



House Transportation Committee
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Ports & Harbors



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To serve and promote Alaska's ports and harbors.

501(c)6 non-profit organization.

Forty-Seven (47) – Community Members Strong

Lead efforts for ADOT Harbor Matching Grant

Lead efforts for Abandoned & Derelict Vessel Legislation



ALASKA ASSOCIATION OF Harbormasters & Port Administrators



- Alaska Ports and Harbors are an economic Driver for the State and the Nation
- Alaska Ports and Harbor provide a critical network of transportation for people and for the supply chain
- Sound Port and Harbor infrastructure is key to economy stability, growth and security
- Workforce Development is essential to the longevity of our infrastructure and our way of life.



- Alaska has 33,000 miles of coastline more than the entire continental US combined.
- 82% of Alaskans live in coastal communities
- 70,000 Alaskan jobs are in the maritime industry (20% of our work force)
- Three of the top 10 fishing ports in the U.S. are in Alaska
 - Dutch Harbor (first by volume), Kodiak & Naknek
- Tourism is essential to Alaska economy
 - Nearly 60% of all tourists arrive via cruise ship
 - Tourism is largest private employer in Southeast Alaska
- The United States is an Arctic Nation because of Alaska



Ports & Harbors Factoids

Largest Private Ports in Alaska:

- Valdez – Trans Alaska Pipeline
- Red Dog Mine
- Nikiski

Largest Public Port – Anchorage

- National Strategic/DOD Port
- 85% of all Alaska Cargo

Small Boat Harbors

- 125 total
- 108 under local municipal control
- Limited federal programs to maintain



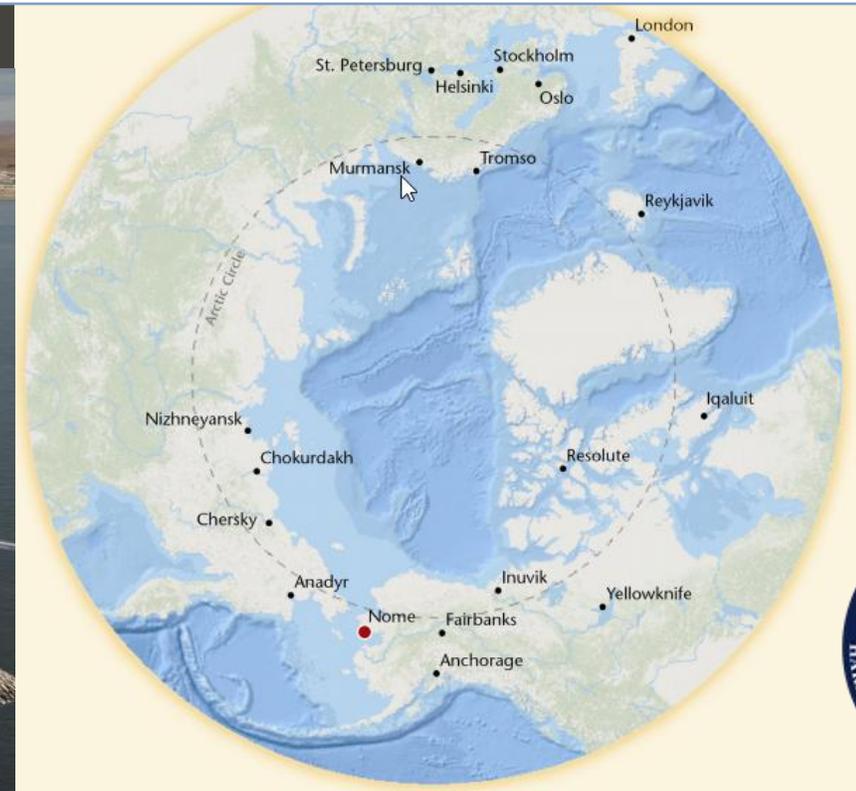
2017 Ports & Harbors Grade: D

- No plan for establishing Arctic Deep Water Port
- Port of Alaska (Anchorage) had no recapitalization momentum
- Southeast Alaska regional cruise ship approach accommodating neo-Panamax was incomplete
- Small Boat Harbor matching ADOT Grant uncertain



