



Executive Director's
Report to the
Board of Harbor Commissioners

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

DATE: APRIL 17, 2024

TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: PROJECT APPLICATIONS FOR PORT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM FISCAL YEAR 2024 (PSGP FY 24)

On April 16, 2024, the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), announced the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Grant Program Funding Opportunity. The FY 2024 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) will focus on enhancing cybersecurity; enhancing the protection of soft targets and crowded places; planning; training and awareness; equipment and capital projects; and exercises.

The Port Police, on behalf of the Harbor Department (the Port), is applying for three projects for this round of the PSGP:

PROJECT NAME	Federal Amount	25% Non-Federal Amount	Total Project Cost
Security System Maintenance	\$1,000,000	\$333,333	\$1,333,333
Cyber Threat Detection Software and Storage	\$1,000,000	\$333,333	\$1,333,333
Drone As First Responder/Rail Security UAS	\$112,500	\$37,500	\$149,500

The Port's Security System Maintenance project supports multiple security systems implemented under previous rounds of the PSGP. This program continues to facilitate the ongoing maintenance and repairs necessary to sustain the security system and ensure the continued effectiveness of the Port's security program. This project extends the useful life of the camera and access control systems for a fraction of the cost of full replacement.

The Cyber Threat Detection Software and Storage project will purchase malware protection and an extended secure data storage server. The software will protect against potential weakness in the Waterside Surveillance System (WSS) with encryption and respond to cyberattacks. The storage server provides an enterprise-grade, resilient, scalable, and reliable solution for maintaining data. Specific programs supported under the program include, but are not limited to, Closed Circuit Television, access control, and the WSS network.

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The Drone as First-Responder/Rail Security UAS program is directed at enhancing the security of rail used by the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach as well as responding to other port incidents as needed. The program provides a rapid response and “eyes-on” to emergencies, especially in remote and difficult areas to access.

Because FEMA will need to conduct an initial eligibility review of the application prior to the final submission deadline, grantees are required to complete the Standard Form 424 submission within Grants.gov no later than June 24, 2024. The anticipated award period is September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2027. If awarded, the Port Police will return to the Board for acceptance of the grant.



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