

Applications for SHIPP Round 2 are now open

Connecticut Port Authority is now accepting applications for the second round of the Small Harbor Improvement Projects Program (SHIPP). This program was established in 2017 to strategically invest in Connecticut small harbors and grow the state's recreational marine industry. Interested municipalities who would like to apply for a SHIPP grant can find the [application materials here](#).

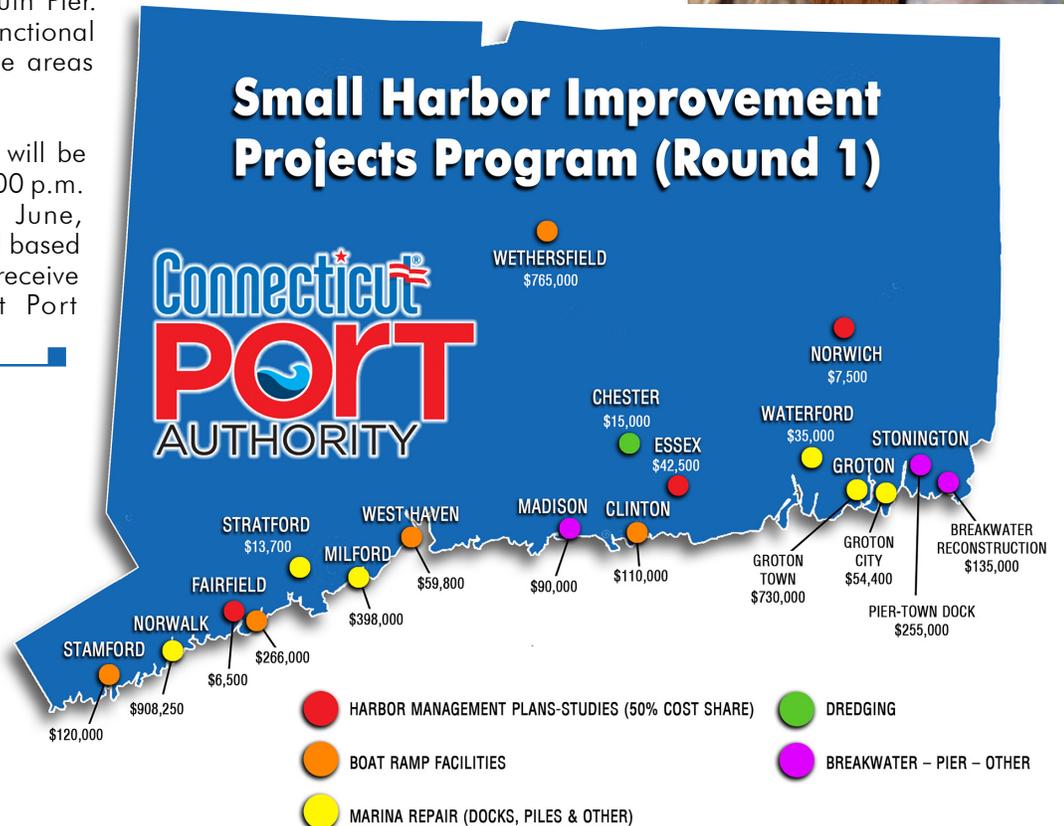
"Connecticut is more than its three major deepwater ports, our robust fishing fleets and recreational economies need the same level of attention as the commercial shipping industry, and that means supporting our small harbors," said CPA Chairman Scott Bates. "The CPA is looking forward to continuing those investments as we move forward with the next generation of SHIPP projects."

The first round of SHIPP funding granted \$4 million in funds for 18 projects in 17 towns and cities throughout Connecticut. One such project supported the maritime economy of Stonington, a key harbor for local fishing fleets, which received \$255,000 for developing design plans, permitting, and construction documents to repair South Pier. These improvements create a more functional South Pier for fishermen, boosting the areas strong culinary tourism industry.

Applications from local municipalities will be accepted through June 12, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. The selection process will occur in June, applications will be rated and selected based on developed criteria. Applications receive final approval from Connecticut Port Authority's Board of Directors.



SHIPP 2018 projects.



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CMA Shipping Conference.

CPA Makes a Splash with CMA in Stamford

On Wednesday, April 2nd, Connecticut Port Authority met with global leaders in shipping and maritime commerce to further increase awareness of Connecticut's maritime economy and build relationships that will stimulate trade and development in Connecticut's waters. The Connecticut Maritime Association Shipping Conference is the largest maritime trade show in North America, bringing together key industry players from across 49 countries to exchange ideas and information.

"This year's CMA conference was a great opportunity to meet the various port operators, shippers and entrepreneurs that are driving the Northeast maritime economy," said CPA Executive Director Evan Matthews. "Events like these are a great opportunity for Connecticut to stand out and showcase its intermodal transit options to potential maritime partners."

At the 2019 conference Connecticut Port Authority engaged in discussions about market changes, new energy and alternative fuels and emerging maritime opportunities in Long Island Sound. Current CPA projects include obtaining designation for routes through Long Island Sound, leading up to Bridgeport, as a designated marine highway.

While attending CMA conference, the CPA held their monthly board meeting and utilized the opportunity to discuss critical maritime projects, such as the commencement of design work at Pier 7 in New London and the potential for a major dredging project in the Port of New Haven. State Senator Carlo Leone, co-chair of the state transportation committee, participated in the board meeting and discussed the potential impact of these projects on Connecticut's maritime infrastructure.

Did you know?

The Intermodal Association of North America (IANA) estimates that more than 95% of manufactured goods are intermodally transported at some point prior to their final destination. IANA also notes that the North American intermodal market is the world's largest, valued at over \$40 billion.

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