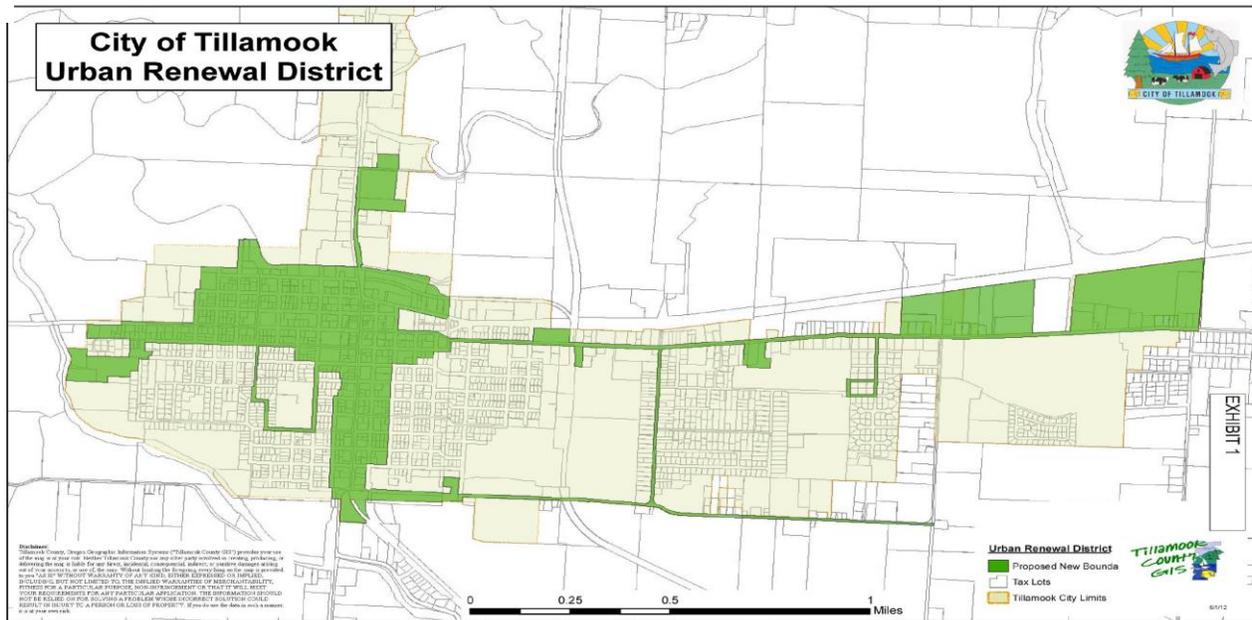


## FAQ FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT URBAN RENEWAL

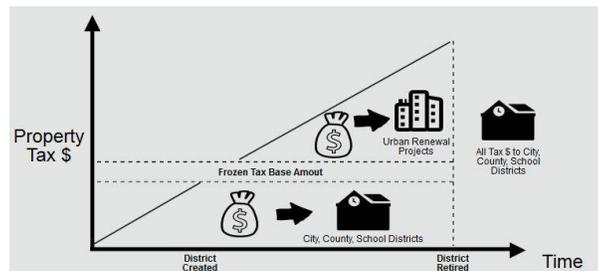
### 1) What is Urban Renewal?

An Urban Renewal Agency (URA) is formed to assist in the elimination of blight and to improve the properties within the district. The Tillamook URA was established in 2006. The district boundary is shown on the map below in green. Only properties located in the district are available for project funding assistance.



### 2) How does Urban Renewal receive their funding?

When an urban renewal district is created the assessed value of property within the district is set (or “frozen”) and those taxes continue to go to the government (city, county, and school districts through the State). Any property value increase above that frozen amount is called the “increment.” The amount of taxes on the increased value (or “increment”) is what is collected across the city for the urban renewal district to use for redevelopment projects. Tillamook Urban Renewal Agency has 12 taxing districts that contribute a portion of their tax revenue to fund urban renewal projects in the urban renewal district. A listing of the taxing districts and amounts distributed to TURA are on the agency website and in the annual report.



### 3) What kind of project can be funded by Urban Renewal dollars?

A URA can fund public and private projects within the district. Though TURA is focused on the downtown area of the city, it can assist with any project that meets the agency goals and objectives for properties within the district. There are six goals set for TURA. Four of the goals pertain to

private businesses and property and two of the goals pertain to public property. A complete list of the goals and objectives can be found on the TURA webpages at: <http://tillamookor.gov/urban-renewal/tura-goals-and-objectives/>

#### **4) Who can apply for Urban Renewal funding and how much can be applied for?**

Private or public property owners can apply for TURA funding provided the property lies within the district boundary. Those who rent a business or residence can apply with the permission of the property owner. In 2017, the Board of Directors removed any maximum amount a property owner or renter can apply for. Funding will depend on available finances at the time of application. The TURA Board of Directors can fund a project in the form of a grant, a low interest loan, or a combination of both. All funding is reported as taxable income.

#### **5) What is the process for applying for Urban Renewal assistance?**

The first step in the application process is to determine if the property is located in the urban renewal district. TURA has several applications depending on the dollar amount of the project. The second step is a pre-application form, which can be essential in helping the board and staff assist in completion of the full application. After submittal of a pre-application, a brief meeting with applicant, the TURA Proposal & Justification Committee and staff will be scheduled, to prepare for submission of the full application. The TURA Board of Directors meets on the second Wednesday of each month; therefore, there are only twelve times a year they meet to approve applications. The Board can hold special meetings if there are extenuating circumstances. If a project is extensive, requiring architectural design, TURA can provide design assistance prior to submission of the actual application. After a full application has been submitted, the TURA Proposal & Justification Committee reviews and recommends or rejects the project to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors defines the amount of funding and terms of the agreement. A project that does not fit into the goals and objectives of the agency will be denied, as urban renewal agencies are regulated by state law. The entire application process can take from one to three months, depending on the circumstances. The TURA Board of Directors and committee members are volunteers.

#### **6) What are some of the projects TURA has assisted in funding in the past?**

TURA has been actively assisting with projects in the district since 2009. One of the first TURA projects was renovations to a large, historic building in the town center. TURA has assisted private property owners with façade improvements including awning replacement, painting, and window replacement. Examples of larger private commercial projects include brewing facility renovations and expansion and theater renovations. Public improvement projects include reconstruction and addition of curbs and sidewalks to a portion of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, various sidewalk repairs and new sidewalks, playground equipment, the first phase of a bike skate park, streetscape amenities such as planters and benches, metal art in the form of an alley gate, and the purchase of property and construction of a public parking lot. TURA has also assisted several non-profit organizations with grant match assistance, ADA renovations, and historic building restoration. A complete list of projects and TURA funding can be reviewed on the TURA website.

#### **7) Where can I find more information about the Tillamook Urban Renewal Agency?**

The urban renewal agency meets regular on the second Wednesday of each month at 5:30 P.M. at the Tillamook City Hall. Meetings are open to the public and anyone considering an application are encouraged to attend. The TURA Board of Directors consists of 5 at-large members and 2 City Council members. All board members are volunteers. The City Manager acts as the Administrator of the agency as well as his executive assistant. The City website houses urban renewal information and documents at TURA Website: <http://tillamookor.gov/urban-renewal>. For further information please contact Paul Wyntergreen, TURA Administrator: (503)374-1829 or Debbi Reeves, TURA Executive Assistance (503)374-1830