

**ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION
BY THE
BOARD OF PORT COMMISSIONERS**

July 14, 2025

**Subject: PORT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (PSGP) APPLICATION –
PORT RESOLUTION NO. 26-1347**

Presenter: Katharine Frazier, Grants & Government Affairs Manager

RCW & POLICY REQUIREMENTS

Resolution 26-1336 Section XX, “Application for and Acceptance of Grants,” requires Port Staff to gain Commission approval prior to applying for and/or accepting grants that require a Port contribution of \$75,000 or more. While the proposed grant does not contribute \$75,000 or more of Port funds, the Port Team strives to be transparent with the public.

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) annually offers the Port Security Grant Program (PSGP), which provides funding to address security vulnerabilities, improve risk management, and maintain maritime security protocols at port facilities. The Port last received PSGP funding in 2025.

Now, Port Staff seek funding from the 2026 round of PSGP to develop a Cybersecurity Network Modernization Master Plan, as well as an Implementation Roadmap. If funds are awarded, the Port would procure professional consulting services to develop the master plan and roadmap.

The master plan will evaluate the Port’s existing cybersecurity infrastructure and make recommendations for future network architecture that will enhance security, business continuity capabilities, and disaster recovery readiness. The master plan will include four deliverables:

- Conceptual designs
- Implementation recommendations
- Cost estimates
- Phased implementation roadmap

Importantly, this work will allow the team to build on the Port’s current cybersecurity investments, including those funded by the 2025 PSGP award.

ANALYSIS:

In recent years, cybersecurity incidents have impacted several public ports across the state, including a high-profile event at the Port of Seattle in 2024. Public agencies like the Port remain targets for malicious actors, underlining the importance of improving the network's resiliency and protection against ever-evolving cyber threats.

Long-term planning is needed to ensure that the Port's networks can efficiently modernize over time and stay nimble as new threats emerge. This PSGP project would provide a comprehensive assessment and plan for future cybersecurity infrastructure investments that are guided by the industry's best practices.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

There is no significant environmental impact from this PSGP application or its related projects.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The projected total project cost is not to exceed \$85,000. PSGP requires a 25% non-federal match, resulting in the following cost share:

Project Cost	DHS (75%)	Port (25%)
\$85,000	\$63,750	\$21,250

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Port Team recommends that the Commission introduce and, if introduced, adopt Resolution 26-1347 authorizing the Port to apply for the 2026 round of DHS's Port Security Grant Program.

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF PORT ANGELES, WASHINGTON, COMMITTING MATCHING FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO APPLY FOR A FEDERAL PORT SECURITY GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) administers the Port Security Grant Program (PSGP), which makes grant funds available for projects that address security vulnerabilities, strengthen risk management, and/or protect port infrastructure from terrorism and major disasters; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Port Angeles (Port) provides essential services and facilities to the residents of Clallam County; and

WHEREAS, the Port must maintain a resilient, protected, and modern network to ensure uninterrupted service to its constituents and business continuity in the event of a disaster or threat; and

WHEREAS, public agencies – including ports – remain attractive targets for malicious actors and cybersecurity threats; and

WHEREAS, the proposed PSGP project will develop a Cybersecurity Network Modernization Plan and Implementation Roadmap that, together, evaluate and build upon existing Port cybersecurity infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the proposed funding application will leverage Port local matching funds of \$21,250, or 25% of the total project cost; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Port Angeles finds that an application should be submitted for consideration by DHS, and that such submission will position the Port to approach future network investments strategically and remain protected against evolving cybersecurity threats.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Port of Port Angeles Washington, as follows:

1. That the Chief Executive Officer is hereby authorized to apply to DHS, for and on behalf of the Port of Port Angeles for PSGP funding in the approximate amount of \$63,750, or 75% of the total project cost, for a Port Cybersecurity Network Modernization Plan and Implementation Roadmap; and
2. That the Chief Executive Officer is hereby further authorized to provide such additional information as may be necessary to secure approval of such application; and

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- 3. That, in the event such application is approved, the Chief Executive Officer is authorized to enter into an agreement for such funding; and
- 4. That this Resolution shall be effective upon passage and signatures listed below in accordance with the law.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of the Port of Port Angeles at a regular meeting thereof held this 14th day of July 2026.

PORT OF PORT ANGELES
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