



**THE PORT
OF LOS ANGELES** LA

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Community Investment Grants FY 2025-2026

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Presented by:

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Presented to:

**Board of Harbor
Commissioners**

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Port of LA Community Investment Grant Program

10 Years of Empowering Harbor Communities

Investing \$14.5 Million in fostering a vibrant waterfront and strong community ties since 2014.



\$14.5M+

Awarded to Community Partners



422

Grants Funded



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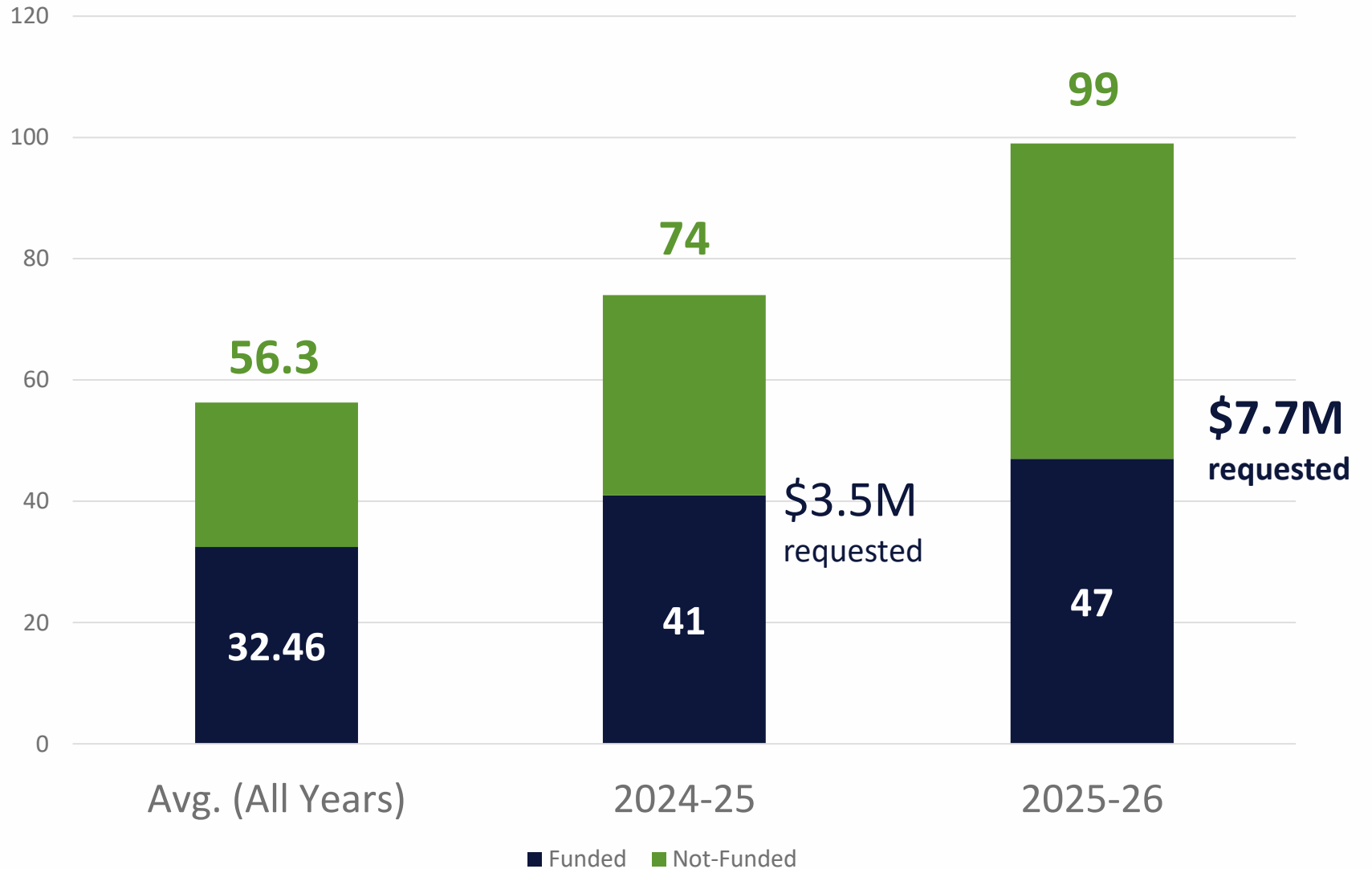
Applications Reviewed



Grant Recipients in Action: EXP (Top Left); Marine Mammal Care Center (Top Right); LA Maritime Institute (Bottom Left); and Avalon Arts and Cultural Center (Bottom Right).

