

**Virginia Port Authority
Board of Commissioners Meeting
June 7, 2016**

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 FY2017. In addition, VPA has an estimated \$1,527,210.08 in FY 2016 grant funds available as a carryover.

VPA staff met with the potential grant applicants on February 19, 2016 during the Aid to Local Ports annual meeting. This preliminary meeting is held to determine the amount and nature of the grant requests.

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

City	Amount Requested	Proposed Allocation
Accomack- Greenbackville dock replacement and electrical work	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00
Cape Charles-Additional breakwater and jetty rehabilitation	\$500,000.00	\$50,000.00
Middlesex- Jackson Creek Dredging	\$118,125.00	\$118,125.00
Newport News- SIP Outer Harbor Repairs/ modifications	\$581,250.00	\$0
Norfolk- finger piers, electric and plumbing/ wave screen	\$178,125.00	\$74,830
Northampton- Dredging	\$100,000.00	\$42,295.00
Onancock-Wharf Area Improvements	\$545,465.91	\$200,000.00
Poquoson-Breakwater and dock/slip upgrades	\$253,125.00	\$51,000.00
Portsmouth-Boat Ramp	\$162,225.00	\$0
Portsmouth-New Portside	\$412,500.00	\$0
Richmond- Intermediate Terminal	\$1,421,345.00	\$100,000
Wachapreague- Dredging	\$63,750.00	\$63,750.00
Total	\$4,635,910.91	\$1,000,000.00

Accomack County

Project: Renovations at Greenbackville Harbor

Summary: The wooden docks that serve the boat slips on the north and northwest sides are currently in need of replacement and are over 30 years old. Work would also include electrical service to the facility. Docks and slips serve commercial watermen, charter boat captains, and others who contribute to the local economy. These improvements would allow for a 30% increase in slip rentals.

Timeline: One year from time funds are awarded

Total Project Cost: \$400,000

Requested Amount: \$300,000

Proposed Allocation: \$300,000

Cape Charles

Project: Additional breakwater and jetty rehabilitation

Summary: Cape Charles would like to construct a new breakwater and increase the height of the existing jetty by two feet to protect the Town Harbor and beach. The potential impact to the community includes improvement of wake within the harbor and an increase in boating activities.

Timeline: 90-120 days

Total Project Cost: \$925,000

Requested Amount: \$500,000

Proposed Allocation: \$50,000

Estimated Carryover: \$194,188.90

Middlesex County

Project: Jackson Creek Dredging

Summary: Jackson Creek, in the area between channel markers 9,7, and 5 has been reduced to almost half, from a normal width of 60' to about 40', and the normal depth has been reduced almost half, from 8' to 5'. Dredging would restore the channel to the federally authorized project depth of -8 feet Mean Lower Low Water plus 1 foot. Dredging is required to restore safe boating access by the recreational and commercial vessels. Dredging would allow unimpeded access for thousands of boaters. Annual income for boat slips is \$400,000 and for dry slips \$256,000. Annual income for service work on vessels in the creek is approx. \$4.2 million. Jobs created by commerce in Jackson Creek totals 100 (direct and indirect).

Timeline: Project will begin as soon as permitting and procurement are completed. Project would be completed within 1-1/2 months

Total Project Cost: \$157,500

Requested Amount: \$118,125

Proposed Allocation: \$118,125

Newport News

Project: SIP Outer Harbor Repairs/ modifications

Summary: The Outer Pier and dolphins are showing signs of significant deterioration. Unless this deterioration is remedied, the condition of the outer harbor will continue to decline, resulting in loss of utility to the marine community, loss of revenue and job loss. It is estimated that the capacity to moor 2-3 more scallop boats due to the proposed expansion of the outer harbor pier could increase landings at the SIP by more than \$1 million annually. Repairs and upgrades will improve marine safety throughout the Hampton Roads harbor by offering a safe harbor during storms.

Timeline: August 2016- November 2016

Total Project Cost: \$775,000

Requested Amount: \$581,250

Proposed Allocation: \$0

Estimated Carryover: \$638,292

Norfolk

Project: Finger piers, electric and plumbing, wave screen

Summary: Nauticus is seeking funding for finger piers, electric and plumbing, and a wave screen. The goal is to create a safe and protective harbor for visiting vessels and 20 program vessels. The proposed capital improvement project is going to enhance education and generate revenue through a number of fee for service programs, including lessons, camps, memberships, and corporate outings.

Timeline: Finger pier: 6 months, plumbing and electric: 5 months, Wave screen: readymade

Total Project Cost: \$237,500

Requested Amount: \$178,125

Proposed Allocation: \$74,830

Estimated Carryover: \$109,510.90

Northampton

Project: Dredging

Summary: Northampton is seeking funds to dredge at Willis Wharf. Willis Wharf provides much-needed workboat mooring and small vessel launching facilities to the aquaculture industry. Dredging would increase the amount of slips that are available. Currently only 24 out of 54 slips are available for use.

Timeline: Permit only allowing dredging from September to October

Total Project Cost: \$188,000-203,000

Requested Amount: \$100,000

Proposed Allocation: \$42,295

Estimated Carryover: \$98,705.16

Onancock

Project: Wharf Area Improvements

Summary: Larger boats are being turned away due to small slip widths, no floating dockage available to improve ADA accessibility. Timely improvements will have a noticeable economic benefit on the local economy and momentum is building for a comprehensive wharf area after the completion of the harbor master building and fuel tanks. Improved slip sizes will expand use of harbor and encourage tourism and commerce within the town. Onancock will see improved fuel sales from these improvements.

