



Local Economic Development Investment Fund Application 2021

The Port of Tacoma dedicates a portion of its revenues toward partnership projects that create economic development benefits - and enhances the community vitality of Pierce County. As a special purpose district governed by state law, investments by the Port of Tacoma must adhere to the legal requirements set forth in Title 53 of the Revised Code of Washington.

Investments shall be limited to county, city, and town government agencies or non-profits in Pierce County and typically will involve the port as a minority investor. The port's allocation to a project will be committed for up to two years and payable on a reimbursement basis. Investment focus and priorities **are limited to:**

- a. Road and freight rail infrastructure projects that create long-term jobs
- b. Marine tourism infrastructure projects intended to attract tourists to Pierce County from outside locations.
- c. Projects, programs or events that promote international trade

- d. Planning activities or events promoting tourism intended to attract tourists to Pierce County from outside locations.

Activities or events may not be religious in nature.

A project may only receive funds for a maximum of three consecutive years. An investment by The Port of Tacoma in one year to an organization or project does not constitute an obligation for future investments.

If your project is found to be within the port's statutory authority and policy guidelines, your application will be considered during the port's annual review process.

Municipal entities must agree to enter into the Port of Tacoma's Interlocal Agreement in accordance with § RCW 39.34. For more information about this application or the Port of Tacoma, visit www.portoftacoma.com or call 253.428.8662.

Instructions

1. Please fill in this form and print it out. Use the tab key or click to move between fields. Click to mark boxes.
2. Answer each question in the space provided.
3. Attach the required documents.

4. Sign and date the application.
5. Send completed application to:
 Leslie Barstow, Mgr, Community Relations
 Port of Tacoma
 PO Box 1837
 Tacoma, WA 98401-1837,
 or e-mail to community@portoftacoma.com

Applicant Information

Organization

Gig Harbor BoatShop			
3805 Harborview Drive			
Gig Harbor		State/Province Washington	Zip/Postal Code 98332
www.gigharborboatshop.org		Organization Legal Status, ie 501(c)3 or 107(c) 501c3	

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Organization/Representative/Contact

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Project Information

Title and Brief Description of Project. Please detail how this project meets the criteria of **a,b,c** or **d** on the front page. **Projects that do not meet at least one of these criteria will not be evaluated.** Example: *The city of Mayberry will host a business incubator workshop for small businesses wishing to learn how to sell their products globally. This supports criteria c in promoting international trade.*

Marine Railways at Eddon Boatyard

Rebuilding the marine railways system (the "Ways") is the final component of the comprehensive historic Eddon Boatyard restoration that began in 2004. The community, including taxpayers, private donors, foundations, corporate donors, the City of Gig Harbor, and the State, have spent approximately \$7.5 million to support the complete Eddon Boatyard restoration.

When the last phase of the railway system—the Carriages—are installed, the Eddon Boatyard restoration will be complete. The Ways will enable the BoatShop to move boats in / out of the water for repair and restoration, advancing our mission to perpetuate working waterfront skills, uses, and traditions at the historic Eddon Boatyard and aboard classic vessels of Puget Sound. The BoatShop will operate and interpret the Marine Railways as a public resource to our community and its visitors. ***This supports criteria b of marine tourism infrastructure projects to attract tourists.***

The final phase of installing the Carriages was nearly completed in October of 2021. The major portion of the installation is complete with just smaller details remaining.

A Port of Tacoma \$25,000 grant was awarded in 2019 for this project. Thank you. City of Gig Harbor funded the balance of \$262,000 and recently committed to \$32,000 of approximately \$41,000 in additional costs.

The BoatShop has contributed to the final phase of completion with 500, and counting, of in-kind hours of skilled volunteer labor.

The Carriages are expected to be done and operational by in the first or second quarter of 2022. We have \$9000 of expected material costs that remain unfunded.

We respectfully would like to submit a request for the unfunded \$9000, an amount that we believe to be the final dollars required for the Eddon Boatyard marine railway project.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Geographic Area Covered by Project Pierce County is the primary area served; however people travel both domestically and internationally to visit Gig Harbor BoatShop. The completed railways will expand our program offerings and attract more visitors.		Number of People Served by Project In 2019, we welcomed over 7,000 visitors, up from nearly 1,500 visitors when we began tracking in 2012. We expect the number of visitors to sustain dependent upon Covid guidelines for safe operation.	Dates of Project From: November 2021 To: 2nd Quarter 2022
Amount Requested from Port of Tacoma \$9,000	Total Project Cost To date: \$328,000 \$365,000 estimated in 2019.	Is this a one-time event or an ongoing effort? The project is a one-time capital expense.	

