

COMMISSION AGENDA

Item No: 7E

Meeting: 10/21/21

DATE: October 4, 2021

TO: Port Commission

FROM: Eric D. Johnson, Executive Director
Sponsors: Erin Galeno, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer
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SUBJECT: Department of Homeland Security, Port Security Grant Program 2021 – Award Acceptance in the amount of \$189,540.00.

A. ACTION REQUESTED

Request authorization for the Port of Tacoma Executive Director or his designee to establish acceptance of \$189,540 in grant award funding with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), for Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) 2021, which includes a 25% or \$63,180. Port match for a total authorization amount of \$252,720.

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 \$32M in federal funding through the Port Security Grant Program.

PSGP 2021 Priorities:

1. Enhancing Cybersecurity
2. Enhancing the Protection of Soft Targets/Crowded Places
3. Addressing Emergent Threats, such as Unmanned Ariel Systems
4. Training and Exercises
5. Equipment and capital projects

FEMA announced the 2021 program awards in early August. The Port received the formal grant approval letter in September. POT received funding approval for cameras, video monitor screen replacements and associated hardware.

Approximately 59 cameras are obsolete and requires replacement to maintain domain awareness and ensure efficient flow of data to other maritime security stakeholders. Smaller monitor screens currently located in Security's control center will be replaced with larger screens which will allow for additional streaming of video feeds which today are limited along with replacement of monitor screens for Port operations.

C. SOURCE OF FUNDS

Source of funds will be grant awards of \$189,540 from Department of Homeland Security, Port Security Grant Program Fiscal Year 2021. The remaining \$63,180 will be funded by port operations. The full amount of \$252,720 will be included in the 2022–2026 Capital Investment Plan.

D. FINANCIAL IMPACT

Project Description	Federal (75%)	Port Share (25%)	TOTAL
Cameras and Monitor Replacements	\$189,540	\$63,180	\$252,720

Equipment and Hardware costs will be capitalized and depreciated over a 4-5-year period depending on the type of fixed asset purchased. Some costs may be expensed when incurred. There will be no depreciation expense in 2021.

Projects will follow the Ports contracting and procurement policies and federal requirements related to the management and administration of federal funds. Grant income will be recognized as costs are incurred and reimbursement is requested.

E. NEXT STEPS

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