

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA)

Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Department of the Navy's Grants for Improvement of Navy Ship Repair or Alterations Capability

AGENCY: Naval Sea Systems Command, U.S. Department of the Navy

ACTION: Notice of Funding Opportunity

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SUMMARY: This notice solicits applications for the U.S. Department of the Navy's Grants for Improvement of Navy Ship Repair or Alterations Capability Program. Under the fiscal year (FY) 2024 Grant Program, approximately \$5,000,000 is currently available, although additional funds may be available through the grant process or other sources.

Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary of the Navy may make grants to an eligible entity or entities for:

- 1) A capital improvement project that is
 - a. Limited to piers, dry docks, and structures in support of piers and dry docks; or
 - b. To acquire land
 - 2) A maritime training program designed to foster technical skills and operational productivity
- The project/program should improve
- 1) Efficiency, competitive operations, capability, or quality of United States Navy ship repair or alterations; or
 - 2) Employee, or potential employee, skills and enhanced productivity related to United States Navy ship repair or alterations

Entities are eligible for Grants once the Secretary of the Navy determines that

- 1) The grant amount does not exceed 75% of the total cost of the project or program funded by the grant
- 2) The entity has access to sufficient non-Federal funding to meet the above
- 3) The entity has authority to carry out the proposed project
- 4) The entity is a shipyard or other entity that provides ship repair or alteration for non-nuclear ships
- 5) The entity submits an application that includes a comprehensive description of
 - a. The need for the project or program proposed to be funded under the grant
 - b. The methodology to be used to implement the project or program
 - c. Any existing programs or arrangements that could be used to supplement or leverage a grant provided under this section
- 6) The entity is registered in SAM.gov before submitting an application
- 7) The entity maintains a current and active registration in SAM.gov at all times during which it has an active Federal award as a recipient or an application under consideration by a Federal agency. The applicant or recipient must review and update its information in SAM.gov annually from the date of initial registration or subsequent updates to ensure it is current, accurate, and complete. If applicable, this includes identifying the applicant's

or recipient's immediate and highest-level owner and subsidiaries, as well as providing information on all predecessors that have received a Federal award or contract within the last three years

- 8) The entity includes its Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) in each application it submits to the Federal agency.

Additional details are available at 10 USC § 2219.

Potential applicants are advised the number of applications will likely exceed the funds available and that only a small percentage of applications will be funded.

TIMING OF GRANT APPLICATIONS: Applications must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. E.D.T August 14, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Grant applications must be submitted electronically using Grants.gov (<https://www.grants.gov>). Please be aware that you must complete the Grants.gov registration process before submitting your application and that the registration process usually takes 2 to 4 weeks to complete. Applicants are strongly encouraged to make submissions in advance of the deadline.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information concerning this notice, please contact Jamillah Powell, email: jamillah.l.powell.civ@us.navy.mil and Phil McCormick, email: philip.l.mccormick.civ@us.navy.mil

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Each section of this notice contains information and instructions relevant to the application process for the FY 2025 Grants for Improvement of Navy Ship Repair or Alterations Capability, and all applicants should read this notice in its entirety to prepare eligible and competitive applications. Only applicants who comply with all submission requirements described in this notice will be eligible for the award. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

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A. Program Description

The Grants for improvement of Navy ship repair or alterations capability statute, codified at 10 U.S.C. § 2219, established grants for improvement of Navy ship repair or alterations

capability to aid in the form of grants to shipyards or other entities that provide ship repair or alteration for non-nuclear ships.

The purpose of the Non-Nuclear Ship Repair and Alteration Capability Improvement Grant Program is to improve eligible entities' efficiency, competitive operations, capability or quality of ship repair or alterations completed on U.S. Navy's non-nuclear ships or improve eligible entities' employee, or potential employee, skills and enhanced productivity related to the repair or alteration of the U.S. Navy's non-nuclear ships

Award recipients will be expected to comply with the performance goals and reporting requirements as outlined in the grant agreement executed.

