

KNOW YOUR PORT:

Get to Know the Community Partner Program

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Here's how it works: the Commissioners determine the total funds available in a given calendar year during the annual budget. Small cities and communities (which can include public or non-profit groups) submit applications by an advertised deadline. The Commissioners then select which proposals are the most worthy.

The number and value of individual awards can vary from year to year, depending on selections made and available funds. Each awardee has until the end of the calendar year to spend the project money and submit supporting documentation to the Port for reimbursement. If funds are needed in advance, supporting documentation should be submitted to the Port to qualify for pre-payment.

The process to apply for awards usually begins in early October and closes on October 30. Notices of awards will go out by December 1. This process was updated from the original process to better accommodate end-of-year budget cycles. An application and overview can be downloaded at the Port's website under Community Support in the About section.

As of mid-2017, CPP awards had totaled \$198,400 for 46 projects, slightly over \$4300 per project. Notable projects funded by the CPP in past years include a van for the Forks Chamber of Commerce to use to conduct logging and mill tours; new lighting, exhibit components and other amenities for the Feiro Marine Life Center; and event amenities for the Sequim Logging show during the Irrigation Festival.

Other past recipients have included the Peninsula Trails Coalition, Captain Joseph House, Concerned Citizens of Forks, Port Angeles Downtown Association, and the Marathon Association.

Colleen McAleer, Port Commission President, says the Port Commission will be glad to support the program for the foreseeable future. "There are many worthy non-profits across our county doing exceptional work to support our local economy," said McAleer. "The CPP is an important way for the Port to support these efforts and give back to the communities of each Port district in Clallam County."



CPP funds were provided in 2017 for a trailer for the West End Business & Professional Association's train and for the Arts & Draughts Beer & Wine Festival in Port Angeles.

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