

	<b>Agenda Title:</b>	<b>Agenda Date:</b>
	Virginia Port Authority Aid to Local Ports Grant	February 19, 2026
	<b>Subject/Proposal/Request:</b>	
	Authorize the Mayor to submit grant request for Harbor Boardwalk Reconstruction, Phase 3	
<b>Town of Cape Charles</b>	<b>Attachments:</b>	<b>For Council:</b>
	Grant request.	Action: X Information:
	<b>Staff Contact(s):</b>	<b>Reviewed by:</b>
	Bob Panek, Project Manager	Rick Keuroglan, Town Manager

**Background:**

The Town has utilized several Virginia Port Authority (VPA) Aid to Local Ports (ALP) grants over the years to improve the Town Harbor. ALP grants pay for up to 75% of capital projects. The VPA requires a letter signed by the Mayor by March 1<sup>st</sup> to carry over an existing grant or request a new grant. The VPA Board typically considers these requests in May, with approved funding becoming available July 1. The last two ALP grants we received funded a significant portion of the Inner Harbor Bulkhead Rehabilitation.

**Item Specifics:**

The wood boardwalk adjacent to the floating docks has been in service for about fifteen years. The evaluation of Town Harbor capital assets performed by Langley & McDonald noted that the boardwalk needed continuing maintenance and repair to extend its service life and recommended detailed inspection of the supporting structure. Subsequently, a few areas collapsed and required emergency repair by Harbor staff. They discovered that the supporting beams and joists had deteriorated much more than anticipated.

A phased reconstruction project was developed to replace deteriorated beams and joists, and to replace the wood decking with synthetic material to minimize long term maintenance and repair cost. Phase 1 addressed one of the worst known areas near the bath house and was completed last spring. Phase 2 from the bath house to the west end was recently completed. Significantly more damage than anticipated was discovered and had to be corrected. We could not apply for ALP grants for these phases, as cost information was not available in time to prepare a credible request. The last phase will reconstruct the western section behind The Shanty and is estimated to cost \$64,400.

A maximum grant of 75% would fund \$48,300 of the project. The full amount may not be approved, as only \$1 million is available annually for the ALP program. However, there is a good chance of a substantial award, perhaps 50%, due to our past performance in executing

previous grants. The Town share would need to be included in the FY 2027 budget; \$16,100 at 75% grant coverage or \$32,200 at 50% grant coverage.

**Recommendation:**

Authorize the Mayor to request a VPA ALP grant in the amount of \$48,300 for Harbor Boardwalk Reconstruction, Phase 3.