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# City divvies up last of earthquake fund

Most of the remaining money in Watsonville's disaster relief fund will be set aside to help people who "fall through the cracks" of the CALDAP program.

The city council voted last night to set aside \$120,000 of the approximately \$140,500 remaining in the fund for people who don't qualify for CALDAP loans, or who don't get enough funding through the program.

City Manager John Radin said he knew of 20 people who applied for the low-interest state loans but who were turned down because the amount requested was too small. The loans are available to homeowners and owners of rental properties to pay for earthquake-related repairs.

Radin and Finance Director Terry Stigall gave a quick overview of how the rest of the \$1.029 million the city collected was spent. Some 72 applicants have been given \$888,489 in amounts ranging from \$5,000 to \$42,000. The money has been used for everything from home repair to shelter to cash to tide people over until agricultural work begins again.

A grant of \$211,000 is being given to the Santa Cruz Housing Authority to help it acquire land for 16 units of low-income housing. The YWCA, which provides transient housing for between 10 and 15 women, was the recipient of \$50,000. In all, Radin said, the money went to support between 80 and 90 "dwelling units."