



FY 2025-26 Whale Tail Grant Applications

February 3, 2026

Grant Background

- Whale Tail Grant Funds are administered by the California Coastal Commission
- Statewide competitive grant program focused on coastal education and stewardship
- Supports projects that improve public understanding of marine life, coastal processes/heritage
- Prioritizes projects at high-use public coastal locations
- City submitted two applications for FY 2025-26 (Fire & Community Development Department)
- Council authorization required to submit application(s)



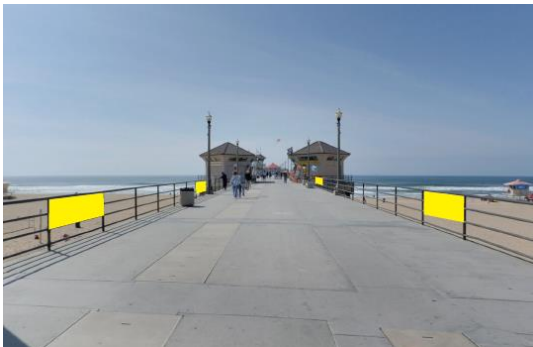
Interpretive Education Project - HB Pier

Project Partner: Visit Huntington Beach

Grant Request: \$50,000 (+\$65k VHB funding) = \$115k total project cost

Project Description:

- Self-guided, interactive interpretive walking tour that educates visitors about the region's marine life, coastal dynamics, and surf heritage.
- Promotes coastal literacy, environmental stewardship, and enhance the visitor experience at one of California's most iconic public coastal landmarks



Beach Ranger Coastal Education Program – Oak View Community

Grant Request: \$50,000

Project Description:

- Beach Ranger Coastal Education Program
- Acquaints youth from the Oak View community with ocean environment and helps develop water skills, ocean awareness, safe beach activities, aquatic animal identification, and more



Recommendation

Adopt Resolution 2026-XX approving the City's Whale Tail Grant applications for FY 2025-26.

Adoption of the resolution authorizes the grant application and all associated actions required by the grant.

Questions?

