

**Virginia Port Authority
Board of Commissioners Meeting
May 27, 2014**

The Aid to Local Ports Fund appropriation, derived from the Port of Virginia's share of the Commonwealth Transportation Fund, is \$1,000,000 for FY2015. In addition, VPA has an estimated \$2,046,862 in FY 2014 grant funds available as a carryover, for total appropriation totaling \$3,046,862 for FY 2015.

VPA staff met with Senator Linwood Lewis (whose districts encompass many of the localities that make ALP fund grant request) and most of the potential grant applicants on February 20, 2014 during the General Assembly session. These preliminary meetings are held to determine the amount and nature of the likely grant requests. If it appears, as is often the case, that requests will exceed available funds, the potential applicants try to sequence their requests over several fiscal years or simply forebear for a year or two in deference to others with more pressing needs.

The following chart lists the localities that are requesting grants this fiscal year and staff recommendations for funding those requests.

Locality	FY 2015 (Request)	FY 2015 (Recommended)
City of Chesapeake (GBB)	\$120,000	\$90,000
City of Chesapeake (ERP)	\$400,000	\$0
City of Norfolk	\$200,000	\$200,000
City of Richmond	\$193,300	\$0
County of Accomack	\$250,000	\$243,750
Northampton County	\$120,000	\$90,000
Town of Cape Charles	\$320,250	\$211,250 + \$44,000 = \$255,250
Town of Saxis	\$220,000	\$165,000
Total New Requests	\$1,823,550	\$1,000,000 (\$1,044,000)
		*\$44,000 reallocated from Isle of Wight carryover

Staff Recommendations

City of Chesapeake (Great Bridge Battlefield & Waterways Center) Requesting \$120,000

The City of Chesapeake is requesting \$120,000 for dock replacement. The dock is used daily with more than 13,000 boaters passing by annually, but the dock is aged, splintered, weather worn and cracked. Total project cost is estimated to be \$120,000 and work would begin immediately.

The staff recommends that this request for a grant be approved up to \$90,000.

City of Chesapeake (Elizabeth River Park and Public Boat Ramp) Requesting \$400,000

The City of Chesapeake is requesting \$400,000 to compensate the construction of a ship store, concession and restroom facility. Total project cost is \$4,000,000 and work would begin immediately.

The staff recommends that this request for a grant be denied.

City of Norfolk (Nauticus)

Requesting \$200,000

The City of Norfolk is requesting \$200,000 to add safe, maintenance-free concrete floating docks to the Elizabeth River frontage. This will help make best use of the public Norfolk Harbor waterfront and allow Nauticus to be an even more significant influence in the maritime community's economic and workforce growth & development.

The staff recommends that this request for a grant be approved up to \$200,000.

City of Richmond

Requesting \$193,300

The City of Richmond is requesting \$193,300 for engineering service to repair Intermediate Terminal. After complete engineering and design plans, the City of Richmond will submit grant application in FY2016 for re-construction of damaged dock area. The total project cost is currently \$2,320,000.

The staff recommends that this request for a grant be denied.

County of Accomack

Requesting \$250,000

The County of Accomack has requested \$250,000 for the Harborton Barge Wharf. The steel bulkhead is beginning to fail and the apron leading to the wharf is in need of repair. The wharf is used to transport materials and equipment to Tangier Island and other Bayside locations. It is also used to transfer solid waste containers. Total project cost is \$325,000.

The staff recommends that this request for a grant be approved up to \$243,750.

Northampton County

Requesting \$120,000

Northampton County is requesting \$100,000 to dredge the County Marina at Willis Wharf. The marina provides mooring for local working watermen, charter boats and boaters. The county is unable to rent over half of the boats slips due to the buildup of sediment. Northampton also requests \$20,000 to replace the third pier at Willis Wharf. All of the pilings were infested and need to be replaced.

The staff recommends that this request for a grant be approved for up to \$90,000

Town of Cape Charles

Requesting \$320,250

The Town of Cape Charles is requesting \$320,250 to construct the first phase of a marine terminal to be located at Cape Charles Yacht Center. The property is currently owned by the Town and leased to South Port Investors. The marine terminal will attract commercial carriers such as Orbital Science and Murtech. The public boat ramp, gas dock, and harbor refuge will all directly benefit from the wave attenuation system. Town of Cape Charles harbor would have a true barge deep water landing.