FY 2025-2026 Community Investment Grant Program Awards

47 awards recommended totaling \$1.84M



Community Investment Grants: Program Goals

LA Waterfront Activation



- Promote San Pedro and Wilmington as active visitor destinations benefiting the State.

Community & Sustainability



- Address health, aesthetic, and environmental impacts; promote sustainable practices.

Port Commerce & Jobs



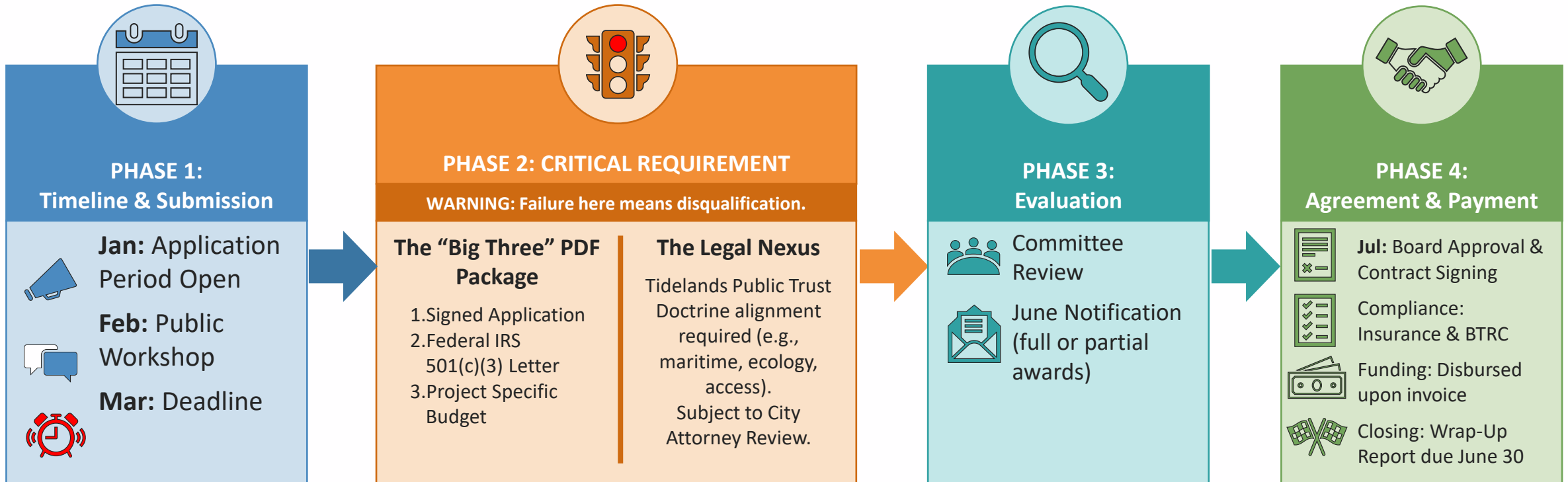
- Promote the Port as a hub for maritime commerce and the generation of vital jobs.

Education & Workforce




- Education and training in maritime industry, marine sciences, and emergency management.

Community Investment Grant Process

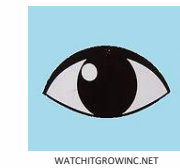
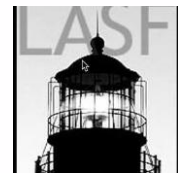


Submission of a competitive application means strict adherence to legal and documentation standards.

Recommended Large Grants

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- **Avalon Arts & Cultural Alliance – \$120,000.00**
 - Maritime-Themed Art & STEAM Workshops, Harbor Storytelling & Cultural Performance Series, and Pop-Up Art Exhibits & Demonstrations
 - **EXP (formerly ITEP) – \$355,000.00**
 - Outreach, workshops and career education to students providing opportunities to learn about maritime history, navigation, commerce and safety
 - **Los Angeles Maritime Institute – \$300,000.00**
 - TopSail Youth Program

