

**SEABROOK COMMUNITY FOUNDATION THIRD QUARTER PRESS RELEASE**  
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**SEABROOK COMMUNITY FOUNDATION PROVIDES FOURTH QUARTER 2017 GRANTS**

In the fourth quarter of 2017 the Seabrook Community Foundation provided \$41,000 in grants to organizations to benefit the North Beach and Grays Harbor communities. The trend for grants continues from the past 2 years with a focus on food, shelter, children's physical and mental health, education/arts and and cultural services.

*'The Foundation received a record number of grant requests for an unprecedented amount of money. The board members spent a lot of time determining how to provide funds to assist organizations that benefit the residents of grays harbor county.'* Jim Whitney, Executive Director, Seabrook Community Foundation.

For the fourth quarter of 2017, Seabrook Community Foundation is pleased to provide grant funds to the following organizations:

**Chaplains on the Harbor** - A small team of dedicated people provide extensive support for homeless and low income individuals and families in Aberdeen and Westport. These funds will help provide cold weather shelter, meals and safety for up to 20 people per night. Additionally Chaplains on the Harbor is developing a skills program to prepare individuals for employment.

**Hoquiam Fire Department** - Emergency Service organizations have an ongoing task of keeping all equipment in top operational condition. These funds are part of a program to help Hoquiam Fire Department purchase new radios, replacing existing old, outdated radios.

**Horse Prayer** - There are many examples of organizations that use cognitive therapy to assist people with special needs and disabilities. The Horse Prayer is an organization that will provide an opportunity for these individuals to work within an equestrian program to facilitate their well being. These funds will be used for instructor training and startup operating expenses.

**Quinault Community Food Bank** - This food bank, located in Neilton serves Humptulips, Queets, Neilton, Lake Quinault and Clearwater. They have been operating with volunteer help and facilities that require maintenance and purchase of new equipment. The funds from this grant will allow the food bank to upgrade their infrastructure and provide a higher level of service, security and safety for all.

**Making a Difference for Grays Harbor Kids** - Joe Cornell and his team have provided clothes, gloves, shoes, toys and other supplies for hundreds of kids in Grays Harbor for many years. They work on a shoestring budget, search for special deals on necessary items year round and serve a large number of kids. This grant will continue to support and help Joe and his team in providing this wonderful service.

**Revival of Grays Harbor** - this is a relatively new organization dedicated to helping the homeless and low income of Aberdeen. Revival of Grays Harbor started by providing lunches for

people in the park. This has grown to working with the community to provide cold weather shelter, food, and safety for those in need. These funds will assist Revival of Grays Harbor to purchase supplies, provide laundry facilities, pay utilities and continue to provide these valuable services.

**St. Mary School** - St. Mary School provides more than education to its students. More than 80% of students receive financial assistance, 55% receive free or reduced rate lunches. St Mary School has developed a solid program to provide student meals. This grant will provide a portion of funds necessary to purchase a new industrial dishwasher to replace the existing old and constantly in need of repair unit.

**Stage West Theatre** - Maintaining a healthy community includes providing culture and art. Stage West Theatre is a small all volunteer organization that has provided theatrical arts for 7 years. Anyone is welcome to participate in these shows as actors or behind the scenes. These funds will assist with paying rent for the evenings of performances.

**West Coast Search Dogs of Washington State** - This organization takes on the difficult task of search and recovery. The small unit avails itself to assist law enforcement searching for lost children, Alzheimer's patients, hunters and hikers. The primary tool for this work is their group of trained people and search dogs. These funds will provide necessary training to keep the staff aware of proper techniques, means of training their scent hounds and allow them to do the best job possible.

**YMCA of Grays Harbor** - The YMCA After School Program is a highly utilized program that allows kids a place to go after school for recreation, learning, food and general well being. This program serves over 350 kids per day! These funds will help pay operating expenses for this well used and very valuable program.

The Seabrook Community Foundation is grateful to be able to provide funds to these organizations in our community. The board of directors encourages charitable organizations to apply for grants. The next Foundation grant award board meeting is scheduled for April, 2018. Grant applications are available at: [www.seabrookwa.com/seabrook-community-foundation](http://www.seabrookwa.com/seabrook-community-foundation).