

Small Shipyard Grants

UPDATE: Additional funds are available! As detailed below, an additional \$17.5 million of grant funds are available. Application requirements are the same.

Applications received prior to 5 pm April 20, 2009 will be considered for both funding opportunities without any further action by applicants. Applications received between April 21 and May 11, 2009 will be considered only for the additional funding.

Section 3508 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Pub. L. 110-417) and the section entitled "Supplemental Grants for Assistance to Small Shipyards" in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, 2009, provide that the Maritime Administration shall establish an assistance program for small shipyards.

Under this program, there is \$98,000,000 available for grants (\$2,000,000 of the \$100,000,000 appropriated for the program is reserved for program administration.).

The sectioned entitled "Assistance to Small Shipyards" of the Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009 provides an additional \$17,150,000 for grants (\$350,000 of the \$17,500,000 appropriated for the program is reserved for program administration). Grant funds under both appropriations are to be used for capital improvements, and related infrastructure improvements at qualified shipyards that will be effective in fostering efficiency, competitive operations, and quality ship construction, repair, and reconfiguration. Such grants may not be used to construct buildings or other physical facilities or to acquire land unless such use is specifically approved by the Administrator as being consistent with and supplemental to capital and related infrastructure improvements. Grant funds may also be used for maritime training programs to foster technical skills and operational productivity in communities whose economies are related to or dependent upon the maritime industry. However, grants for such training programs may only be awarded to "Eligible Applicants" as described below but training programs can be established through vendors to such applicants.

Key Dates:

The period for submitting grant applications for the \$98 million available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, as mandated by statute, commenced on February 17, 2009 and will terminate on April 20, 2009. The period for submitting grant applications for the \$17,150,000 available under the Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009 commenced on March 11, 2009. The applications for assistance under *both* the American Recovery and Relief Act and the Omnibus Appropriations Act must be received by the Maritime Administration by 5 p.m. EST on April 20, 2009. Applications for assistance *solely* from Omnibus Appropriations Act must be received by 5 p.m. EST on May 11, 2009. Applications received later than this time will not be considered. The Maritime Administrator intends to award grants under the American Recovery and Relief Act no later than August 17, 2009 and under the Omnibus Appropriations Act no later than July 9, 2009.

Award Information:

The Maritime Administration intends to award the full amount of the available funding through grants to the extent that there are worthy applications. No more than 25 percent of the funds available will be awarded to shipyard facilities that have more than 600 production employees. The Maritime Administration will seek to obtain the maximum benefit from the available funding by awarding grants for as many of the