Funding Sources for this Project

Firm Financial Commitments to Date Source	Amount
Gig Harbor BoatShop	Approx 150/200 Hours In-kind labor
City of Gig Harbor	Approx \$32,000?

Our funds: Specifically, how would you use our contribution? When would you want the contribution?

If we are awarded a Port of Tacoma Local Economic Development Investment Fund grant, the funds will be used for three specific items. Labor for installation will be provided by Gig Harbor BoatShop volunteers. Costs will specifically include: curtain for the covered carriage shed, a lower carriage bridle, and a fabricated plate steel safety plate for the inside carriage turning block.

Funds will not be used for indirect project costs like project management or for ongoing maintenance and operations.

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Referral: *Who suggested that you contact the Port for funding on this project?*

Guy Hoppen, Board President and Founding Director of the Gig Harbor BoatShop

Need: *Why is this project important to our community? Why should this project be important to the Port?*

Like Gig Harbor BoatShop and its home, Eddon Boatyard, the marine railways system will serve as a public resource. Educational programs will spark passions for boatbuilding and boat restoration and will engage local residents and visitors with the working waterfront and maritime trades. Advanced master/apprentice training programs will directly impact the maritime industry by feeding it with qualified and skilled candidates. Activity on the ways will further activate the boatyard and will draw in visitors and community members who will become advocates for and stewards of the working waterfront. We anticipate an economic benefit to the surrounding community when the ways are complete. We expect more people to visit the Boatyard, and they will frequent local businesses, hotels, and restaurants, purchase supplies, and more.

Approach: *How do you plan to implement this project?*

Railways historically existed at Eddon Boatyard. Reconstructing the railways has always been envisioned as part of the comprehensive boatyard restoration, and the majority of the work is complete. In order to finish the project, the BoatShop will require additional funds to make the Railways functional and begin operations.

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Numerous gifts of money and time, along with comments we've received from private citizens, indicate that our community is supportive of this project. Gig Harbor City Councilmember's voted unanimously to provide funding for Phase I and several councilmember's have publicly voiced their support of the project. We have received a letter of support from the Mayor of the City of Gig Harbor.

Coordination: *Who else in your community is working on this issue? How do you coordinate with them?*

Gig Harbor BoatShop is championing the comprehensive restoration of the historic Eddon Boatyard. The marine railways are the last remaining unfunded component of the multi-million dollar Boatyard restoration.

To complete this effort, we have partnered with the State, City of Gig Harbor elected officials and staff, TOTE Maritime Alaska, and private donors and volunteers who are passionate about this project.

We have engaged with the City's tourism director to discuss outcomes of the completed railways project and we enjoy a positive working relationship with the local boatyard.

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Future Support: *How will this project be financed in the future?*

The railways will become self-sustaining. The BoatShop will utilize the marine railways in conjunction with the existing shop spaces to operate a small boatyard with a book of work that will provide a new income stream.

Further, the completed ways will result in expanded program opportunities. Project and program income will offset operating and maintenance costs. Our business model shows steady growth in income and expenses during the first several years after the railways are completed and operations begin.

Existing BoatShop staff, volunteers, and Board members will launch programming and will perform administrative tasks such as scheduling, business management, and outreach. We will hire an additional shipwright to provide skilled project labor and to serve as a mentor and instructor for public programs associated with boat restoration and repair projects.

Deliverables: *What will the Port receive for their partnership?*

If we are awarded a grant from the Port of Tacoma, we will provide permanent signage near the railways with your name and logo indicating your support. The Port will also be recognized on the permanent donor wall located at the historic Eddon Boatyard.

We will issue a press release to local media outlets announcing your support, and will announce the grant on our website, social media accounts, and in our newsletter.

Evaluation: *How will the success of the project be measured?*

The project's goal is to complete the marine railways.

We will measure the success of each key outcome by regularly examining quantitative data like metrics and financials. We will track visitors to the Boatyard and the program hours we offer annually to determine the marine railways' impact.

We will also review qualitative material such as participant evaluations, a practice that provides invaluable insight when evaluating our programs.

Additional Information

Does this organization have a formal policy of compliance with equal employment opportunity and affirmative action laws and regulations?	Yes
Please attach each of the following to the completed application: Project budget (see attached) List of current board members/officers: BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Guy Hoppen, President Erik Carlson, Vice President John McMillan, Treasurer	

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Signature

Signature:	Date
Print Name Here: GUY HOPPEN	11/10/2021