

February 19, 2026

Aid to Local Ports
Grant Request
FY 2027

Applicant: Town of Cape Charles

Amount: \$48,300

Project: Harbor Boardwalk Reconstruction, Phase 3

Need and Urgency:

The Town contracted with Langley & McDonald to perform a condition evaluation of all Town Harbor capital assets. The study identified the need to rehabilitate the wood boardwalk on the bulkhead adjacent to the floating docks which are utilized primarily by transient vessels. This boardwalk has been in service for about 15 years and a detailed inspection found that much of the underlying support structure (beams and joists) had severely deteriorated. This has made it difficult to replace deteriorated deck boards as part of the normal maintenance regime. Sections have even collapsed and required an emergency rebuild. The boardwalk is a key component of the Town Harbor, connecting the floating docks to the harbor office and bathhouse, as well as The Shanty restaurant. Convenient access to these facilities is important to our transient vessel customers. It also provides customer access to the charter boats operating from the floating docks. The boardwalk is part of the Town's community trail system, allowing our transient boaters to more easily access the commercial district and non-boating visitors to enjoy the services provided in the Town Harbor.

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| <u>Project Cost Estimate:</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>ALP</u> | <u>Local</u> |
| Phase 3 | \$64,400 | \$48,300 | \$16,100 |

Timeline and Phases:

The Boardwalk Reconstruction project replaces the support structure with pressure-treated wood rated for ground contact, and the wood decking with composite material and stainless-steel fasteners to reduce future maintenance requirements. The project was structured in three phases. The first two phases, totaling over 6,100 square feet, were completed in FY 2025 and 2026 at a cost of \$183,470. The third and last phase is planned for the fall of 2026. This will be 1,830 square feet at an estimated cost of \$64,400.

Rendering of Proposed Improvements: See attached photos.

Potential Impact to the Community: Completion of the Boardwalk Reconstruction project will eliminate a safety issue and preserve an important amenity for our transient vessel customers and other visitors to the Town Harbor. This supports the local economy through sale of fuel, supplies, provisions, and tourist services.