pumps and a water tender. All of those would be needed in a post earthquake

environment. We want to make sure that those are protected.”

The Station No. 2 building is city property and is not owned by the district.

According to Langborg, WLAD has also outgrown its existing building off Ninth Street, adjacent to Peace Harbor Hospital.

He said the districts were looking at several potential sites outside of the tsunami zone to house both Station No. 2 and the ambulance district operations.

“If we can find a way to

partner here, it is going to be cheaper and just makes sense,” he said.

SVFR’s stations will be

rehabilitated one at a time because each station will have to be closed down during construction.

Langborg said the entire project is scheduled to be completed over the next five years.

**FURA** from 1A

- \$500,000 for development assistance and to attract private sector investment.
- \$315,700 to the City of Florence for city staff to perform services to assist FURA with the implementation of projects and programs.
- \$225,000 for the public art program.
- \$156,000 in contingency funds for projects that carry over to the next biennium.
- \$70,000 for a parking study and update plan and

other items outlined in the 2016 FURA Investment Strategy report.

- \$55,000 contribution to the city for the Estuary Trail project.
- \$44,500 earmarked for smaller projects.

The budget also set aside \$1,604,590 into a debt service fund.

In addition to approving the FURA budget, the directors voted to approve levying full taxing authority for the agency.

Before the FURA budget committee meeting closed,

FURA budget committee member Mayor Joe Henry said, “I just want to say thank you very much. I think we picked the right people and the staff has done a great job. The city budget has gone very smoothly, especially for our first biennial budget.”

For more information about FURA and its budget, visit [ci.florence.or.us/urbanrenewal](http://ci.florence.or.us/urbanrenewal).

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**COAST RADIO SPORTS**  
**ATHLETE of the week**  
KCST Radio, the Siuslaw News and The Sports Club Congratulate all of the 2016-2017 Athletes of the Week and the Male and Female Athlete of the Year

 Kyle King	 Makenzie York	 Gabe Simington	 Celie Mans	 Brogan Cornish
 Carrisa Oliver	 <b>Name: Trent Reavis</b> <b>School: Siuslaw High School</b> A junior at Siuslaw High School, Reavis was the epitome of a prep student athlete. In the fall he was a multiple threat on the gridiron at tight end and defensive end, as well as a more than capable backup quarterback and a punter. Coaches in the Far West League recognized him with multiple awards, one as the All League 1st team tight end, the other as the 2nd team All Far West punter. Reavis also was recognized in the 4A ranks across the state with Honorable Mention as a tight end. In the winter, Reavis played center on a greatly improved Viking basketball team that exceeded expectations with a second place finish in the Far West League. Once again, he earned recognition from coaches in the league who voted him to the 1st team All League squad. In the spring time is where Trent excelled. He set school records in two events and was just a half-inch off a third. Reavis was Far West District Champion in the Shot Put and finished fourth at the State 4A meet. In the discus he also won the Far West meet after setting the school record of 160-feet, 2-inches earlier in the season. He finished 12th at the State meet in that event. The javelin was his third event. He was second at the Far West meet, then went on to set a massive personal best and a new school record of 181-feet, 11-inches to finish second at the State meet despite injuring his throwing hand the day before in the discus competition. As a junior, Reavis says he is looking forward to returning to compete in all three sports for the Vikings next year.	 Clark Hooper	 Heidi Jones	 Dominic Wells
 Brittany Long	 Elyssa Rose	 <b>Name: Celie Mans</b> <b>School Siuslaw High School</b> The senior at Siuslaw High School capped a distance running career at Siuslaw High School in which she never finished below fourth place at the State 4A Cross Country Meet. That's a meet she won twice, a feat that has rarely, if ever, been accomplished. Mans won her second straight state meet in the fall after winning her second straight Far West League District meet the week before. Despite battling a persistent injury, she went on to bring home three first place medals from the Far West District Track and Field meet in May, winning the 1500 and 3000 meters as well as running one leg of the district champion 4-by-400 meter relay team. Because of that injury, she didn't run the 1500 or the relay at the state meet and in spite of only being able to train one day over the last two weeks of the season finished fourth in the 3000 meters at the state meet. Mans has already signed a National Letter of Intent to run Cross Country and Track and Field at the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho next year where she plans on beginning her studies for an eventual medical career.	 Richard Huff	 Hunter Simington

**We want to extend a special thank you to all our Sports Club Members:**

 Claire Waggoner	 Richard Huff	 Trent Reavis	 Maci Wells	 Hannah Rannow	 Riley Jennings	 Kainan Lane	 Jared Brandt
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