B. Federal Award Information

Under the FY2025 Non-Nuclear Ship Repair and Alteration Capability Improvement Grant Program, \$5,000,000 is available as grants for:

- 1) Capital improvements to shipyards that would improve efficiency, competitive operations, capability, or quality of United States Navy ship repair or alterations completed on US Navy non-nuclear surface ships (Surface Combatants and/or Amphibious Ships); and
- 2) Maritime training programs designed to foster technical skills and operational productivity related to United States Navy ship repair or alterations completed on US Navy non-nuclear surface ships.
- 3) NAVSEA intends to award the full amount of available funding to one or more entities and will seek to obtain the maximum benefit from the available funding by
 - i) Awarding grants that may provide the largest return on investment
 - ii) Awarding grants that may improve efficiency, operations, or capability.
 - iii) as Awarding grants that may improve crew quality of life, decrease availability duration, and/or meet emergent fleet requirements.
 - iv) Bid and proposal costs will not be covered by the grant

NAVSEA will administer each grant pursuant to a grant agreement with the grant recipient. The start date and period of performance for each award will depend on the specific project and must be agreed to by NAVSEA in the grant agreement.

Grant funds will be administered on a reimbursable basis. Any costs incurred prior to NAVSEA's obligation of funds for a project are ineligible for reimbursement and are ineligible to count as match for cost share requirements. Obligation occurs when a selected applicant and NAVSEA enter into a written grant agreement after the applicant has satisfied applicable administrative requirements. Amounts not used by the grant recipient for the purpose for which the grant was awarded or not obligated or expended within the timeframe provided in the agreement shall be returned to NAVSEA.

C. Eligibility Information

To be selected for a FY 2025 grant for improvement of Navy ship repair or alterations capability, an applicant must be an eligible applicant, and the project must be an eligible project.

1) Eligible Applicants

Section 2219 of Title 10, United States Code, provides that shipyards or other entities that provide for the repair or alteration of non-nuclear ships (hereafter referred to as “shipyards”) can apply for grants. The applicant must have access to sufficient non-Federal funding to meet the requirement under paragraph C.2 Cost Sharing or Matching and have the authority to carry out the proposed project.

2) Cost Sharing or Matching

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 the grant project costs from non-Federal sources. The recipient’s entire cost share must be incurred after the execution date of the grant agreement but prior to payment of any Federal funds for the project.

The applicant is required to submit detailed financial statements and supporting documentation demonstrating how and when such matching requirements are proposed to be funded.

3) Other

i) Eligible Projects

Eligible projects include: (1) capital improvements to shipyards that would improve efficiency, competitive operations, capability, or quality of United States Navy ship repair or alterations completed on non-nuclear surface ships; and (2) maritime training program designed to foster technical skills and operational productivity related to United States Navy ship repair or alterations completed on non-nuclear surface ships.

ii) Application Limit

Each shipyard may submit one application that may contain multiple projects. Shipyards or other entities that provide for the repair or alteration of non-nuclear surface ships with common ownership but operating from separate locations and cage codes are considered separate shipyards for the purposes of the application limit.

D. Application and Submission Information

1. Address to Request Application Package

This announcement contains all the information needed for applicants to apply for this funding opportunity. Applications must be submitted through Grants.gov.

2. Content and Form of Application Submission

Applications must include the Standard Form 424 (SF-424, Application for Federal Assistance), which is available on the Grants.gov website at <https://www.grants.gov/forms/forms-repository/sf-424-family>. The application for a grant must also include all the following information as an addendum to the SF-424. The information should be organized in the sections described below:

Section 1: A description of the shipyard including: (a) a description of the shipyard facilities; (b) years in operation; (c) ownership; (d) customer base; (e) current order book including type of work; (f) vessels delivered (or major projects) over the last 5 years; and (g) website address, if any.

