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Sen. Murray soliciting FY22 appropriations requests

Although the Senate Appropriations Committee has not finalized guidance, the office of Sen. Patty Murray (D, WA) has provided appropriations forms for FY22 requests in an effort to get as much information in advance as possible. The FY22 appropriations requests are due by Friday, May 14.



To submit Non-Defense or Defense appropriation requests and/or Congressionally Directed Spending requests, we strongly encourage that you use the below online forms:

<https://sen.gov/PORM> – Non-Defense

<https://sen.gov/JZ17> – Defense

<https://sen.gov/ONQ8> – Congressionally Directed Spending (formerly known as earmarks)

It is anticipated that successful requests will generally be below \$2.5 million when accounting for inflation. Requestors are expected to meet and comply with the following to be considered eligible:

- Eligible Requestors: Public and Non-Profit entities only
- Eligible Bills: Ag, CJS, Defense, E&W, FSGG, Homeland, Interior, LHHS, Milcon/VA, THUD
- Community Letters of Support: At least two required; must be from a third

party and must clearly communicate the benefits the project would confer upon the community

- Dollar Amount Cap: \$2,500,000 (note: TIGER/BUILD is excluded from this cap)
- Attestations: Requestors must affirm that
 - That submission of a request that meets the guidelines above does not guarantee that a request will be selected by Senator Murray
 - Their request and any information submitted in support of it may be made public in part or in their entirety
 - Their willingness to comply with any request presented to them by GAO, an agency IG, Congress, or other appropriate federal entity performing an audit, investigation, or oversight function
 - They acknowledge that prior funding provides no guarantee of future funding

Important note about PNWA fact sheets

PNWA FACT SHEETS

PNWA issues and projects

PNWA supported Corps projects
PNWA advocates for robust annual funding for each of our supported navigation projects

PNWA Infrastructure Priorities
PNWA advocates for multimodal priorities in the next infrastructure package

Seattle & Tacoma Harbor deepening projects
PNWA supports modernization of these harbors, to enhance cargo movement in our region

Grays Harbor
Grays Harbor channel deepening & maintenance supports one of the West Coast's fastest growing ports

Jetties at the Mouth of the Columbia River
Rehabilitation of the jetties is critical to safe and efficient cargo movement over the Columbia River bar

Columbia River channel maintenance
Annual channel maintenance preserves the Columbia River as a leading international trade gateway

Inland Columbia & Snake River investments
The federal government continues to invest in the long-term viability of barging on the river system

Coos Bay
Deepening & widening the Coos Bay shipping channel will increase economic opportunities on the Oregon Coast

Columbia River Treaty
PNWA ensures the navigation perspective is represented in Columbia River Treaty discussions

Water Resources Development Act
PNWA supports biennial WRDA legislation, and is working to advocate for Northwest priorities

Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund
PNWA supports full spending of annual trust fund receipts and comprehensive reform to benefit all users

Inland Waterways Trust Fund
PNWA opposes lockage fees and supports efficient use of the fund for all regions of the U.S.

Washington ports create jobs
Washington coastal ports help drive the economy for the state, region and nation

Oregon coastal ports create jobs
Oregon's coastal ports support a vibrant fishing industry and are the economic drivers for their communities

Columbia Snake River System navigation
Economic and environmental benefits of shipping on the river system

Lower Columbia River ports
Port-by-port summary

Want to learn more? All PNWA fact sheets are available online at www.pnwa.net

Energy & environment

Addressing regulatory challenges in the region
PNWA works with Congress and the federal agencies to improve the permitting process in our region

FCRPS Biological Opinion Lawsuit
PNWA provides the voice of navigation in BiOp litigation

Hydropower
Hydropower produced by the Columbia Snake River System keeps our region powered up for the 21st century

Environmental benefits of Snake River projects
Navigation & energy benefits of Snake River dams

Columbia River Basin Restoration Act
PNWA supports funding for toxics cleanup in the Columbia River Basin