Arctic Deep Draft Port – Nome

- March 2020: Army Corps of Engineers completed *Port of Nome Modification Feasibility Study & Final EA*
- December 2020: Project Authorized by Congress in 2020 WRDA Bill
- \$505M US Army Corps of Engineers Project w/local match \$126M required



Panamax vs Neo-Panamax

Port of Juneau – Pre-2016



Port of Juneau - Current



New public cruise ship docks – Juneau
completed in 2017

New private cruise ship docks – Hoonah
completed in 2019

New private cruise ship docks – Ward
Cove (Ketchikan) completed in 2020

New private cruise ship dock (\$80M) –
Whittier



Don Young Port of Alaska (formerly Port of Anchorage)

- Pre-2017
 - \$7M was annual budgeted for piling corrosion
 - Recapitalization project was mired in lawsuit
- Post-2017
 - \$1B Port of Alaska Port Modernization Program (PAMP) underway
 - \$208M replacement of Petroleum-Concrete Terminal complete in 2022
- Grant success
 - State of Alaska \$20M (2019)
 - MARAD PIPD \$20M (2020)
 - USDOT BUILD \$25M (2019)
 - MARAD PIDP \$69M (2022)

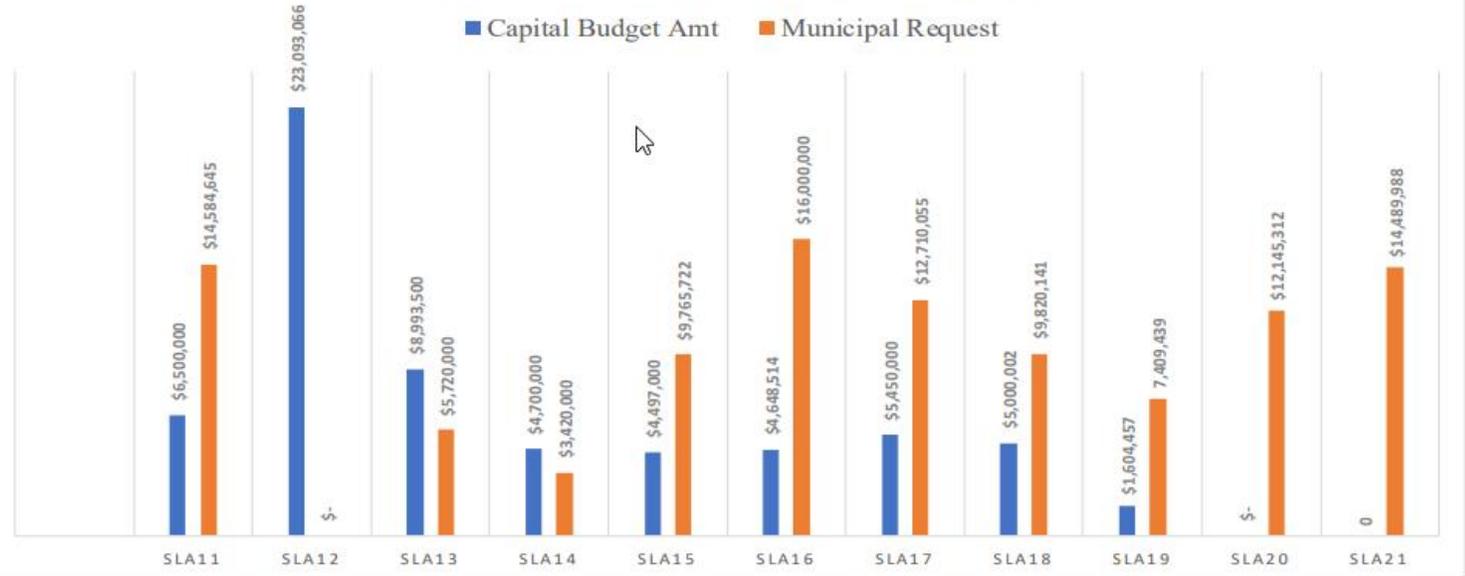


Alaska DOT Harbor Facility Grant

- Established in 2006
- Only fully funded three times
- Woefully underfunded at the legislative level
- Purpose is to encourage local municipalities to assume financial and managerial responsivity of small boat harbors
- Requires 50% local match.
- For most Alaska harbors it is the only source of grant funding.