Section 2: For each project proposed for funding the following must be included in the application:

1. A comprehensive detailed description of the project and platforms that will benefit.
2. A quantitative analysis demonstrating how the project will be effective in fostering efficiency, competitive operations, and quality ship repair; or how the project will be effective in fostering employee skills and enhances productivity. The analysis should quantify the benefits of the project in terms of hours/dollars saved, percentages, or other meaningful metrics. The benefits should be projected over the next 5 years, or a reasonable time frame as applicable for each project. The methodology of the analysis should be explained with assumptions used, identified, and justified.
3. Describe the type of work scope improved by the project
4. A detailed methodology and timeline for implementing the project, including identifying major project milestones. The project schedule should be sufficiently detailed to demonstrate that the project will be completed without unreasonable delay.
5. A detailed itemization of the cost of the project together with supporting documentation, including current vendor quotes and estimates of installation costs.
6. Items 1 through 5 should be repeated, in order, for each separate project included in the application.

Section 3: Grant Funds, Sources, and Uses of Project Funds. This section should include a budget table with a prioritized list of projects with the total project cost. The project budget should show how different funding sources will be shared in each activity and present the data in dollars and percentages. The budget should identify any other funds the applicant is applying for, has been awarded, or intends to use. Tables should separately identify the minimum amount of Federal Grant Funds to make the project viable, and desired amount (maximum of 75%) assuming the Government has sufficient monies available.

Section 4: Shipyard company officer's certification that the applicant has the authority to carry out the proposed project.

Section 5: Unique entity identifier of shipyard's parent company (when applicable) from SAM.gov.

Section 6: Statement regarding the relationship between applicants and any parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates, if any such entity is going to provide a portion of the match.

Section 7: Evidence documenting applicants' ability to make proposed matching requirement (e.g., loan agreement, commitment from investors and/or other third parties, and cash on balance sheet).

3. **Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and System for Award Management (SAM)**

Each applicant must obtain a UEI and register on www.SAM.gov before submitting its application, provide its valid UEI number in its application, and continue to maintain an active SAM registration with current information at all times during which it has an active Federal award or an application or plan under consideration by a Federal awarding agency.

NAVSEA may not make a Grant award until the applicant has complied with all applicable UEI and SAM requirements and, if an applicant has not complied with the requirements by the time NAVSEA is ready to make a Grant award, NAVSEA may determine that the applicant is not qualified to receive a Grant award and use that determination as a basis for making a Grant award to another applicant.

4. **Submission Dates and Times**

Applications must be submitted to Grants.gov by 5:00 p.m., local time, Washington, D.C., August 14, 2025. Grants.gov attaches a time stamp to each application at the time that submission is complete. Applications with a time stamp after the deadline will not be considered. NAVSEA does not accept applications via mailed paper, fax machine, email, or other means. Please note that the Grants.gov registration process usually takes 2 to 4 weeks to complete.

5. **Funding Restrictions** Grants awarded under this Grant Program may not be used to construct buildings or other physical facilities, except for piers, dry docks, and structures in support of piers and dry docks, or to acquire land. The amount of a grant under this section may not exceed 75 percent of the total cost of the project or program funded by the grant. All project costs for both capital improvement and training projects, including the recipient's share, must be incurred after the date of the grant agreement.

6. **Other Submission Requirements**

a) **Submission location.**

Grant applications must be submitted electronically using Grants.gov (<https://www.grants.gov>). To apply through Grants.gov, applicants must:

- i. Obtain a UEI number;
- ii. Register with SAM at www.SAM.gov;
- iii. Create a Grants.gov username and password; and
- iv. Complete Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) registration in Grants.gov.

The E-Business Point of Contact (POC) at the applicant's organization must respond to the registration email from Grants.gov and login at Grants.gov to authorize the applicant as the AOR. There can be more than one AOR for an organization.

Please note that the Grants.gov registration process usually takes 2 to 4 weeks to complete, and NAVSEA will not consider late applications that are the result of a failure to register or

comply with Grants.gov applicant requirements in a timely manner. For information and instruction on each of these processes, please see instructions at <https://www.grants.gov/applicants/applicant-faqs.html>. If applicants experience difficulties at any point during the registration or application process, please call the Grants.gov Customer Service Support Hotline at 1 (800) 518-4726.

- b) **Sharing of Application Information.** Except for the information properly marked as described in section H of this notice, the Department may share application information within the Department or with other Federal agencies if the Department determines that sharing is relevant to the respective program's objectives.

