

HAPPENINGS

HARBOR ASSISTANCE PROGRAM UPDATES



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Welcome to *HAPPENINGS*

Welcome to the Harbor Assistance Program's inaugural edition of *HAPPENINGS*, WisDOT's new quarterly harbors and waterways e-newsletter.

The purpose of this newsletter is to share updates, insights, and information with ports, harbors, HAP grantees, and interested stakeholders to stay informed about key initiatives related to Harbor Assistance Program grants, and waterway commerce and transportation more broadly.

We hope this newsletter serves as a useful resource and a consistent way to stay connected. If you received this newsletter, you are subscribed! You can [subscribe or unsubscribe](#) anytime and share these links with others.

We also welcome feedback, content suggestions, or photos, so [please get in touch](#) and share your ideas.

TOPIC 01 – HAP DEADLINES

April 1 –
Statements of
Intentions and
resolutions

August 1 – HAP
applications

TOPIC 02 – HAP 2026 awards

TOPIC 03 – Federal grant opportunities

Reminder: HAP Statements of Intentions, Resolutions Due April 1

Statements of Intentions (SOIs) and resolutions are due by April 1. As the first step in the Harbor Assistance Program (HAP) application process, SOIs provide critical data to help WisDOT assess future funding needs for Wisconsin's commercial ports and harbors. They also inform continued state investment levels for HAP project improvements that support maritime transportation and commerce. (continued)

Statements of Intention (continued)

All SOIs received by April 1 will be included in WisDOT's annual budget planning process, which wraps up in mid-April. We will still accept SOIs and resolutions through August 1, 2026.

[Check out templates and instructions](#)

01

Complete [Statement of Intention form](#)

02

Adapt [SOI resolution template](#)

03

Submit [SOIs and resolutions to WisDOT](#)

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Questions? Contact [Erika Kluetmeier](#)

\$7.5 million awarded for seven HAP projects in 2026

Gov. Tony Evers announced the following 2026 Harbor Assistance Program competitive grant awards totaling more than \$7.5 million for seven projects in five Lake Michigan ports:

- Port of Green Bay redevelopment project (\$1.3 million)
- Burger Boat dredging project at Port of Manitowoc (over \$1.3 million)
- Fincantieri Bay Shipbuilding dockwall and fendering project at Port of Sturgeon Bay (\$411,000)
- Marinette Fuel & Dock dredging project at Menominee Harbor (\$882,000)
- Port of Sturgeon Bay multi-purpose dock rebuild project (\$188,000)
- City Centre LLC crane platform and loadout ramp project for Konecranes at Port of Manitowoc (\$2 million)
- Port Milwaukee roof upgrades project (over \$1.4 million)

Federal grant opportunities

The following federal grant opportunity is accepting applications through tomorrow:

1. [Port Infrastructure and Development Program \(MA-PID-26-001\)](#)

U.S. DOT Maritime Administration
Closing date extended to March 27

