

Council Agenda Statement

Meeting Date: November 18, 2025
To: City Council
Through: Jackie C. Wilde, City Manager
From: David Borg, Harbormaster
Agenda Item: Supporting Full Funding for the State of Alaska Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Program



BACKGROUND, JUSTIFICATION, & INTENT:

This resolution, as requested by the Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators (AAHPA), signifies Whittier’s support for the State Legislature to approve full funding of the Alaska Municipal Harbor Facility Grant program in the year 2027. It is important that all coastal communities voice their support for the continued funding of this program.

The Port & Harbor Advisory Commission passed a similar resolution at their November 6, 2025 meeting, urging the Whittier City Council to support full funding of the program.

This resolution will be presented to the state legislature in the coming months, underlining the significance of maintaining and enhancing the Alaska Municipal Harbor Facility Grant program. By doing so, the City of Whittier affirms its commitment to the well-being and prosperity of all communities, emphasizing the indispensable role that well-maintained harbor facilities play in supporting transportation links, waterfront commerce, and overall economic development.

CONSISTENCY CHECKLIST:

	Yes	No	N/A
1. Comprehensive Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Whittier Code	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Other: <i>Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators (AAHPA)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

FISCAL NOTE: N/A

ATTORNEY REVIEW: Yes No Not Applicable

RECOMMENDATION: Administration recommends approval of Resolution 2025-040.