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Senate Transportation Committee,

There is the contact information for the Municipal harbors grant program manager and a link to the scoring criteria. I think it was Senator Kiehl that asked about the scoring criteria. I also included the backup information explaining the issue with our harbor projects not making it onto the States STIP plan and what we've learned so far about the TIFIA low interest loan opportunity.

<https://dot.alaska.gov/stwdplng/ports/pdf/FY24-grant-scoring-criteria.pdf>

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From the STIP introduction:

"Ports and harbors projects are not included in the STIP since financial assistance for ports and harbors is provided through the state-funded Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Program. Also, it is not required for the STIP to include wholly state-funded projects, or other projects that do not require action from the U.S. Department of Transportation."

TIFIA recommends that federal grant applicants begin applying for TIFIA at the same time as applying for Federal funds as the TIFIA process takes a year. Getting onto the STIP after getting Federal funds is a little late for municipalities to plan for match funds and how they will meet them/being able to engage TIFIA in more than an introductory manner.

Thanks for your help today,

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