

DoD Approves Grants for Naval Base Infrastructure, Maritime Defense Industry



Among the projects being funded by the Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program is \$650,000 to Carteret County, North Carolina, to undertake a \$1,950,000 project to implement shoreline and infrastructure protection measures on Radio Island. *U.S. NAVY*

ARLINGTON, Va. – The Department of Defense today announced the award of 13 grants totaling approximately \$60 million under the Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program and the award of five grants totaling approximately \$25 million under the Defense Manufacturing Community Support Program, the department said in Sept. 22 releases.

The grants were made by the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation. The infrastructure projects benefit local installations, supporting service members, their families and the department's missions. The Defense Manufacturing Community Support Program makes long-term investments in critical skills, facilities, workforce development, research and development, and small business support in order to strengthen the national security innovation base.

The maritime industry-related grant award under Defense Manufacturing Community Support Program was for \$5 million to the Virginia Office of Veterans and Defense Affairs-led Defense Manufacturing Consortia to undertake a \$7,045,113 project to recruit, train and modernize the commonwealth's maritime workforce. The goal of the Virginia Maritime Industrial Base Consortium is to increase manufacturing capacity, capability, resiliency and diversity in the maritime industrial base by creating a cross-region K-12 to university training pipeline for skilled workers and manufacturing

engineers to support the Navy's sustainment and shipbuilding needs.

The naval-related Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program grant awards are as follows:

- \$650,000 to Carteret County, North Carolina, to undertake a \$1,950,000 project to implement shoreline and infrastructure protection measures on Radio Island. The project supports Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story, Virginia, and will include restoration of a beach and dune system to mitigate erosion problems.
- \$3,500,000 to the city of Oceanside, California, to undertake an \$18,601,703 project to construct a new fire station to support emergency response resources provided to Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton.
- \$395,118 to St. Mary's County, Maryland, to undertake a \$564,454 project to improve pedestrian access across Route 235 to installation gates, supporting Naval Air Station Patuxent River.
- \$6,440,985 to Escambia County, Florida, to undertake an \$9,201,408 project to construct emergent and submerged offshore reef breakwaters and 20 acres of sandy beach habitat in support of Naval Air Station Pensacola.
- \$3,000,000 to the city of Milton, Florida, to undertake a \$4,371,500 project to increase wastewater treatment capacity in support of Naval Air Station Whiting Field.
- \$10,000,000 to the Kitsap County Sewer Utility, Washington, to undertake a \$20,300,000 in support of Naval Base Kitsap (Bangor & Keyport).
- \$4,230,133 to United Water Conservation District, California, to undertake a \$12,429,191 project to construct a treatment facility for three existing lower aquifer system wells in support of Naval Base Ventura County.

- \$5,254,800 to the Port of Everett, Washington, to undertake an \$8,758,000 project to support the Port of Everett's marina facilities in support of Naval Station Everett.
- \$250,000 to the city of Portsmouth, Virginia, to undertake a \$640,000 in transportation improvements to Naval Support Activity Hampton Road's Naval Medical Center Portsmouth.