



How Oceanside Village could provide stable funding for our emergency volunteers from the tourism tax (TLT).

A disaster waiting to happen.



Experts agree that the Cascadia fault off the central Oregon coast is overdue for a major seismic event and tsunami. Recently, climate changes have added wildfires to the risks we face. Either event is likely to disrupt power, communications and our roads, indefinitely isolating Oceanside residents and potentially hundreds of day visitors who will need shelter and provisions. In that event, we will have to cope with stranded visitors and their families.

Doing a lot with a little.



Unincorporated communities like Oceanside receive no government funding to prepare for emergencies. In recent years, our local OVERT volunteers have scraped and scrambled to find private donations and grants. They have leveraged these scarce funds to assemble a community radio network, equip an evacuation assistance center at the Oceanside Chapel and secure a shipping container stocked with emergency equipment and provisions. Even so, these efforts barely scratch the surface of our anticipated needs.

An available funding source.



The 103 short-term rentals in Oceanside Village now collect over \$500,000 a year in lodging taxes (“TLT”) from their customers and forward it to the County Commissioners for spending countywide – including [TLT grants to other communities](#) for emergency preparedness supplies and equipment. Incorporation would enable Oceanside Village to retain and invest 90% of these TLT funds for local needs, including emergency preparedness, as is currently done in the incorporated cities of Manzanita, Nehalem and Bay City.