HARBOR FACILITY GRANT PROGRAM

HARBOR GRANTS 2011-2021



For FY22 :

Number of applications: 5 Tier I (1 applicant): \$ 5.0M

Tier II (4 applicants): \$ 9.049M Total amount: \$ 14,049,988



Alaska DOT Harbor Facility Grant

Alaska (DOT& PF) Harbor Facility Grant Program	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26
# Projects submitted	5	8	5	7	3	1	4
# Projects approved	0	0	1	5	2	1	TBD
Funds Requested	\$7.4M	\$12.1M	\$14M	\$20M	\$9.5M	\$5M	\$7.1M
Funds Approved	\$0	\$0	\$5M	\$16.4M	\$5.5M	\$5M	TBD



Municipal Harbor Facility Grants Program Notice of Grant Awards – FY23

- \$20M Request was 2nd Highest Grant need
- \$16.4M awarded Highest Amount since 2012
- Election year politics was helpful in this list
- City & Borough of Juneau had been applying since 2018 for this Grant

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 Anch., 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		



FY2024 MUNICIPAL FACILITY HARBOR GRANT PROGRAM REVIEW RESULTS

Rank	Score	Tier	Project name	Grant Amount		2023 ICAP - 6.87%	Total Project Cost
				Approved	Local Match		
1	187.8	I	City of Wrangell Meyer's Chuck	\$1,092,138.06	\$1,092,138.06	\$150,059.77	\$2,334,335.89
1	117.7	II	City of Whittier Boat Harbor	\$4,500,000.00	\$4,500,000.00	\$618,300.00	\$9,618,300.00
2	85.3	II	City & Borough of Sitka Fisherman's Float	\$2,644,677.00	\$2,644,677.00	\$363,378.62	\$5,652,732.62
TOTAL				\$8,236,815	\$8,236,815	\$1,131,738	\$17,605,369



ACTUAL FY2024 MUNICIPAL FACILITY HARBOR GRANT PROGRAM REVIEW RESULTS

NOTICE OF FY2024 GRANT AWARDS

The Governor's Budget for 2023-2024 has passed! Under the Governor's enacted budget for SFY2024, \$5,500,000 has been allocated to the Municipal Harbor Facility Grants Program and \$4,000,000 of the SFY2024 program budget request was vetoed. The Department has identified additional funding for total award amount of \$5,989,138. The DOT Municipal Harbor Facility Grants Program is able to award both highest ranked Tier I and II grants and partially award the other Tier II project submitted. Congratulations to all the Awardees this year, and thanks to all the Applicants who applied!

Municipal Harbor Facility Grants Program Notice of Grant Awards

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1	117.7	II	City of Whittier Boat Harbor	\$4,500,000.00	Yes	\$4,500,000.00
2	85.3	II	City & Borough of Sitka Fisherman's Float	\$2,644,677.00	Partially	\$397,000.00
Total Budget Requested				\$9,500,000		
Governor's Veto, SFY2023 Budget				\$4,000,000		
Governors Enacted Budget, SFY2023 - Approved Funds				\$5,500,000	Total Budget with Approved Additional Funding from Department	\$5,989,138



FY2025 MUNICIPAL FACILITY HARBOR GRANT PROGRAM REVIEW RESULTS

- Governor's FY25 Budget did not include funding for ADOT Harbor Grant
- Only one applicant
- First time only one applicant
- ICAP = Indirect Cost Allocation Plan
- Unclear how ICAP will be taxed in this budget cycle

