

RESOLUTION NO. 848-25

A Resolution of the Commission of the Port of Port Townsend

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE PORT OF PORT TOWNSEND TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION DISASTER SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE BOAT HAVEN WESTERN BOAT YARD EXPANSION PROJECT TO RETAIN EXISTING JOBS IN THE MARINE TRADES ECONOMIC SECTOR, CREATE NEW JOB OPPORTUNITIES, IMPROVE THE PORT'S EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE AND RECOVERY CAPABILITIES, AND EXPRESSING THE PORT'S COMMITMENT TO PROVIDING LOCAL GRANT MATCHING FUNDS.

WHEREAS, the Port of Port Townsend is a municipal corporation established in 1924 under Title 53 of the Revised Code of Washington; and

WHEREAS, under RCW 53, the Port of Port Townsend is responsible for developing and maintaining infrastructure that fosters economic development and providing transportation facilities and capital equipment that support commerce and communities within Jefferson County; and

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

WHEREAS, from January 5 to 29, 2024, portions of Western Washington experienced severe winter storms, straight-line winds, flooding, landslides, and mudslides which resulted in a Presidential Disaster Declaration for seventeen counties, including Jefferson County (DR-4775-WA); and

WHEREAS, the winter storms cited above damaged public and private property throughout Jefferson County and the region, and caused economic harm to the community; and

WHEREAS, the winter storms cited above also revealed the vulnerability of operations at the Port's Boat Haven Boat Yard facility, underscoring the need to further expand and develop the facility with infrastructure that is resilient and capable of withstanding and mitigating the effects of future disasters, while ensuring the economic stability and recovery of the region by sustaining and growing marine trades employment opportunities;

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 has been issued; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Port Townsend qualifies to apply for EAA Disaster Recovery Program grant assistance (funding opportunity number EDA-DISASTER-2025) in that:

- Jefferson County, Washington was included in major disaster Presidential declarations under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act as a result of storms in calendar year 2024 (DR-4775); and
- The Western Boat Yard Expansion Project aligns with Investment Priorities identified by the EDA in that:

- It facilitates economic recovery and resilience and strengthens the ability of the community to withstand future natural disasters and economic shocks; and
- It encourages and supports job creation, business expansion, facilitates other technology and capital upgrades, and productivity growth in manufacturing at Boat Haven; and
- It will help to attract private investment and retain and grow jobs within a designated Opportunity Zone; and
- The proposed Western Boat Yard Expansion Project is consistent with, and helps to implement the North Olympic Development Council's 2021-2025 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) in that it will sustain and expand the strength of the marine trades economic sector, leading to a more diverse and resilient economy; and
- The Western Boat Yard Expansion Project is also reflected in the Port of Port Townsend's 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) as infrastructure development necessary to support the health and resilience of the Port's Boat Haven operations and Jefferson County's marine trades economic sector; and

WHEREAS, the total cost for engineering design, permitting, construction, and construction management and administration for the Boat Haven Western Boat Yard Expansion Project is estimated to be \$6,075,000 and

WHEREAS, the Western Boat Yard Expansion project described herein is eligible for EDA funding support as described above, with EDA responsible for an eighty percent (80%) share (\$4,860,000), with a non-federal match of twenty percent (20%) (\$1,215,000), which will be comprised, respectively, by \$500,000 (8.2%) in funding support from the State of Washington and \$715,000 (11.8%) in direct funding from the Port; and

WHEREAS, as of May 31, 2025, the Port had reserved and unreserved cash balances in excess of the amounts necessary to meet its grant match share, and therefore, has the funds available to proceed with this capital infrastructure development project if successful in obtaining EDA funding support;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Port Commission of the Port of Port Townsend, 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 an EDA Disaster Supplemental Grant Program application for \$4,816,000 to assist in funding the engineering design, permitting, construction of the Boat Haven Western Boat Yard Expansion Project support, and grow the Port's Boat Haven Boat Yard operations.
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 for, and enter into, a project agreement with the EDA, if the requested funding is awarded.
3. **Port of Port Townsend Match Commitment:** Upon consultation with the Port's Director of Finance and Administration, the Commission of the Port of Port Townsend has concluded, and hereby assures EDA, that local and state matching funds totaling up to \$1,204,000 (i.e., \$500,000 approved in the State's adopted Capital Budget and \$704,000 in Port reserves) are available and have been authorized for the above-referenced capital equipment acquisition.

4. **Adequacy of Process Confirmed:** The Port of Port Townsend certifies that appropriate public notice and opportunity for comment on this application has been 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.

ADOPTED this 25th day of June 2025, 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.

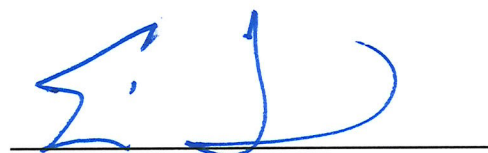
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