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## MARAD offers Port Infrastructure Development grants

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration announced a Notice of Funding Opportunity encouraging states and port authorities to apply for \$230 million in discretionary grant funding for port and intermodal infrastructure-related projects through the Port Infrastructure Development Program.

The Port Infrastructure Development Program supports the efficient movement of commerce upon which our economy relies. The grants are awarded on a competitive basis to support projects that strengthen and modernize port infrastructure and support the Nation's long-term economic vitality. In keeping with the priorities of the Biden-Harris Administration, the Department's review process will also consider how proposed projects address climate change and environmental justice impacts and advance racial equity, reduce barriers to opportunity, and meet challenges faced by rural areas.

Previous grants have supported projects such as infrastructure resiliency and shore-side improvements to facilitate wind energy projects.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act 2021, made \$230 million available for the Port Infrastructure Development Program, with \$205 million reserved for grants to coastal seaports and Great Lakes ports. The minimum award size is \$1 million, with a Federal cost-share not to exceed eighty percent. The Federal cost share can be higher for certain categories of projects. To provide technical assistance, the Department will host a series of webinars during the Port Infrastructure Development Program grant



application process. Details and registration information regarding these webinars will be made available at [www.transportation.gov/portgrants](http://www.transportation.gov/portgrants).

The deadline to submit an application for the Port Infrastructure Development Program is July 30, 2021. For more information, please visit <https://www.maritime.dot.gov/PIDPgrants> or email [PIDPgrants@dot.gov](mailto:PIDPgrants@dot.gov).

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## NOAA Fisheries allocates additional COVID relief funding

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NOAA Fisheries announced the allocation of \$255 million in fisheries assistance funding provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 to states and territories with coastal and marine fishery participants who have been negatively affected by COVID-19.

As a next step, NOAA Fisheries will use these allocations to provide additional funds to partners -- the interstate marine fisheries commissions, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands -- to disburse funds to address direct or indirect fishery-related losses as well as subsistence, cultural, or ceremonial impacts related to COVID-19.

The State of Washington will receive \$40 million and Oregon approximately \$13.5 million. Congress also designated \$30 million for all federally recognized tribes in coastal states and the Great Lakes. NOAA is working with state partners and consulting with tribes to determine the approach to allocate this funding to eligible fishery participants as quickly as possible.

Fishery participants eligible for funding -- including commercial fishing businesses, charter/for-hire fishing businesses, qualified aquaculture operations, processors, and other fishery-related businesses -- should work with their state marine fisheries management agencies or territories to understand the process for applying for these funds.

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## EPA offers diesel pollution collaboration webinar

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### **Community-Port Collaboration Resources to Address Diesel Pollution**

Join this webinar to learn about EPA resources to support collaboration between communities and ports to address diesel emissions. Available resources include tools, training materials, lessons learned from real-world experiences, and Environmental Justice Small Grants funding for communities (available through May 7).



### **Webinar details**

Date: Friday, April 9, 2021, 9-10 a.m. PDT

If you would like Spanish interpretation during the webinar, please contact [talkaboutports@epa.gov](mailto:talkaboutports@epa.gov) by April 2.

### Attend this webinar to learn more about

- The [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's \(EPA's\) Community-Port Collaboration Toolkit](#) and related training materials to help communities and port operators develop collaboration skills and enhance understanding of stakeholder priorities and challenges associated with port-related activities.
- Lessons learned from **successful community-port collaboration** in [Savannah](#), [Seattle](#), Los Angeles, and Long Beach.
- **Funding available to support communities** living near port and rail facilities through [EPA's EJ Small Grants program](#).
- [EPA's Ports Initiative program](#) to accelerate adoption of cleaner technologies, planning practices such as conducting emissions inventories, and productive community engagement at ports across the country.

Near-port communities that bear the brunt of air pollution from diesel engines are often comprised of low-income populations and people of color. EPA's Environmental Justice and Ports Initiative programs have partnered to support effective and meaningful engagement between communities, the port industry, and other port stakeholders to improve air quality and health outcomes for disadvantaged communities.

### Questions?

For questions about this webinar or EPA's Ports Initiative, please contact [talkaboutports@epa.gov](mailto:talkaboutports@epa.gov) or Rob Schweinfurth at [schweinfurth.rob@epa.gov](mailto:schweinfurth.rob@epa.gov)

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## Reminder: GAO seeks feedback on non-freight port activities

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A reminder: The U.S. Government Accountability Office has developed this [web-based questionnaire](#) to gather input from public ports about non-freight activities such as commercial or residential development, public marketplaces, ferries and cruises, or recreational development.

The GAO would appreciate your submitting information in the next week.