Information about PNWA

PNWA history & background

PNWA staff bios

PNWA membership

PNWA Policies and Projects
A complete listing of PNWA policy positions and supported infrastructure projects

Inland Ports and Navigation Group (IPNG)
A group of PNWA members providing the navigation perspective in the courtroom

www.pnwa.net

If you access or link to [PNWA fact sheets](http://www.pnwa.net/wp-content/uploads/), be sure you're using the right web address! All current PNWA fact sheets on the Internet should have a URL that starts with:

<https://www.pnwa.net/wp-content/uploads/>

Current fact sheets **will not** have a URL that starts with:

<https://www.pnwa.net/factsheets/>

The latter is an old file transfer protocol site where our fact sheets used to be stored. The FTP site has been deleted, but search engines somehow still turn it up.

Be sure you have the right link!

If you see information in one of our fact sheets that needs to be updated, please [contact Scott Clemans](#).

WCIT offers Building Resilient Infrastructure strategy session

Building Resilient Infrastructure for a Thriving Pacific Northwest

How Smart Federal Infrastructure Plans Can Support Our Communities for Decades to Come

Now more than ever, it's vital to prioritize infrastructure innovation and development. In the

trade-connected Pacific Northwest, the stakes couldn't be higher. WCIT is thrilled to host a strategy session focusing on federal funding opportunities, regional advocacy resources, and local capacity-building for essential infrastructure projects that benefit our diverse communities.



Washington Council on
International Trade

Join Us! Registration is Free.

Thursday, April 29, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. PDT

RSVP: angela@wcit.org

Port of Grays Harbor completes website overhaul



Port of Grays Harbor

On Washington's Pacific Coast

A refreshed, informative and user-friendly experience awaits visitors at the Port of Grays Harbor's website, portofgraysharbor.com.

Port staff proudly unveiled its recently overhauled website to the Port Commissioners at the April 13 Commission meeting.

The updated website is mobile and tablet friendly, searchable, and features several new sections such as the Port's public access facilities. Users are also able to make reservations for the Westport Marina and Friends Landing online. The Port worked with Westport-based business *Capture.Share.Repeat.* to complete the overhaul and refresh the site's photography.

"We are excited to offer a greatly improved experience for all of the site's various users including potential customers and our community," shared Port of Grays Harbor Commission President Stan Pinnick. "We hope everyone will find the site intuitive, easy to navigate, and informative."

CEQ welcomes Brenda Mallory as new chair

The United States Senate confirmed Brenda Mallory as 12th Chair of the White House Council on Environmental Quality April 14. She will be the first African American to serve as CEQ Chair, a role that involves serving as the principal environmental policy advisor to the president.



Mallory will work to coordinate and advance the Administration's environmental policy agenda, including its efforts to combat climate change; pursue environmental justice; conserve the nation's lands, waters, and wildlife; ensure that environmental reviews are conducted fairly, effectively, and efficiently; and improve sustainability efforts across the federal government. She will work with all stakeholders to advance efficient permitting approaches that examine environmental consequences and

engage affected communities.

[Read the full news release here](#)

WSDOT accepting airport grant applications



The Washington State Department of Transportation's Aviation Division is currently accepting applications for the first round of 2021-2023 [Airport Aid Grant Program](#) grants. WSDOT anticipates awarding between \$1.1 and \$1.3 million in funding.

Airports can only apply for projects previously submitted through the [Statewide Capital Improvement Program](#), an unconstrained prioritized list of projects entered by Washington's 134 public-use airports that captures project requirements to address the individual needs of each facility.

To apply, airports can fill out the [online application](#) and [airport aid application checklist](#). WSDOT requires [airport aid grant assurances](#) be submitted with the application package.

Applications are due no later than 5 p.m. PDT on Friday, May 21. Qualifying projects should be targeted for completion by June 30, 2022. Eligible projects may include work beginning after July 1, 2021.

WSDOT will prioritize applications based on the project scores from the Statewide Capital Improvement Program. Guidance and information regarding scoring are provided online in the WSDOT Airport Aid Grant Procedures Manual. WSDOT will announce grant award decisions after July 1, 2021.