The staff recommends that this request for a grant be approved up to \$255,250. \$44,000 of this is reallocated from a carryover request from Isle of Wight.

Town of Saxis

Requesting \$220,000

The Town of Saxis is requesting \$220,000 for phase 2 of the harbor jetty project. In order to protect the harbor, they need to extend the jetty another 360 ft. This would also prevent sand

from accumulating into the channel and would prolong the times between dredging. Project will begin July 2014 and be completed by October 2014.

The staff recommends that this request for a grant be approved up to \$165,000.

Other ALP Matters

There are ten remaining matters for the Board's consideration in connection with the Aid to Local Ports. The following ports communities have requested carryover of funding from FY14 into FY15.

The City of Norfolk requests to carryover until June 30, 2015, its previous balance estimated to be \$450,000.

The County of Accomack request to carryover until June 30, 2015, its previous balance estimated to be \$502,325.

The County of Northampton requests to carryover until June 30, 2015, its previous balance estimated to be \$40,000.

The Town of Cape Charles requests to carryover until June 30, 2015, its previous balance estimated to be \$575,000.

The Town of Saxis requests to carryover until June 30, 2015, its previous balance estimated to be \$33,017.42.

The Accomack-Northampton Transportation District Commission (ANTDC) requests to carryover until June 30, 2015, its previous balance estimated to be \$200,715.33.

The County of Isle of Wight requests to carryover until June 30, 2015, its previous balance estimated to be \$44,000. The staff recommends to deny this request and to reallocate the funds.

The Town of Onancock requests to carryover until June 30, 2015, its previous balance estimated to be \$63,879.06.

The Town of Tangier requests to carryover until June 30, 2015, its previous balance estimated to be \$57,925.

The Town of Wachapreague requests to carryover until June 30, 2015, its previous balance estimated to be \$80,000.

The staff recommends the above requests be approved with the exception of Isle of Wight.

**VIRGINIA PORT AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION 14-6**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AID TO LOCAL PORTS FUNDING (FY15) TOTALING \$1,000,000 to
the City of Chesapeake, the City of Norfolk, the County of Accomack, Northampton
County, the Town of Cape Charles, and the Town of Saxis.**

WHEREAS, in September 1986, the Virginia General Assembly established the Commonwealth Port Fund in order to support port capital needs of all ocean, river or tributary ports within the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Virginia Port Authority adopted a Policy on Grants to Local Governments for Financial Assistance for Port Facilities (Aid to Local Ports Policy) on July 28, 1987, which Policy was last amended on November 29, 1995; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Aid to Local Ports Policy, the following entities have applied for grants for the purposes indicated;

City of Chesapeake, up to \$90,000 for dock replacement at Great Bridge Battlefield & Waterways Center.

City of Norfolk, up to \$200,000 for maintenance-free concrete floating docks at Nauticus.

County of Accomack, up to \$243,750 for repair of the Harborton Barge Wharf.

Northampton County, up to \$90,000 for dredging at the County Marina at Willis Wharf and for replacement of the third pier.

Town of Cape Charles, up to \$255,250 for a wave attenuation system, which is the first phase of a marine terminal.

Town of Saxis, up to \$165,000 for phase two of the harbor jetty project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Virginia Port Authority that:

1. Grants will be made in the individual amounts and for the purposes indicated above.
2. Funds will be made available following the approval of certified requisitions which are accompanied by supporting documentation provided to the Virginia Port Authority as provided for in the Aid to Local Ports Policy.
3. The grantees are required to return any unused funds from these grants to the Virginia Port Authority.
4. If, by June 30, 2015, the grants authorized herein have not been fully drawn upon, or the contracts covering the improvements for which the grants were made have not been entered into, the grants will lapse and will not be carried over to the next fiscal year.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

Carryover from Isle of Wight to be reallocated to the Town of Cape Charles.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of May 2014.

Chairman

Attest:

Debra J. McNulty, Clerk