

ACTION ITEM MEMO

Port of Tacoma Commission



Item No: 6A
Meeting Date: 10/15/24

DATE: October 3, 2024
TO: Port of Tacoma Commission
FROM: Eric Johnson, Executive Director
Sponsor: Erin Galeno, Chief Financial & Administrative Officer
Project Manager: Colin Millan, Director, Port Security
SUBJECT: Port Security Grant Program 2024 Award Acceptance

A. ACTION REQUESTED

Request authorization for the Port of Tacoma Executive Director or his designee to establish acceptance of \$813,002.00 in grant award funding with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), for Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) 2024, which includes a 25% or \$271,001.00 Port match for a total authorization amount of \$1,084,003.00.

B. BACKGROUND

In an effort to increase security at the nation's strategic ports, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) established a Port Security Grant Program (PSGP). The PSGP provides grant funding to state, local, and private sector partners to support increased port-wide risk management and protect critical surface transportation infrastructure from acts of terrorism, major disasters, and other emergencies. The PSGP is currently administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Since inception (2002) the Port of Tacoma has received an accumulative amount of approximately \$34M in federal funding through the Port Security Grant Program.

C. PROJECTS AWARDED

- 1. CCTV Camera Replacements (O&M)** Replacement of cameras, mounting equipment and miscellaneous hardware. In addition to new server replacements.
- 2. Maritime Vessel (Boat)** This project investment will allow for the procurement of a 23' Rapid Response Boat. This vessel will strengthen the POT security posture while providing a water asset that can be used for other business purposes such as spill response and pier inspections.
- 3. Tide Flats Evacuation Plan Update and Exercise** Update to the current plan which was initially generated in 2016. May 2008 was the last evacuation exercise that was conducted.

D. FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Project Description	Federal (75%)	Port Share (25%)	Total
1. CCTV Camera Replacements (O&M)	242,649	80,883	323,532
2. Maritime Vessel (Boat)	408,995	136,332	545,326
3. Tide Flats Evacuation Plan Update & Exercise	161,359	53,786	215,145
TOTALS	\$813,002	\$271,001	\$1,084,003

E. SOURCE OF FUNDS

Source of funds will be grant award of \$813,002.00 from the Department of Homeland Security, Port Security Grant Program Fiscal Year 2024. The remaining \$271,001.00 is included in the 2025-2029 Capital Investment Plan.

F. NEXT STEPS

Request authorization of the Port of Tacoma Executive Director or his designee to establish acceptance of \$813,002.00 in grant funding with the Department of Homeland Security, for Port Security Grant Program 2024, which includes a 25% or \$271,001.00 Port match for a total authorization amount of \$1,084,003.00.