Community Investment Grant Program General Grants for FY 2025-2026





Awards for FY 2025-2026

Abode Communities	Youth Enrichment & Community Connections	\$ 5,000.00
AltaSea at the Port of Los Angeles	Open House Events	\$ 17,400.00
AltaSea Conservancy dba Kelp Ark	Kelp Biodiversity Demonstration & Research	\$ 7,740.00
Angels Gate Cultural Center	Gallery Exhibitions and Public Events	\$ 11,000.00
Boys & Girls Club of the Los Angeles Harbor	ILWU/PMA Luncheon	\$ 5,000.00
Braid Theory Impact	IGNITE22 Conference Sponsorship	\$ 16,000.00
Bridge Cities Alliance	San Pedro Pride Event Sponsorship	\$ 10,000.00
Cabrillo Beach Booster	John Holguin Fireworks Spectacular Sponsorship	\$ 35,000.00
Cabrillo Beach Youth Sailing Foundation	Youth Sailing Program	\$ 30,000.00
Cabrillo Beach Youth Sailing Foundation	2025 ILCA Youth Sailing World Championship	\$ 7,600.00
EXPOSE	Youth Environmental Awareness and Community Wellness	\$ 10,000.00
Friends of Banning Park	Victorian Christmas and Phineas Banning Birthday Bash	\$ 10,000.00
Friends of the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium	Grand Grunion Gala, Fishtival Summer Night, LA Family Day	\$ 40,000.00
Friends of the Los Angeles Maritime Museum	Maritime Crafts and Archives Open House	\$ 6,294.56
Friends of the Rotary Club of Wilmington	LAFW 2026 Wilmington Welcome Reception and Taste of Wilm.	\$ 20,000.00
Gang Alternatives Program	My Gangfree Life and POLA Keep It Clean Project	\$ 10,000.00
Grand Vision Foundation	Concerts at the Harbor	\$ 12,600.00

Awards for FY 2025-2026 (continued)

International Bird Rescue	Bird rehabilitation and crisis response	\$ 20,000.00
International Seafarers Center	Maritime Industry Salute Event	\$ 20,000.00
LA Conservation Corps	Community Clean Ups	\$ 80,000.00
Los Angeles Fire Department Historical Society	Centennial Celebration of the Ralph J. Scott Fireboat	\$ 15,000.00
Los Angeles Parks Foundation	Lifeguard Cadet Program	\$ 40,000.00
Los Angeles Sailing Foundation	Port of Los Angeles Harbor Cup Sponsorship	\$ 25,000.00
Los Angeles Sportswalk of Fame	Los Angeles Sportswalk of Fame Induction Ceremony and Luncheon	\$ 10,000.00
Marine Mammal Care Center	Marine Mammal Stranding, Entanglement and Special Rescue Response Initiative	\$ 14,100.00
Pacific Battleship Center	Impact Initiatives: Education, Veterans, and Community at the Port of Los Angeles	\$ 50,000.00
POLA HS	Career Technical Education Program	\$ 25,000.00
Providence Little Company of Mary Foundation	Maritime Treasures: A Celebration of Marine & Port Life	\$ 14,500.00
San Pedro & Peninsula YMCA	Anchored in Community Program	\$ 17,000.00
San Pedro Bay Historical Society, Inc.	Preservation Project	\$ 2,364.00
San Pedro Chamber of Commerce Nonprofit Assoc.	San Pedro Music Fest	\$ 15,000.00
San Pedro City Ballet	San Pedro City Ballet Celebrates the Port of LA	\$ 15,000.00
SBCC Clean Wilmington	Community Beautification and Clean Ups	\$ 90,000.00
Shakespeare by the Sea	Community Performance	\$ 7,500.00

Awards for FY 2025-2026 (continued)

Sharefest Community Development, Inc.	Career Connections: Port Site Visits	\$ 8,500.00
Southern California Marine Institute	Port Observing Shore Station Element - POSSE	\$ 9,522.00
Think Earth Environmental Foundation	Think Watershed Project	\$ 16,000.00
Tianguiz Cultural	Movie Nights and other events at Wilmington Promenade	\$ 15,000.00
Toberman Neighborhood Center	Empowering Youth Through Maritime Exploration, Environmental Action & Career Pathways	\$ 7,000.00
Watchitgrow Inc.	South Los Angeles Children's Day at the Port	\$ 12,500.00
Wilmington Historical Society	Banning's First Landing Annual Event	\$ 13,640.00
Wilmington YMCA	Annual Dia de los Muertos 1K/5K and other events in partnership with the Port	\$ 45,475.00

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