E. Application Review Information

This section specifies the selection criteria that NAVSEA will use to evaluate and award applications for FY 2025 Grants. All applications will be evaluated for their alignment with the statutory merit criteria and additional considerations.

1. Criteria

Merit Criteria. Consistent with the requirements of 10 U.S.C. § 2219, NAVSEA will evaluate the extent to which the project will be effective in fostering efficiency, competitive operations, and quality ship repair and alterations (for capital improvement projects) or how effective the projects will be in fostering employee skills and enhancing productivity related to ship repair, modernization, and associated industries.

- a) **Selection Considerations.** After evaluating applications for the statutory merit criteria, NAVSEA will consider the extent to which applications align with Navy priorities.
- b) **Additional Considerations.** Applications that propose to use grant funds for domestic-content purchases will be more competitive than those that may require a waiver for the Buy American Act for the domestic content requirements.
- c) **Determinations.** As required pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 2219, NAVSEA may not award a grant under this notice unless:
- i. sufficient funding is available to meet the matching requirements.
 - ii. the project will be completed without unreasonable delay; and
 - iii. The recipient has the authority to carry out the proposed project.
 - iv. Applications must contain enough information for NAVSEA to make these determinations.
- d) As a part of the evaluation, as a condition of award, grant recipients must agree to: (1) make records available to the evaluation contractor or DON staff; (2) provide access to program records, and any other relevant documents to calculate costs and benefits; (3) in the case of an impact analysis, facilitate the access to relevant information as requested; and (4) follow evaluation procedures as specified by the evaluation contractor or DON staff

2. Review and Selection Process

NAVSEA staff will review all eligible applications received before the deadline. The Grant review and selection process consists of three phases: Initial Review, Senior Review, and Final Selection.

The Grant Determination official will make awards consistent with the merit criteria and additional considerations.

3. Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS) Check

Prior to obligation of funds, NAVSEA is required to review and consider any information about the applicant that is in the designated integrity and performance system accessible through SAM (currently FAPIIS) (see 41 U.S.C. § 2313). NAVSEA will consider any comments by the applicant, in addition to the other information in FAPIIS, in making a judgment about the applicant's integrity, business ethics, and record of performance under Federal awards when completing the review of risk posed by applicants.

F. Federal Award Administration Information

1. Federal Award Notices. Following the evaluation outlined in section E, NAVSEA will notify awardees. Following the announcement of award selection, NAVSEA will contact the successful applicant's point of contact listed in the SF-424 to initiate development of the grant agreement. Grant recipients must adhere to applicable Federal and programmatic requirements and follow established procedures to receive reimbursement.

2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

a) **Administrative Requirements.**

All awards must be administered pursuant to applicable Federal laws, rules, and regulations. NAVSEA will determine the period of performance for each award based on the specific project that was evaluated and selected. NAVSEA will administer each Non-Nuclear Ship Repair and Alteration Capability Improvement Grant pursuant to this grant agreement with the grant recipient.

In connection with any program or activity conducted with or benefiting from funds awarded under this notice, recipients of funds must comply with all applicable requirements of Federal law, including, without limitation, the Constitution of the United States; statutory, regulatory, and public policy requirements, including without limitation, those protecting free speech, religious liberty, public welfare, the environment, and prohibiting discrimination; the conditions of performance, nondiscrimination requirements, and applicable Federal financial assistance and contracting principles promulgated by the Office of Management and Budget. In complying with these requirements, recipients must ensure that no concession agreements are denied, or other contracting decisions made, based on speech or other activities protected by the First Amendment.

Further, financial assistance recipients must comply with health and safety, labor, employment, and equal employment opportunity laws including, but not limited to, the right to organize, proper classification of workers as employees or independent contractors, and the Occupational Safety and Health Act.

If NAVSEA determines that a recipient has failed to comply with applicable Federal requirements, NAVSEA may terminate the award of funds and disallow previously incurred costs, requiring the recipient to reimburse any expended award funds.

b) Program Requirements.

