



## Legislation Text

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THE CHAIR

Resolution relating to the application for, and acceptance, funding and expenditure of, an emergency Wisconsin Department of Transportation 2020 Harbor Assistance Program grant for flood relief at Port Milwaukee

This resolution authorizes Port Milwaukee to apply for, accept, fund and expend a Wisconsin Department of Transportation 2020 Harbor Assistance Program grant in the amount of \$1,558,330 to remediate damage at the Port stemming from the historic flood event on January 11, 2020.

Whereas, The City of Milwaukee appears to be eligible for 2020 Harbor Assistance Program (HAP) funds from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT); and

Whereas, It is the mission of Port Milwaukee to enhance the overall economic environment of the region by stimulating trade, business, and employment through its commercial, recreational, and cruise ship operations; and

Whereas, Great Lakes water levels have been at historic highs for over two years; and

Whereas, On January 11, 2020, Port Milwaukee sustained historic damage to its transportation infrastructure due to an unprecedented flood and weather event on Jones Island; and

Whereas, The events of January 11, 2020 caused significant damage across lakeshore property throughout Southeastern Wisconsin, and the comprehensive damage was declared an emergency by the State of Wisconsin and Federal governments; and

Whereas, The Common Council previously supported Port Milwaukee's flood relief efforts in adopting Common Council File Number 200055 on May 27, 2020 in anticipation of the Port receiving emergency HAP grant funds; and

Whereas, In order to accommodate the expanded safe, secure and efficient use of the Port's multimodal infrastructure, emergency repairs to the Port's terminals, dockwalls, security fencing, and other capital assets are immediately necessary; and

Whereas, The proposed emergency repairs across the Port are estimated to cost \$1,558,330, of which \$1,246,664 (80.0%) will be provided by WisDOT (Grantor share) and \$311,666 (20.0%) will be provided by the City operating budget; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that Port Milwaukee is authorized to apply for and accept the emergency WisDOT 2020 Harbor Assistance Program grant funding in accordance with the terms of the attached Agreement # 0495-21-01 by and between the Port and

WisDOT without further Common Council approval unless the terms of the grant change in a manner described in s. 304-81 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the City Comptroller is authorized to create within the Capital Grant and Aid Projects Fund the appropriate Project/Grant number for this project and to transfer the amounts to this project as follows:

Port Milwaukee  
2020 Harbor Assistance Program - FLOOD  
Grantor Reimbursable Funds  
\$1,246,664

; and, be it

Further Resolved, That Port Milwaukee is authorized to expend these funds for the specified purpose as indicated in the grant agreement; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Municipal Port Director, as representative of the Board of Harbor Commissioners, is authorized to sign agreements, forms, claims, and other required documents binding upon the Board in connection with the application for, and acceptance of, this WisDOT Harbor Assistance Program grant; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the proper City officials are directed to execute the attached Agreement # 0495-21-01 by and between WisDOT and Port Milwaukee on behalf of the City.

Port Milwaukee  
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Adam Tindall-Schlicht  
September 14, 2020