

RESOLUTION NO. 723-20

A Resolution of the Commission of the Port of Port Townsend

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR A FEDERAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM GRANT FOR DEMOLITION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF THE POINT HUDSON BREAKWATER IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$14,250,000 AND EXPRESSING ITS COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE A LOCAL MATCH TO GRANT FUNDS.

WHEREAS, the Port Commission of the Port of Port Townsend is responsible for coordinating the mitigation of, preparation for, response to, and recovery from natural disasters that affect Port infrastructure and to re-establish resilient infrastructure that will help to sustain the communities of Jefferson County in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Point Hudson Marina's geographical location, at the southeastern tip of the Quimper Peninsula, makes it vulnerable to the damaging wind and wave action of winter storms on Port Townsend Bay, with the potential for such storms to damage Port infrastructure and severely and negatively affect the local economy as well as the maritime heritage and character of the community; and

WHEREAS, from December 10 through December 24, 2018, the Puget Sound region of Western Washington experienced a series of severe winter storms, with high winds and waves, flooding, landslides, mudslides, and a tornado which resulted in a Presidential Disaster Declaration for eight counties, including Jefferson County; and

WHEREAS, the overlapping breakwaters protecting the Point Hudson Marina were damaged during these storms, with broken cable ties and piles, loss of armor rock and overall acceleration of structural deterioration which forced waves and debris into the marina and further damaged docks and floats within the moorage basin; and

WHEREAS, the winter storms of December 2018 revealed the deteriorated and vulnerable condition of the Point Hudson Breakwater, which, if not replaced with more robust and resilient infrastructure, could in future jeopardize public and private property and threaten the economic life of the community; and

WHEREAS, demolition and replacement of both arms of the Point Hudson Breakwater will strengthen critical infrastructure to ensure that it is more resilient and secure, thereby safeguarding the Point Hudson Marina and the businesses which rely directly or indirectly on this facility, as well as the economic vitality of Port Townsend's Commercial Historic District more generally; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce (EDA) administers the Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) Disaster Recovery Program which makes 80% matching grant funds available to help communities devise and implement long-term economic development recovery strategies in areas where a Presidential Declaration of a major disaster was issued; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Port Townsend qualifies to apply for EAA Disaster Recovery Program grant assistance (funding opportunity number EDA-2019-DISASTER) in that:

- Jefferson County, Washington was included in the major disaster Presidential declaration (DR-4418) under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act as a result of the December 2018 winter storms; and
- The proposed Point Hudson Breakwater replacement project aligns with Investment Priorities identified by the EDA in that:
 - It would facilitate economic recovery and resilience and strengthen the ability of the community to withstand future natural disasters and economic shocks; and
 - It is a critical infrastructure project that would replace a key component of the physical infrastructure that sustains the local economy; and
 - It would help to attract private investment and retain and grow jobs within a designated Opportunity Zone;
- The proposed breakwater replacement has been identified as a priority capital project within the North Olympic Development Council's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) since 2016; and
- The project is also reflected in the Port of Port Townsend's Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvements as a priority capital project necessary to support the health and resilience of the Port Townsend and Jefferson County economy; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Port Townsend matching funds will come from Port general obligation bond indebtedness and Port reserves pending Port Commission appropriation following notice of award from the EDA, which is not anticipated until later this year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

- 1. Application for Disaster Recovery Program Grant Assistance Confirmed:** The Commission for the Port of Port Townsend, Jefferson County, Washington, supports preparation and submission of EDA EAA Disaster Recovery Program grant application for up to \$11,400,000 to demolish and reconstruct both the South and North arms of the Point Hudson Breakwater.
- 2. Executive Director Authorized to Execute All Necessary Documents & Agreements:** The Port Commission authorizes its Executive Director, Eron Berg, or his designee, to sign and submit all necessary documents to both apply to and to enter into a project agreement with the EDA, if the requested funding is awarded.
- 3. Port of Port Townsend Match Commitment:** The Port Commission expresses its commitment to meet the EAA Disaster Recovery Program match requirements with up to \$2,850,000 in local/Port match monies.
- 4. Adequacy of Process Confirmed:** The Port of Port Townsend certifies that appropriate opportunity for public comment on this application was provided, and further, that this application authorization was properly and lawfully adopted following the requirements of the Port of Port Townsend and all applicable laws and policies.

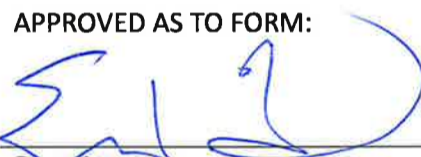
ADOPTED this 8th day of July 2020, by the Commission of the Port of Port Townsend and duly authenticated in open session by the signatures of the Commissioners voting in favor thereof and the Seal of the Commission duly affixed.

ATTEST:


Pamela A. Petranek, Secretary


Peter W. Hanke, President


William W. Putney, III, Vice President

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Port Attorney

