

Commonwealth of Massachusetts



Seaport Economic Council Update

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Establishment of the Seaport Economic Council

- Originally Seaport Advisory Council
- Re-launched by the Baker-Polito Administration in August 2015
- Mission to:
 - deepen the maritime economy
 - promote economic development
 - support resilient infrastructure in all 78 of Massachusetts' coastal communities while preparing them to engage with the challenges posed by sea level rise and increasingly powerful coastal storms.
- Capital grant program supports working waterfronts, local tourism, coastal resiliency, and maritime innovation



Lt. Gov. and Council Chairman Karyn Polito swears in Council members after the signing of the Executive Order on August 10, 2015 by Governor Charlie Baker.



Grants awarded by the Seaport Economic Council

Since August 2015:

- \$39.6 million in grants awarded for 83 projects
- \$33.9 million leveraged in federal, local and private matching funds
- \$73.5 million of strategic investments to our maritime economy

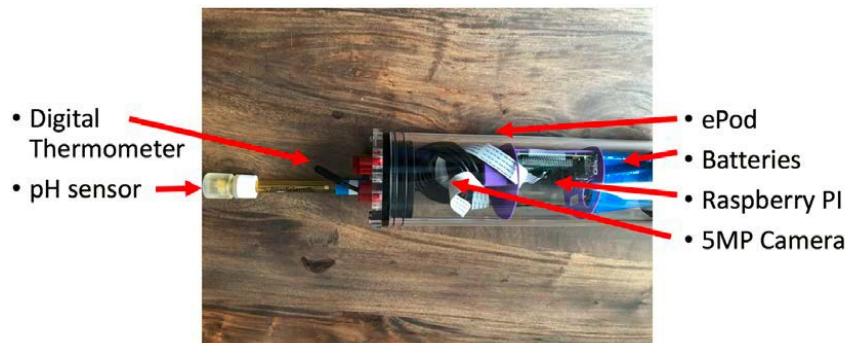


BOSTON — On February 27, 2019 the Baker-Polito Administration announced more than \$6.4 million in Seaport Economic Council Grants to support projects in 6 communities and 4 educational institutions.



Innovation Grants

- A resource to invest in innovative ideas and projects that promote job creation and economic growth in the maritime sector.
- Includes: shipping and trade, marine science and technology, coastal recreation and tourism, ocean-based clean energy initiatives, and the seafood industry.
- Administered by the John Adams Innovation Institute at Massachusetts Technology Collaborative
- \$2.4 million in grants awarded for 10 innovation projects.



ePod prototype and placement in lobster pot



Grants to Public Education Institutions

- Grants range from fostering awareness of coastal assets and maritime traditions of the Commonwealth to investing in transformative public/private collaborations.
- \$1.6 million awarded for 4 Education projects



With its emphasis on boat building, and the math and science that entails, along with vocational skill-building, this program puts students on a path to the maritime or other trades.



Local Maritime Economic Development Planning Grants

- Coastal communities vary in size and scope from deep-water port cities to small beach towns.
- Provide capacity for coastal communities to explore their unique advantages and generate economic development plans to help them realize their full potential, grow jobs, and maximize the maritime economic sector for their community.
- \$1.7 million awarded for 15 planning grants



Lt. Governor Karyn Polito on June 8, 2018 joined members of the Seaport Economic Council, local elected officials and community members in a series of visits to economic development zones in the towns of Scituate, Cohasset and Hull.



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- The map displays the Massachusetts Coastal Zone, bounded by the state's coastline and extending into the Atlantic Ocean. The coastal zone is divided into several regions, each color-coded: North Shore (pink), Boston Harbor (purple), South Shore (yellow), Cape Cod and Islands (orange), and South Coastal (light blue). The map also shows major water bodies such as Buzzards Bay, Cape Cod Bay, and Nantucket Sound. The coastline is marked with numerous towns and cities. A legend at the bottom left identifies the Coastal Zone Boundary and the five regions. A scale bar at the bottom right indicates distances in miles and kilometers. The map is titled 'The Massachusetts Coastal Zone' and includes the URL www.mass.gov/coz/mapping/cozboundary.htm.



Supportive Coastal Infrastructure Project Grants

- Available for investments in coastal infrastructure in order to fulfill the job or economic growth potential within a coastal community
- Captures best available science and information regarding potential threats to coastal communities from sea level rise and extreme weather events
- \$33 million in infrastructure grants for 50 projects



In the town of Gosnold, the passenger dock is the vital link with the mainland and is the foundation for the economic vitality of the town.

In Chatham, the Old Mill Boat Yard provides a second viable commercial port for local and commercial fishers. Funded improvements will help mitigate the effects of sea level rise and barrier beach movement on Chatham's primary commercial port infrastructure and economy and support the installation of an environmentally responsible vessel washdown facility, and improvements to Chatham's shellfish seeding facility.





2019 – 2020 Grant Round

- The Seaport Economic Council
 - Meets at least four times per year
 - Two of the meetings are Investment meetings, dedicated to reviewing and potentially approving qualified investments by the Commonwealth
- Applications are accepted on a rolling basis
 - Applications due May 1, 2019 for consideration at the August 2019 Investment meeting of the Seaport Economic Council
 - Applications due November 1, 2019 for consideration at the February 2020 Investment meeting of the Seaport Economic Council

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