

State of Alaska Dept. of Transportation

Municipal Harbor Facility Grants Program

The State of Alaska is blessed with one of the finest public harbors systems in the country. Our magnificent coastline and marine resources make our harbors vitally important to Alaskans and our communities.

Purpose:

To provide financial assistance to municipal or regional housing authority owned harbor facilities, the Alaska Legislature passed landmark legislation in 2006 establishing a new 50/50 matching grant program called the Harbor Facility Grants Program. This grant program will go a long way towards recapitalizing local government's harbor infrastructure and furthering the sustainability of Alaska's public harbor system.

Details:

This grant program is funded on an annual basis at the discretion of the Alaska Legislature and consists of two tiers, Tier I and II. The first tier has priority and consists of major maintenance and repair of a harbor facility that was previously owned by the state and now is locally owned. The second tier consists of all other harbor facilities and those harbor facilities which have already received a Tier I grant. A harbor facility may only receive one Tier I grant but is eligible for multiple Tier II grants.

NOTICE OF FY2023 GRANT AWARDS

Rank	Score	Tier	Project Name (Listed by Tier and Score)	Grant Funds Requested	Project Awarded Yes/No	Grant Funds Approved
1	241.8	I	City of Valdez - Small Boat Harbor Reconstruction	\$5,000,000	Yes	\$5,000,000
2	239.2	I	City of Yakutat - Small Boat Harbor Replacement	\$3,667,302	Yes	\$3,667,302
1	134.2	II	AEB/City of Sand Point - Float A	\$4,125,000	Yes	\$4,125,000
2	119.4	II	City & Borough of Juneau - Aurora Harbor PH3	\$2,000,000	Yes	\$2,000,000
3	106.8	II	City of Homer - Homer Harbor Cathodes	\$366,000	Yes	\$366,000
4	94.2	II	City & Borough of Sitka - Fisherman's Working Float	\$2,077,775	No	\$0
5	89.6	II	Muni. of ANC Port of AK - Ship Creek Boat Launch	\$2,783,112	No	\$0
Total of selected projects				\$20,019,189		
Governor's Veto, SFY2023 Budget				\$3,586,994		
Governors Enacted Budget, SFY2023 - Approved Funds				\$16,432,195		

AS 29.60.800

Article 7: Harbor Facility Grant Program. Section 800. Harbor facility grant fund 820. Award of grants 810. Grant applications 830. Definitions Sec. 29.60.800. Harbor facility grant fund. (a) There is established the harbor facility grant fund consisting of money appropriated to the fund. Each fiscal year, the legislature may appropriate money to the fund from the watercraft fuel tax account (AS 43.40.010(f)) and from the fisheries business tax collected under AS 43.75.015 after payments to municipalities are made under AS 43.75.130. The legislature may make other

appropriations to the fund. The legislature may appropriate to the fund income earned on money in the fund. (b) Money appropriated to the harbor facility grant fund may be expended by the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities for harbor facility grants without further appropriation. Money in the fund does not lapse and remains available for expenditure in successive fiscal years. (c) Each fiscal year, the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities shall use an amount equal to at least 50 percent of the balance of the harbor facility grant fund on June 30 of the preceding fiscal year for harbor facility grants. (§ 1 ch 62 SLA 2006; am § 4 ch 6 SLA 2012) Effect of amendments. The changes in this section were part of the 2012 Revisor's Bill, making corrective amendments to the Alaska Statutes as recommended by the revisor of statutes. This section was amended to remove the word "municipal" five places in the text and once in the title. The 2012 amendment, effective March 24, 2012, replaces "municipal harbor facility grant" with "harbor facility grant" in six places.

Sec. 29.60.810. Grant applications. A municipality or regional housing authority that owns a harbor facility may submit to the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities an application for a harbor facility grant to be used for construction, expansion, major repair, or major maintenance of a harbor facility. The application must include information about the project requested by the department. For a proposed project to be eligible for a grant, the municipality or regional housing authority must provide evidence acceptable to the department that the (1) proposed project is a capital improvement project and not part of a preventive maintenance program or regular custodial care program; (2) municipality or regional housing authority will provide 50 percent of the total project cost as matching funds for the state grant and that money received by the municipality or regional housing authority from the state will not be used for the matching funds except money received under (A) AS 29.60.850 – 29.60.879 (community assistance program); (B) AS 29.60.450, AS 43.75.130, and 43.75.137 (shared fisheries business taxes); (C) AS 43.52.200 – 43.52.295 (excise tax on overnight accommodations on commercial passenger vessels); and (D) a transfer agreement between the state and a municipality for a sale under AS 35.10.120; (3) municipality or regional housing authority has secured and will maintain adequate property loss insurance for the replacement cost of the harbor facility or has an adequate program of insurance; (4) municipality or regional housing authority has a preventive maintenance plan for the harbor facility and will be adequately adhering to the preventive maintenance plan after completion of the proposed project. (am § 5 ch 12 SLA 2008; am § 6 ch 7 SLA 2011; am § 6 ch 12 SLA 2012; am § 4 ch 44 SLA 2016) Effect of amendments. The 2016 amendment, effective January 1, 2017, updates language, replacing "community revenue sharing" with "community assistance". The 2008 amendment, effective April 9, 2008, substituted "AS 29.60.850 – 29.60.879 (community revenue sharing program)" for "AS 29.60.010 – 29.60.080, (municipal tax resource equalization)" in subparagraph (2)(A), deleted former subparagraph (2)(B), which read "AS 29.60.350 – 29.60.375 (safe communities' program)", and made a related change. The 2011 amendment, effective May 7, 2011, added "or regional housing authority" after "municipality" in six places. The 2011 amendment also added subsections (C) and (D) to subsection (2). AS 29.60.810(2)(D), added by section 6, is retroactive to January 1, 1993.