Municipal Harbor Facility Grants Program

FY2025 PROJECT SCORING NOTIFICATION

Rank	Score	Tier	Project Name	Grant Amount Requested*	Local Match	Total Project Cost	
1	143.7	II	City & Borough of Juneau: Aurora Ph 4	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$10,000,000	
*Plus 2025 Department Overhead (ICAP)				Total	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$10,000,000



FY2026 MUNICIPAL FACILITY HARBOR GRANT PROGRAM REVIEW RESULTS

- Governor’s FY26 Budget did not include funding for ADOT Harbor Grant
- Four qualified applicants
- Total ask from the State

FY2026 MUNICIPAL FACILITY HARBOR GRANT PROGRAM FY2026 PROJECT SCORING NOTIFICATION

Project Name	Tier	Score	Legislative District	Total Project Cost*	Local Match (50%)	State Match (50%)
City of Unalaska: Robert Storrs Harbor	II	138.7	37	\$14,058,741	\$6,695,000	\$5,000,000
City and Borough of Sitka: Eliason Harbor	II	113.5	35	\$1,119,800	\$879,392	\$240,408
City and Borough of Juneau: Aurora Harbor Drive Down Float	II	101.2	33	\$13,942,502	\$1,394,250	\$1,394,250
City and Borough of Juneau: Statter Harbor	II	97.7	33	\$1,000,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
				\$30,121,043	\$9,468,642	\$7,134,658

* Reflects funding from other sources



Alaska Port & Harbors Grant Funding Wins

- Emmonak Dock (2018) \$23.1M (BUILD)
- Port of Alaska (2019) \$25M (BUILD)
- Port of Alaska (2020) \$20M (PIDP)
- Port of Seward (2020) \$20M (PIDP)
- Haines Lutak Dock (2021) \$20M (RAISE)
- Cordova Boat Harbor (2021) \$20M (RAISE)
- Whittier Dock (2021) \$1.2M (PIDP)
- Sitka Sh'tpile Wall/Crane (2022) \$7.8M (RAISE)
- Qawalangin Port Infrastructure \$22.3M (RAISE)



EVEN MORE, MORE, MORE...

Alaska Port & Harbors Grant Funding Wins

- Port of Alaska (2022) \$68.7M (PIDP)
North Extension Stabilization Project
- Cordova, Tatitlek, and Chenega (2022) \$28M (PIDP)
AMHS Prince William Sound Ferry Terminal Project
- Port of Adak (2022) \$10M (PIDP)
Pier Five Improvements Project
- Sand Point Floating Dock Project (2022) \$5.4M (PIDP)



Alaska Port & Harbors Grant Funding Wins – 2023 PIDP

- Wrangell (Planning) \$421K (PIDP)
- Yakutat (Small Boat Harbor) \$9M (PIDP)
- Cape Blossom (Planning) \$2.5M (PIDP)
- Nome (Utility Services) \$11.25M (PIDP)
- Seldovia (Jakolof Bay Dock) \$2.4M (PIDP)
- Metlakatla (Design) \$3.4M (PIDP)
- Cold Bay Dock Replacement \$44.4M (PIDP)



2021 Ports & Harbors Grade: D+

- Congress authorization to designate Nome as Deep Draft Arctic Port was more than a decade in the making ↑
- Port of Alaska Port Modernization Project is underway ↑
- Private Investment for Cruise Ship Docks has built capacity for tourism economy ↑
- Small Boat Harbor matching ADOT Grant remains unfunded and uncertain ↓



2025 AAHPA Scholarships

Three (3)- \$4,000 Scholarships for Alaskans pursuing an education in maritime.

Please note applicants do not need to be high school seniors-- non- traditional students and students furthering their education can also apply!

Sponsored by the AAHPA & our members.



One (1)- \$5,000 Award sponsored by TRANSPAC Marinas. Available for an Alaskan student pursuing any STEM-related degree program.

Applications due April 4th , 2025