- i. **Domestic Preference.** No funds may be obligated by NAVSEA for this program unless each product or material purchased with these funds (including products and materials purchased by a grant recipient), and including any commercially available off-the-shelf item, is:
 - a. An unmanufactured article, material, or supply that has been mined or produced in the United States; or
 - b. A manufactured article, material, or supply that has been manufactured in the United States substantially all from articles, materials, or supplies mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States.
- ii. **Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience.** It is the policy of the United States to strengthen the security and resilience of its critical infrastructure against all hazards, including physical and cyber risks, consistent with Presidential Policy Directive 21 – Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience, and the National Security Memorandum on Improving Cybersecurity for Critical Infrastructure Control Systems. Each applicant selected for Federal funding must demonstrate, prior to the signing of the grant agreement, effort to consider and address physical and cyber security risks relevant to the type and scale of the project. Projects that have not appropriately considered and addressed physical and cyber security and resilience in their planning, design, and project oversight, as determined by the Department of Defense and the Department of Homeland Security, will be required to do so before receiving funds.

c) Reporting

- i. **Progress Reporting on Grant Activities.** Each applicant will develop an implementation plan to collect information and report on the project's performance with respect to the relevant long-term outcomes that are expected to be achieved through the capital project or training. Performance indicators will not include formal goals or targets, but will require analysis of post-project outcomes, which will inform the Navy in working towards best practices, programmatic performance measures, and future decision-making guidelines.
- ii. **Performance and Program Evaluation** - As a condition of grant award, grant recipients may be required to participate in an evaluation undertaken by the Department of the Navy (DON) or another agency or partner. The evaluation may take different forms such as an implementation assessment across grant recipients, an impact and/or outcomes analysis of all or selected sites within or across grant recipients, or a benefit/cost analysis or assessment of return on investment. DON may require applicants to collect data elements to aid the evaluation. As a part of the evaluation, as a condition of award, grant recipients must agree to: (1) make records available to the evaluation contractor or DON staff; (2) provide access to program records, and any other relevant documents to calculate costs and benefits; (3) in the case of an impact analysis, facilitate the access to relevant information as requested; and (4) follow evaluation procedures as specified by the evaluation contractor or DON staff. Recipients and subrecipients are also encouraged to

incorporate program evaluation including associated data collection activities from the outset of their program design and implementation to meaningfully document and measure their progress towards meeting an agency priority goal(s). Evaluation means “an assessment using systematic data collection and analysis of one or more programs, policies, and organizations intended to assess their effectiveness and efficiency” (codified at 5 U.S.C. § 311). Credible program evaluation activities are implemented with relevance and utility, rigor, independence and objectivity, transparency, and ethics (OMB Circular A-11, Part 6 Section 290).

- iii. **Reporting of Matters Related to Recipient Integrity and Performance** As required by Section 3010 of Public Law 111–212, all information posted in the designated integrity and performance system on or after April 15, 2011, except past performance reviews required for Federal procurement contracts, will be publicly available.

G. **Federal Awarding Agency Contacts** - For further information concerning this notice please contact Jamillah Powell, email: jamillah.l.powell.civ@us.navy.mil and Phil McCormick, email: philip.l.mccormick.civ@us.navy.mil. To ensure applicants receive accurate information about eligibility or the Program, you are encouraged to contact NAVSEA directly with questions.

H. **Other Information**

1. **Protection of Confidential Business Information** - All information submitted as part of or in support of any application shall use publicly available data or data that can be made public and methodologies that are accepted by industry practice and standards, to the extent possible. If the applicant submits information that the applicant considers to be a trade secret or confidential commercial or financial information, the applicant must provide that information in a separate document, which the applicant may cross-reference from the application narrative or other portions of the application. For the separate document containing confidential information, the applicant must do the following: (1) state on the cover of that document that it “Contains Confidential Business Information (CBI)”; (2) mark each page that contains confidential information with “CBI”; (3) highlight or otherwise denote the confidential content on each page; and (4) at the end of the document, explain why the information you are submitting is CBI. DON will protect confidential information complying with these requirements to the extent required under applicable law.