



FY 2025 Small Shipyard Grant (SSG)

Agency	US DOT
Program Description	The Assistance for Small Shipyards statute, codified at 46 U.S.C. 54101, established the Small Shipyard Grant Program to provide assistance in the form of grants to small shipyards to make capital improvements and for maritime training programs to encourage technical skills and operational productivity relating to shipbuilding, ship repair, and associated industries. The Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025 (Pub. L. 118-83, March 14, 2025) appropriated \$8.75 million to the FY 2025 Small Shipyard Grant Program. The purpose of the Small Shipyard Grant Program is to foster efficiency, competitive operations, and quality ship construction, repair, and reconfiguration in small shipyards across the United States in addition to developing employee skills and enhanced productivity related to shipbuilding, ship repair, and associated industries. Award recipients will be expected to comply with the performance goals and reporting requirements as outlined in the executed grant agreement.
Application Due	May 15, 2025 (EDT)
Total Funding	\$ 8,750,000 Max Award: \$1,000,000 Min Award: \$1
Award Amount	Expected 15
Local Match:	Yes. The Federal funds for any eligible project cannot exceed 75 percent of the total cost of such project. Therefore, an eligible applicant must provide at least 25 percent of grant project costs from non-Federal sources. Third-party in-kind contributions are not allowed to satisfy the matching requirement.
Eligible Applicants	Small shipyards can apply for grants. The shipyard facility for which a grant is sought must be in a single geographic location and may not have more than 1,200 production employees. The applicant must be the operating company of the shipyard facility. The shipyard facility must construct, repair, or reconfigure vessels 40 feet in length or greater for commercial or government use, or construct, repair, or reconfigure vessels 100 feet in length or greater for non-commercial vessels.
Eligible Activities/Projects	<p>a. Capital Improvement Projects: These must advance efficiency, competitive operations, and quality in ship construction, repair, or reconfiguration. Funded items must be new and owned by the grant recipient.</p> <p>b. Maritime Training Programs: These focus on developing employee skills and enhancing productivity in shipbuilding, ship repair, and related industries. While only eligible applicants can receive grants, training programs may involve external vendors. However, maritime training centers funded under section 51706 of Title 46 in FY 2024 are not eligible for additional grants for training.</p> <p>Timing of Costs: All project costs, including the recipient's share, must be incurred after the grant agreement date unless pre-approved by MARAD.</p> <p>Each eligible applicant may submit one application that may contain multiple projects, but MARAD will make a maximum of one award per eligible applicant under this notice.</p>
Review Criteria	<p>(a) Merit Criteria: review merit criteria for all applications.</p> <p>(b) Additional Considerations.</p> <p>(1) MARAD will give preference to those projects for which an applicant's percentage non-Federal match contribution towards the overall project is greater than the statutory 25 percent minimum and greater than other competing grant applications.</p> <p>(ii) Applications that propose to use grant funds for domestic-content purchases will be more competitive than those that may require a waiver to the domestic content requirements described in section H.1.(b)(1) of this notice.</p> <p>(iii) MARAD intends to use the Small Shipyard Grant Program to support the creation of good-paying jobs with the free and fair choice to join a union and the incorporation of strong labor standards, such as through the use of project labor agreements, registered apprenticeship programs, and other training and placement programs.</p> <p>(iv) All applications will be reviewed, as per the guidelines laid out in DOT Order 2100.7: <i>Ensuring Reliance Upon Sound Economic Analysis in Department of Transportation Policies, Program and Activities.</i></p> <p>(c) Determinations. As required pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 54101(0(4), MARAD may not award a grant under this notice unless the Maritime Administrator determines that:</p> <p>(i) sufficient funding is available to meet the matching requirements described in section B.5.;</p> <p>(ii) the project will be completed without unreasonable delay; and</p> <p>(iii) the recipient has authority to carry out the proposed project. Applications must contain enough information for MARAD to make these determinations.</p>
Link:	https://www.maritime.dot.gov/grants-finances/small-shipyard-grants
Application Submission	Grant applications must be submitted electronically using Grants.gov (https://www.grants.gov).
BAC Partnership Opportunity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Build America Center (BAC) is a technical assistance program funded by the USDOT, offering grant development services to localities at NO CHARGE. For more information, please visit our websites: https://bac.umd.edu/ and https://billlaunchpad.com/

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