



CT Small Harbor Improvement Projects Program (SHIPP)

Grants available for enhancing Connecticut's shoreline

Would improvements to the ports, harbors and marinas in your area bring new economic vitality to your town, city or adjacent business? If so, you'll want to learn more about the SHIPP grants available through the Connecticut Port Authority (CPA). The CPA has authorized \$7.5 million for the SHIPP program in 2017. These grants are designed to spur the development and improvement of berthing areas, channels to berthing areas, sea walls, piers, docks, navigation aids and other related facilities. SHIPP grants are specifically designed for harbor improvements in areas other than our deepwater port cities: Bridgeport, New Haven and New London.

Who can apply for a SHIPP grant

Any Connecticut municipality (cities and towns) as well as other properties that are adjacent to Connecticut waterways may apply for a SHIPP grant.

What to include in your proposal

Your written proposal should include:

- A narrative description of the current conditions;
- A statement of the vision for and economic development of the port or harbor;
- A detailed description of the proposal (e.g., work plan, budget, site map, etc.) and how it relates to both the existing conditions and the future vision;
- A market analysis of the economic viability of a project, to the extent possible;
- An estimate of the amount needed to advance the project to full construction;
- A description of how the proposal will support the state's maritime policies and encourage maritime commerce and industry; and
- A brief assessment of the most critical hurdle(s) to overcome in order to realize the vision, and to what extent, if any, the state's agencies might be needed to facilitate a coordinated solution.



How CPA will rate SHIPP proposals

CPA will evaluate competitive proposals based on:

- Economic and market viability;
- Project permitted;
- Project approval by local authorities (e.g., Harbor Management Commissions, Planning & Zoning, etc.);
- Stage of project (e.g., planning, design, construction or other); and
- Number of current employees and number of new jobs created.



Minimum submission requirements

Proposals must:

1. Be submitted before the deadline, April 17, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.
2. Satisfy the packaging and labeling requirements.
3. Follow the required format.
4. Be complete.
5. Include all required forms.
6. Be duly executed.

Please be sure to include any required signatures, provide the required number of copies, meet deadlines, and answer all questions. Otherwise, your proposal may be disqualified.

The CPA may amend or cancel its Request For Applications (RFA), prior to the due date and time, if it determines a change or cancellation to be necessary or in the best interest of the CPA. Firms that fail to acknowledge receipt of any amendments may not be considered.

Applicants are solely responsible for any costs they incur in preparing or submitting proposals.

No additions or changes to the original proposal will be allowed after submission. However, CPA may require clarification of proposals at the applicant's sole expense.

Where to apply

Submit applications and questions—*in writing only*—to:

Joseph Salvatore

Connecticut Port Authority

505 Hudson Street, Hartford, CT 06106-7106

You may also submit your application in PDF form online to: **joseph.salvatore@ct.gov**

Please note: No personal communication.

All communication with the CPA or its representatives concerning this RFA is strictly prohibited, except as permitted by this RFA. Any violation may result in disqualification, sanctions, or both.