

Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Fund (AS 29.60.800)

FY2015 Request: \$4,700,000
Reference No: 49780

AP/AL: Appropriation with Allocations

Project Type: Construction

Category: Transportation

Location: Statewide

House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)

Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2014 - 06/30/2019

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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

The 50/50 harbor grant program continues to show strong local interest. Four municipalities from across the state submitted applications requesting a total of \$8,120,000 in matching state funds for FY2015. The harbor projects are locally managed and therefore require minimal department staff resources.

| Funding: | <u>FY2015</u> | <u>FY2016</u> | <u>FY2017</u> | <u>FY2018</u> | <u>FY2019</u> | <u>FY2020</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Gen Fund | \$4,700,000 | \$15,000,000 | \$15,000,000 | \$15,000,000 | \$15,000,000 | \$15,000,000 | \$79,700,000 |
| Total: | \$4,700,000 | \$15,000,000 | \$15,000,000 | \$15,000,000 | \$15,000,000 | \$15,000,000 | \$79,700,000 |

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|---|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required | <input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project | <input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new | <input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On-Going |
| 0% = Minimum State Match % Required | | <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill | |

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

| | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Staff</u> |
|----------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Project Development: | 0 | 0 |
| Ongoing Operating: | 0 | 0 |
| One-Time Startup: | 0 | 0 |
| Totals: | 0 | 0 |

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

Sec1 Ch17 SLA2012 P135 L20 SB160 \$23,093,100
 Sec1 Ch5 SLA2011 P100 L24 SB46 \$6,500,000
 Sec7 Ch43 SLA2010 P37 L3 SB230 \$5,000,000
 Sec13 Ch29 SLA2008 P160 L13 SB221 \$10,401,330
 Sec28 Ch30 SLA2007 P155 L5 SB53 \$5,000,000

Project Description/Justification:

As directed by the Legislature, the department has transferred state owned harbor facilities, where applicable, to the local municipalities. Since 1986, 74 harbors have been transferred. AS 29.60.800 was created to provide state 50/50 matching financial assistance to all municipalities with harbor facilities and provided a priority to municipalities with previously state owned harbors, i.e. Tier I harbors. Tier II harbors built by the municipality and were never owned by the state. This year's request would fully fund the top two Tier I harbor grant requests.

| Project Name | Tier | Legislative District | Total Project Cost | Local Match (50%) | State Match (50%) |
|---|------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| City & Borough of Sitka: Thompson SBH Transient Float | I | 33Q | \$5,400,000 | \$2,700,000 | \$2,700,000 |
| City of Whittier: Whittier Harbor | I | 35R | \$4,000,000 | \$2,000,000 | \$2,000,000 |
| Borough/Akutan: Akutan Harbor | II | 37S | \$6,200,000 | \$3,100,000 | \$3,100,000 |
| City & Borough of Sitka: Eliason Harbor | II | 33Q | \$640,000 | \$320,000 | \$320,000 |
| Totals for all projects | | | \$16,240,000 | \$8,120,000 | \$8,120,000 |

Although still a new program, AS 29.60.800 continues to see strong support from municipalities. For each year since it was created in 2006, the total amount of the state-matching grant request has grown. Starting in FY08 with a request of \$9.2M, the municipalities have requested \$10.4 (FY09), \$12.9M (FY10), \$17.2M (FY11), \$21.0M (FY12), \$23.0 M (FY13) and \$14.7 M (FY14) for a total of over \$99M. To date, the department has awarded 27 harbor grants totaling nearly \$59M in economic assistance.