The next grant cycle begins May 2022.

Funds from this grant program this year will be awarded at a [100 % federal share](#).

EPA offers community health, environmental justice grants

Request for Applications to improve community health through pollution prevention and/or sustainable materials management

Applications due: April 30th, 2021

You can find the grant request for applications



here: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=331262>

Eligible projects must take place within Region 10, which includes Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Alaska. Eligible applicants include:

- Region 10 states, local governments, city or township governments
- Independent school district governments
- State-controlled institutions of higher education
- Non-profit organizations
- Community-based grassroots organizations
- Federally recognized tribes and intertribal consortia

Please contact Kat Compton with any questions at compton.kathleen@epa.gov

EPA Announces Availability of Up to \$6 Million in Annual Environmental Justice Grants

Applications due: May 7, 2021

The EPA has announced the availability of up to \$6 million in grant funding under [The Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving \(EJCPS\) Cooperative Agreement Program](#) and [The Environmental Justice Small Grants \(EJSG\) Program](#).

EPA will be giving special consideration to the following focus areas:

- Addressing COVID-19 concerns faced by low-income communities and communities of color
- Climate Change and Natural Disaster Resiliency outreach and planning
- New applicants to either opportunity
- [Ports Initiative](#) to assist people living and working near ports across the country
- Small non-profits

The EJCPS Cooperative Agreement Program's total estimated funding for this opportunity is approximately \$3.2 million. EPA anticipates awarding two cooperative agreements of \$160,000 each within each of the 10 EPA Regions. To learn more about pre-application assistance calls and how to apply for funding, please visit: <https://www.epa.gov/environmental-justice/environmental-justice-collaborative-problem-solving-cooperative-agreement-0>.

The EJSG Program estimates approximately \$2.8 million will be awarded to approximately five applications per EPA region, in amounts of up to \$50,000 per award. This includes the EPA's [Ports Initiative](#) program, which anticipates funding up to six additional projects that address clean air issues at coastal and inland ports or rail yards. To learn more about pre-application assistance calls and how to apply for funding, please visit: <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-small-grants-program>.

For more information on environmental justice grants, funding, and technical assistance: <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-grants-funding-and-technical-assistance>

Coast Guard seeks comments on Columbia entrance analysis



Analysis and Management System study of the Columbia River Entrance (up to Statute Mile 15/Buoy 39) including Baker Bay, Chinook Channel, Skipanon Channel and Youngs Bay.

The Coast Guard uses WAMS to validate the adequacy of the existing aids to navigation system, as well as to get a better understanding of the uses of each waterway and general safety issues. WAMS focuses on the waterway's present ATON system, marine casualty information, port/harbor resources, changes in marine vessel usage

(both recreational and commercial) and future development projects.

The comment deadline will be June 30, 2021. To participate in a user survey you may visit the website at <https://www.pacificarea.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/District-13/District-Divisions/-dpw/-wams/> or contact:

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USDOT offers RAISE grants

The U.S. Department of Transportation has published the [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) for the 2021 [Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity](#) (RAISE) Discretionary Grant Program (former BUILD). Details are provided below.



U.S. Department of Transportation

- The application deadline is July 12.
 - \$1B available nationwide
 - Eligible agencies: State, Local, Territorial, Tribal DOTs, Port Authorities, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), Transit Agencies.
 - Eligible projects: Capital projects including but not limited to:
 1. road or bridge projects eligible under U.S. Code (USC), Title 23
 2. public transportation projects eligible under Chapter 53 of Title 49, USC
 3. passenger and freight rail transportation projects
 4. port infrastructure investments, including inland port infrastructure and lands ports of entry
 5. intermodal projects
 6. projects investing surface transportation facilities
- Max. Award: \$25M
 - Max. Award per State: \$100M
 - Awarded funding must be obligated by 30 Sept. 2024.
 - Up to \$30M to be awarded to planning grants including at least \$10M to [areas](#)

