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Discussion on Grant Opportunities

1. Port Infrastructure Development Program

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) announced a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to apply for \$225 million in discretionary grant funding through the Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) (See attached). The Port Infrastructure Development Program supports U.S. ports by improving the safety, efficiency, or reliability of goods movement into, out of, or within a port. Investments in port infrastructure will be awarded on a competitive basis for projects within or outside of and directly related to operations of coastal seaports, inland river ports, and Great Lakes ports. The Department will evaluate projects using criteria which include effect on the movement of goods, leverage of federal funding, net benefits, project readiness, and domestic preference. The Department will also consider geographic diversity when selecting grant recipients, as well as how the project addresses challenges faced by rural areas and whether the project is located in an Opportunity Zone.

For more information, visit <https://www.maritime.dot.gov/PIDPgrants>

The Further Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2020 made available \$225 million for the Port Infrastructure Development Program, with \$200 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 80 percent. To provide technical assistance, DOT 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.

DATE: The deadline to submit an application for the Port Infrastructure Development Program is 8 p.m. EDT May 18, 2020.

2. America's Marine Highway Program

The Maritime Administration has released a Notice of Funding Opportunity (see attached). The total funding available for awards under this NOFO is \$9,481,750, after \$293,250 is set aside for MARAD grant administration and oversight.

This Notice announces the availability of funding for grants and application requirements for the Short Sea Transportation Program, commonly referred to as the America's Marine Highway Program (AMHP). The purpose of this program is to make grants available to previously designated Marine Highway Projects that support the development and expansion of documented vessels, or port and landside infrastructure. The U.S. Department of Transportation (Department) will award Marine Highway Grants to implement projects or components of projects previously designated by the Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) under AMHP. Only Marine Highway Projects the Secretary designated before the Notice of Funding Opportunity closing date are eligible for funding as described in this Notice.

For more information, visit <https://www.maritime.dot.gov/PIDPgrants>

DATE: Applications must be received by the Maritime Administration by 5 p.m. EDT on April 10, 2020

3. Other Grants / Notes:

- Port Security Grants - April 15, 2020 at 5:00 PM Eastern [https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1581615217999-](https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1581615217999-123068487178bb6d65ae684a676ae46a/FY_2020_PSGP_NOFO_FINAL_508AB.pdf)

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- Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD): May 18, 2020 at 5:00pm EDT. NOFO Posted here https://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/2020-02/BUILD%202020%20NOFO_0.pdf

- Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success (ROUTES): More has been posted here <https://www.transportation.gov/rural>