

Port Infrastructure Development Program Grants

PCFO IGAP Grant Snapshot

<u>Agency:</u> Department of Transportation	<u>Bureau:</u> Maritime Administration
<u>Application Deadline:</u> May 16, 2022	<u>Max Award:</u> No minimum or maximum award size

Description

Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) grants is a competitive program for projects that improve facilities within, or outside of and directly related to operations of or an intermodal connection to coastal seaports, inland river ports, and Great Lakes ports.

DOT seeks projects that support the following program objectives: (1) improving the safety, efficiency, or reliability of the loading and unloading of goods, the movement of goods, operational improvements (including projects to improve port resilience), or environmental and emissions mitigation measures; (2) supporting economic vitality at the national and regional levels; (3) addressing climate change and environmental justice impacts; (4) advancing equity and opportunity for all; and (5) leveraging Federal funding to attract non-Federal sources of infrastructure investment.

25% percent of the available funds (\$112.5 million) is reserved for small projects at small ports awarded

Eligible Recipients

- Port authority
- State
- Political subdivision of a State or local government
- Indian Tribe
- Public agency or publicly chartered authority established by one or more States
- Special purpose district with a transportation function
- Multistate or multijurisdictional group of entities
- Lead entity described above jointly with a private entity or group of private entities

Matching Grant Requirements

20% matching required. Possibility for lower matching grants for projects in rural areas or small projects at small ports

Eligible Projects

Capital projects that improve the safety, efficiency, or reliability of:

- The loading and unloading of goods at the port, such as for marine terminal equipment;

- The movement of goods into, out of, around, or within a port, such as for highway or rail infrastructure, intermodal facilities, freight intelligent transportation systems, and digital infrastructure systems;
- Operational improvements, including projects to improve port resilience; or
- Environmental and emissions mitigation measures, including projects for—
 - Port electrification or electrification master planning;
 - Harbor craft or equipment replacements or retrofits;
 - Development of port or terminal microgrids;
 - Provision of idling reduction infrastructure;
 - Purchase of cargo handling equipment and related infrastructure;
 - Worker training to support electrification technology;
 - Installation of port bunkering facilities from ocean-going vessels for fuels;
 - Electric vehicle charging or hydrogen refueling infrastructure for drayage and medium or heavy-duty trucks and locomotives that service the port and related grid upgrades; or
 - Other related port activities, including charging infrastructure, electric rubber-tired gantry cranes, and anti-idling technologies.

For additional details on eligibility, please view the [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#).

New or Existing Program

Existing program

Tips for Being Competitive

The Department seeks to fund projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and minimize impacts to the climate and surrounding communities from port operations. This includes projects that incorporate electrification or zero-emission infrastructure for port service vehicles, increase a port’s resilience to climate-related hazards, reduce pollution from port operations, and address environmental justice concerns.

The Department also seeks to fund projects that target at least 40% of resources and benefits towards low-income communities, Historically Disadvantaged Communities, or overburdened communities. This includes projects that incorporate equity-focused measures into the design, such as equity impact analysis, an equity and inclusion program/plan, equity-focused community engagement in the project’s planning, the creation of good-paying jobs, strong labor standards, workforce opportunities, and partnerships with training and placement programs that create opportunities for all workers, including underrepresented workers.

Examples of Prior Award Recipients

[Cleveland, Ohio - Port of Cleveland Comprehensive Planning Study Project \(awarded \\$3,000,000 in FY2021\)](#)

The project includes a harbor-wide and regional planning study for the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority to address its comprehensive cargo handling, environmental, and economic development needs, in addition to regional-level planning goals. The planning study includes six components: 1) a market analysis, 2) a terminal capacity analysis, 3) an intermodal connection assessment, 4) a plan for port de-carbonization, 5) a coastal resilience plan, and 6) a regional-level cargo capability study.

- [Full list of FY2021 recipients](#)

Agency Contact PIDPgrants@dot.gov or call Aubrey Parsons at 202–366–8047

Upcoming Webinars and Information Sessions No upcoming webinars scheduled

- View [presentation slides](#) from a previous "Notice of Funding Opportunity" webinar on 02/23

Types of Partners Required None

Total Allocation \$450 million

Not more than 25 percent of the available funds (\$112.5 million) can be awarded for projects in any one State.

Links to Grant Opportunity

- [Grant Opportunity on Grants.gov](#)
- [Port Infrastructure Development Grants Homepage](#)
- [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)