



Port Infrastructure Development Program



Application deadline: 06/01/2026



Available funding: \$489M

PIDP funds projects that improve the safety, efficiency, or reliability of the movement of goods into, out of, around, or within a port



Goals and merit criteria:

Applications will be evaluated based on their alignment with the following statutory merit criteria:

- Achieving Safety
- Efficiency
- Reliability improvements
- Supporting economic vitality at the regional or national level
- Leveraging Federal funding
- Improving port resilience

PIDP Program Details

PIDP grants may be used to improve the safety, efficiency, or reliability of wide range of planning and capital projects

Match funding requirement: 20%¹

Direct Pay applicability: Possibly if including clean energy

- Eligible grant uses**
- The loading and unloading of goods at the port, such as for marine terminal equipment
 - The movement of goods into, out of, around, or within a port, such as for highway or rail infrastructure, intermodal facilities, freight intelligent transportation systems, and digital infrastructure systems
 - Operational improvements, including projects to improve port resilience
 - Environmental and emission mitigation measures
 - Port and port-related infrastructure that supports seafood and seafood-related businesses, including the loading and unloading of commercially harvested fish and fish products, seafood processing, cold storage, and other related infrastructure

Award amounts	<i>Minimum</i>	\$1M for PIDP, no minimum for funding from IIJA
	<i>Maximum</i>	\$11.25M maximum for Small Projects at Small Ports

- Award set asides**
- A minimum of 25% of funding (\$112.5M) is reserved for small projects at small ports^{2,3}
 - No more than 25% of available funding may be allocated to a single state
 - No more than 10% of funding reserved for Small Projects at Small Ports and no more than 10% of funding available to large projects shall be allocated to planning projects

Previous awards (national)	2024 awards	31 awards (\$580M)
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Previous awards (MI)	2024 awards	1 award (\$10M)
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1. Projects located in rural areas or grants awarded to a small project at a small port may be eligible for reduced cost share. Rural areas are those outside of a 2020 U.S. Census-designated urban area with a population of 50K or more.

2. A small port is defined as a coastal seaport, Great Lakes, or inland river port to and from which the average annual tonnage of cargo for the immediately preceding three calendar years from the time an application is submitted is less than 8,000,000 short tons, as determined by using U.S. Army Corps of Engineers data or data by an independent audit if the Secretary determines that it is acceptable to use such data instead of using U.S. Army Corps of Engineers data.

3. A small project at a small port is one which is seeking less than or equal to \$11.25 million in funding under 46 U.S.C. 54301(b).

High level requirements to apply for a PIDP grant

PIDP applications are open to local governments or transit authorities with additional documentation required for Large Projects



Eligible Entities

- A State
- A political subdivision of a State or a local government
- A public agency or publicly chartered authority established by one or more States
- A special purpose district with a transportation function
- An Indian Tribe
- A multistate or multijurisdictional group of entities described above
- A lead entity described above jointly with a private entity or group of private entities, including the owners or operators of a facility, or collection of facilities at a port



Key Grant Application Components

- Standard Form (SF) 424 (Application for Federal Assistance)
- PIDP cover page
- Project narrative
 - Project description
 - Project location
 - Grant funds, sources, and use of funds
 - Merit criteria
 - Additional considerations
 - Statutory determinations

30-page Narrative limit

Additional requirement for Large Project¹

Applicant should summarize the conclusions of the BCA, including estimates of the project's Benefit-Cost Ratio (BCR) and net benefits

- The BCA narrative should carefully document the assumptions and methodology used to produce the analysis, including a description of the baseline, the sources of data used to project the outcomes of the project, and the values of key input parameters
- Any benefits claimed for the project, both quantified and unquantified, should be clearly tied to the expected outcomes of the project
- Further information is available on the DOT's [Benefit-Cost Analysis Guidance for Discretionary Grant Programs](#)

1. A project at a port other than a small port, regardless of the amount of PIDP funding sought in the application; or a project at a small port for which the amount of PIDP funding sought in the application is greater than ~\$11M

Examples of past winners in Michigan



Drummond Dolomite Ship Loader & Sea Wall Improvements (2024)

Applicant: Chippewa County Economic Development Corporation

Impacted locality: Chippewa County

Funding: \$10.2M

Project description: Funds were used to purchase and construct a ship loader and make sea wall improvements to include selective demolition of a sunken vessel and water utilities, install new sheet pile, tie backs, a mooring cell, bollards and miscellaneous repairs across the sea wall



Lake Erie Renewable Energy Resilience Project (2022)

Applicant: Charter Township of Canton

Impacted locality: Monroe

Funding: \$11.1M

Project description: The project will fund four components: riverfront work, turning basin work, small boat “Maritime Readiness Slip” construction, and Shore Power infrastructure



Rail Access and Port Capacity Improvements Project (2022)

Applicant: Port of Detroit

Impacted locality: City of Detroit

Funding: \$16M

Project description: This Project will rehabilitate existing port infrastructure as well as construct new port infrastructure at the Port of Detroit. The specific components of the Project include creating a new port/rail connection; adding dry bulk cargo handling platforms and a covered warehouse; reconstructing a dock; installing 2 bulk-liquid storage tanks; and constructing an additional berth to facilitate fueling of cargo vessels