

The 2025 Recipients include:

Columbia, Louisiana

The Columbia Port Commission was awarded \$400,000

The United States Marine Highway Grant funds will be provided for a plan that supports near-term expansion of rail and waterborne facilities in the Delta Region that could handle unit trains and containerized cargo beyond current tenant needs along the M-167 route.

Morgan City, Louisiana

The Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District was awarded \$772,800

The United States Marine Highway Grant funds will go towards the procurement, delivery, and assembly of a minimum 65-ton Rough Terrain Crane and attachments, and a Track Skid Steel Loader for use at the port's terminal facility, enhancing the efficiency and safety in cargo transloading.

Caruthersville, Missouri

MFA Incorporated was awarded \$1,744,218

The United States Marine Highway Grant funds will be provided for the installation of a modern, high-capacity tank blending system to enhance fertilizer handling efficiency, support modal shift from truck to barge transportation, and strengthen rural logistics in alignment with the MARAD's Marine Highway Program (MHP) goals. The project proposes consolidating blending at the terminal level, where river access and storage capacity can be optimized for higher throughput and environmental benefit. The system will be modular, automation-ready, and designed to scale with seasonal demand. It eliminates the need for end loaders, reduces operational bottlenecks, and increases the terminal's service capacity for regional ag customers.

Monroe, Michigan

The Port of Monroe was awarded \$558,960

The United States Marine Highway Grant funds will go towards the acquisition of two attachments for the Port of Monroe's Manitowoc MLC165 crawler crane: a purpose-built hydraulic clamshell bucket and a telescopic container spreader bar. These attachments are essential to safely and efficiently handle dry bulk and containerized cargo at the Port's main terminal. The clamshell bucket will support the movement of synthetic gypsum, bottom ash, and other bulk materials, while the spreader bar will enable containerized cargo operations when the Port's new terminal becomes operational in 2026.

Wellsville, Ohio

The Port Authority of Columbiana County was awarded \$440,683

The United States Marine Highway Grant funds will go towards the acquisition of a two eight-yard diesel over-hydraulic clamshell buckets to be used at the Port of Ohio at Pier 48 overhead gantry crane, these buckets will replace two aging ten-yard buckets originally manufactured in 1979 and later refurbished. The new equipment will support the safe, efficient loading of high-density bulk material, particularly chemical grade barite. This project will significantly expand the port's ability to serve both existing and prospective shippers.

Umatilla, Oregon

Finley Buttes Limited Partnership was awarded \$480,000

The United States Marine Highway Grant funds will be provided to establish a marine highway transport route for containerized municipal solid waste from Puget Sound, Washington, to Umatilla, Oregon. The project includes development activities such as market analysis, feasibility/modal study, alternative site analysis, preliminary engineering, NEPA review, and permitting of the preferred site to prepare for future funding for construction and implementation of the service.

Portland, Oregon

Shaver Transportation Company was awarded \$3,750,000

The United States Marine Highway Grant funds will go towards the construction of a new 3,600-ton capacity barge designed to serve the Columbia-Snake River M-84 Marine Highway. The engineering designs for the new barge have already been completed by Shaver Transportation. The objective of this project is to expand barge capacity along the M-84 marine highway to meet confirmed shipper demand, reduce landside congestion, improve freight system resilience, and support the continued cost-competitiveness of Pacific Northwest agricultural exports.

Brownsville, Pennsylvania

Heartland Fabrication LLC was awarded \$599,260

The United States Marine Highway Grant funds will be provided for berth improvements of barge docks at the Heartland Fabrication facility, to improve cargo handling efficiency and long-term resilience for barge transportation to and from the site. The cover dock berths will be improved through maintenance dredging, mooring system upgrades, and new gangway access. The floating dock area berths will be improved through maintenance dredging and replacement of a floating dock. The launchway berth will be improved through maintenance dredging.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Armada Marine Services LLC was awarded \$2,000,000

The United States Marine Highway Grant will be provided to fund the procurement of an oceangoing deck barge that is American Bureau of Shipping (ABS) certified and Jones Act qualified. The barge will be used in transportation corridors along the Atlantic for shipping sand and gravel, as well as project cargoes.

Bellingham, Washington

BCS Operations LLC was awarded \$1,550,000

The United States Marine Highway Grant funds will be provided to acquire cargo-handling equipment, including nine drayage chassis, top pick machines, and a shrink-wrapping system. This project builds on previous investments in port infrastructure and logistics efficiency, complementing other regional transportation initiatives aimed at enhancing maritime freight movement.

Vancouver, Washington

Tidewater Barge Line, Inc. was awarded \$984,430

The United States Marine Highway Grant funds will go towards the conversion of four double-hull barges from petroleum service to chemical service. This upgrade will enable Tidewater to expand its barge transportation capacity for liquid fertilizer, specifically UAN 32 (Urea Ammonium Nitrate Solution), along the Columbia and Snake River System.

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