Timeline: April 2016- March 2017

Phase 1: existing fixed timber finger piers and mooring piles will be removed and replaced.

Phase 2: Mooring piles between boat ramp and restaurant will be removed and replaced with ADA accessibility, lighting, electric connection and water service.

Total Project Cost: \$682,254

Requested Amount: \$545,465.91

Proposed Allocation: \$200,000

Estimated Carryover: \$33,775.41

Poquoson

Project: Breakwater and dock/slip upgrades

Summary: Existing and future business at Messick Point needs to be protected by an expansion of the breakwaters. Improving the docks and slips with light, water and electricity should increase both their value to boaters and marketability. Current rates are \$100 per month and would likely increase. With combine income from the marina store revenues are estimated at \$40,000 per year. Development of additional breakwater coverage is anticipated to encourage the growth of existing businesses and enable additional development.

Timeline: 120 days for completion

Total Project Cost: \$337,500

Requested Amount: \$253,125

Proposed Allocation: \$51,000

Portsmouth

Project I: Boat Ramp

Summary: Northeast wave action and winds inflict frequent damage on the boat ramp, creating unsafe conditions that require lengthy closures for safety concerns while repairs are being made. Citizens rely on the boat ramp. It is also used by Bill's Marine, Beach Marine Service and the Coast Guard to launch and retrieve their boats. City staff is currently working on a recommendation to charge a nominal fee for usage of the City Park Boat Ramp. New fees generated by charging an annual decal fee to use the boat ramp is estimated to be \$35,000.

Timeline: 60 days to refine project details. Project would be advertised my mid-January with a contractor in place 60 days later. Construction would be complete by June

Total Project Cost: \$216,300

Requested Amount: \$162,225

Proposed Allocation: \$0

Estimated Carryover: \$187,500

Portsmouth

Project 2: Portside

Summary: Tolls and tunnel closures related to the Elizabeth River Tunnels project is having a significant impact on the City, especially its Downtown business area. City council has challenged the former and current city manager to get more people downtown and make better use of the waterfront. The new Portside would help to restore a favorite regional meeting place. The new Portside will consist of a 5,000 sqft pavilion and associated site improvements. The pavilion will be open air with a sloped, standing seam metal roof. The layout of the site will allow for city sponsored events, outdoor dining, festivals and private parties.

Timeline: July 2016- September 2017

Alternative dates (weather delays): August 2017- April 2018

Total Project Cost: \$731,000

Requested Amount: \$412,500

Proposed Allocation: \$0

Richmond

Project: Intermediate Terminal

Summary: Intermediate Terminal is the primary opportunity for the City along the James River to develop commercial passenger, tourist, and City resident interaction with the deep water portions of the river- a historic and currently underused deep water access opportunity that truly connects the City by water to the entire world. Potential community impacts include the potential for a small cruise ship operation, addition of water transportation the capital trail/multimodal transportation node, enhancement of the Richmond Marine Terminal, visitor from Stone brewing, and promote recreational fishing.

Timeline: 2017-2020 subject to allocation

Total Project Cost: \$4,044,318

Requested Amount: \$1,421,345

Proposed Allocation: \$100,000

Wachapreague

Project: Dredging and other marine repairs

Summary: The Town of Wachapreague has a working waterfront that provides a base for commercial and recreational offshore and inshore fishing, ecotourism and harvesting of our shellfish and crabs. If dredging is not performed slips become too shallow for use. Wachapreague supports a number of fishing tournaments and has a large tourist population that utilize the marina. These dollars support jobs through Accomack County.

Grant will support town dredging, marina bulkhead, floating dock repairs, marina bulkhead, marina office walkway, general M & R, and dock and office repairs.

Timeline: Completion by April 2017

Total Project Cost: \$85,000

Requested Amount: \$63,750

Proposed Allocation: \$63,750

Other ALP Matters

There are ten remaining matters for the Board's consideration in connection with the Aid to Local Ports. The following port communities have requested carryover of funding from FY16 into FY17.

The City of Chesapeake requests to carryover until June 30, 2017, its previous balance estimated to be \$10,063.06.

The City of Isle of Wight requests to carryover until June 30, 2017, its previous balance estimated to be \$10,000.00.

The City of Newport News requests to carryover until June 30, 2017, its previous balance estimated to be \$638,292.00.

The City of Norfolk requests to carryover until June 30, 2017, its previous balance estimated to be \$109,510.90.

The City of Portsmouth requests to carryover until June 30, 2017, its previous balance estimated to be \$187,500.00.

The County of Northampton requests to carryover until June 30, 2017, its previous balance estimated to be \$98,705.16.

The Town of Cape Charles requests to carryover until June 30, 2017, its previous balance estimated to be \$194,188.90.

The Town of Onancock requests to carryover until June 30, 2017, its previous balance estimated to be \$33,775.41.

The Town of Saxis requests to carryover until June 30, 2017, its previous balance estimated to be \$187,249.65.

The Town of Tangier requests to carryover until June 30, 2017, its previous balance estimated to be \$57,925.