

FY 2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity

Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP)

Maritime Administration (MARAD)

U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)

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A. BASIC INFORMATION

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Pub. L. 117-58, November 15, 2021) (IIJA) appropriated \$450 million to be awarded by the U.S. Department of Transportation Maritime Administration (MARAD) for FY 2026 for the Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP). The program is codified at 46 U.S.C. § 54301.

Pursuant to 46 U.S.C. § 54301(a)(5)(B), MARAD is required to publish a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) no later than 90 days after the date that amounts are made available for grants for a fiscal year, which is December 30, 2025. In order to comply with this requirement, this NOFO solicits applications for projects to be funded under the PIDP.

MARAD intends to amend this NOFO to provide more details on application requirements.

BASIC INFORMATION: Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) Grants	
Topic	Description
Federal Agency Name	Maritime Administration (MARAD)
Funding Opportunity Title	FY 2026 Port Infrastructure Development Program
Announcement Type	Notice of Funding Opportunity
Funding Opportunity Number	MA-PID-26-001
Assistance Listing Number	20.823 Port Infrastructure Development Program
Funding Details	At least \$450 million in FY 2026 IIJA funds
Submission Requirements and Deadlines	Applications must be submitted online no later than 11:59:59 PM eastern on March 27, 2026. Complete instructions on how to apply will be posted at grants.gov and the PIDP program website .
Executive Summary	PIDP assists in funding eligible projects for the purpose of improving the safety, efficiency, or reliability of the movement of goods through ports and intermodal connections to ports.
Eligible Applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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, or a consortium of Indian Tribes; • A multistate or multijurisdictional group of entities described above; or • 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.

Eligible Projects	Projects within the boundary of a port, or outside the boundary of a port and directly related to port operations or to an intermodal connection to a port that improve the safety, efficiency, or reliability of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The loading and unloading of goods at a port; • The movement of goods into, out of, around, or within a port; • Operational improvements at a port; • Resiliency in response to environmental factors; or • Infrastructure that supports seafood and seafood-related businesses.
Agency Contact Information	PIDPgrants@dot.gov or call Aubrey Parsons at 202-366-8047

B. ELIGIBILITY

To be selected for a PIDP grant, an applicant must be an Eligible Applicant and the project must be an Eligible Project.

1. ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

An eligible applicant for a FY 2026 PIDP grant is:

- 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 (as defined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. § 5304), without regard to capitalization,) or a consortium of Indian Tribes,
- a multistate or multijurisdictional group of entities described above, or
- 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.

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2. ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Eligible projects for FY 2026 PIDP grants shall be located either within the boundary of a port, or outside the boundary of a port and directly related to port operations or to an intermodal connection to a port. Grants may be made for capital projects that will be used to improve the safety, efficiency, or reliability of:

- I. the loading and unloading of goods at the port, such as for marine terminal equipment;
- II. 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;
- III. operational improvements, including projects to improve port resilience;
- IV. environmental and emission mitigation measures; or

- V. 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.

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3. APPLICATION LIMIT

Each eligible applicant may submit no more than one application. Unrelated project components should not be combined in one application to meet this limit. If an applicant submits multiple applications, only the last one received by MARAD will be considered.

4. COST SHARING

Federal cost share is defined as the portion of the project's cost that is paid by Federal funds. Cost share funds are typically stated as a percentage of the total project cost. Per 46 U.S.C. § 54301(a)(8), the Federal share of the total costs of an eligible PIDP project must not exceed 80 percent. The Secretary, however, may, by statute, increase the Federal share of costs above 80 percent for:

- (1) a grant for a project that is located in a rural area; or
- (2) a grant awarded to a small project at a small port under 46 U.S.C. § 54301(b).

Applicants should use the following equation when determining the cost share for their project:

$$\frac{(PIDP\ Grant\ Request + Other\ Federal\ Funds)}{Total\ Project\ Cost} = Federal\ Cost\ Share$$

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5. LOCATION DESIGNATIONS AND DEFINITIONS

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C. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

1. PROGRAM HISTORY AND AUTHORIZATION

The PIDP statute, codified at 46 U.S.C. § 54301, establishes the port and intermodal improvement program to improve the safety, efficiency, or reliability of the movement of goods through ports and intermodal connections to ports. IJA appropriated \$450 million to the PIDP for FY 2026 to make discretionary grants for eligible PIDP projects. In addition to the FY 2026 IJA PIDP funds, FY 2026 Appropriations Act funding, if appropriated, and unobligated prior year PIDP funds may be made available and awarded under this solicitation to eligible projects.

2. PROGRAM GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The goal of PIDP is to assist in funding eligible projects for the purpose of improving the safety, efficiency, or reliability of the movement of goods through ports and intermodal connections to ports.

3. AWARD SIZE

There is no minimum award size for funding awarded under IIJA. Except as limited by the amount of available funding and statutory restrictions on funding identified in Section C.4., there is no maximum award size.

4. RESTRICTIONS ON FUNDING

MARAD must comply with the following funding restrictions:

Funding Restriction	Amount
Small Projects at Small Ports	At least 25% of available funding, which is \$112.5 million
Per State	No more than 25% of available funding, which is \$112.5 million
Planning Projects	No more than 10% of funding reserved for Small Projects at Small Ports and no more than 10% of funding available to large projects
Small Projects at Small Ports Maximum Award size	No more than \$11.25 million per award

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5. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

The table below outlines the obligation and expenditure deadlines for FY 2026 PIDP funding.

Fiscal Year	Funding Obligation Deadline	Funding Expenditure Deadline
FY 2026	MARAD expects obligation by September 30, 2030	5 years after funds obligation for each individual award

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D. APPLICATION CONTENT AND FORMAT

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I. FEDERAL AWARD AGENCY CONTACT(S)

For further information concerning this notice please contact the PIDP staff via email at: PIDPgrants@dot.gov, or call Aubrey Parsons at 202-366-8047. In addition, MARAD will post answers to questions and requests for clarifications at <https://www.maritime.dot.gov/PIDPgrants>.

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By Order of the Maritime Administrator