



Florida Seaport Transportation and
Economic Development Council

Seaport Security Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 26, 2025
Zota Beach Resort, Long Boat Key

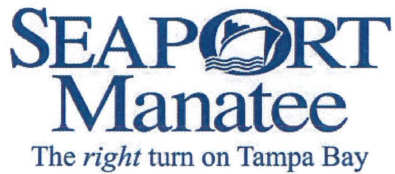
AGENDA

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

1. Call to Order
2. Discussion of State and Federal Issues
3. Discussion of Past FSTED Security Grant Spenddowns
4. Review and Recommendations Concerning FSTED Program Security Grants
5. Other Issues
6. Adjournment

FY 26 SEAPORT SECURITY PROGRAM ALLOCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

DISTRICT	SEAPORT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TOTAL PROJECT COST	FY 26 REQUESTED STATE ALLOCATION (75%)	FY 26 LOCAL MATCH (25%)	FY 26 RECOMMENDED ALLOCATION
1	Manatee	Seafarer Access Shuttle	\$ 155,000	\$ 116,250	\$ 38,750	
2	Fernandina	Automated Gates Upgrade	\$ 166,666	\$ 125,000	\$ 41,666	
2	JAXPORT	Physical and Cybersecurity Enhancements	\$ 200,000	\$ 187,500	\$ 62,500	
3	Panama City	Traffic Management and Efficiency Upgrades	\$ 289,500	\$ 217,125	\$ 72,375	
3	Pensacola	CMA and TWIC Upgrades	\$ 59,458	\$ 44,593	\$ 14,865	
4	Everglades	Cybersecurity Protection	\$ 220,000	\$ 165,000	\$ 55,000	
4	Palm Beach	Port Wide Command and Control System: AT&T Disaster Response Radios	\$ 75,000	\$ 56,250	\$ 18,750	
5	Canaveral	Ride Share Lot Security Cameras	\$ 150,000	\$ 112,500	\$ 37,500	
6	Miami	Cloud Based Open Source Intelligence Solution	\$ 210,000	\$ 157,500	\$ 52,500	
7	Tampa Bay	Technology Sustainment and Upgrades to Port Tampa Bay (PTB) Security Systems	\$ 267,000	\$ 200,250	\$ 66,750	
TOTAL				\$ 1,381,968	\$ 460,656	\$ -



June 20, 2025

Alex King
Chairman
FSTED Council
One Seaport Drive
Panama City, Florida 32401

RE: FY 2026 Seaport Security Grant Program, Section 311.12, F.S., Florida Seaport
Transportation and Economic Development (FSTED) Council

Dear Chairman King:

On April 22, 2025, SeaPort Manatee was made aware of available appropriated funds for the Seaport Security Grant Program (herein "Program"). Pursuant to 14B-1.008, F.A.C., this letter serves as the Port's formal written statement for review and consideration by the Seaport Security Advisory Committee.

SeaPort Manatee is characterized by a land area of more than 1,100 acres, of which approximately 410 acres are located within the Port's secure area. The distance from the dock to reach a port perimeter gate is approximately 5,900 feet. Pursuant to the Code of Federal Regulations, the Port is required to provide seafarer access from gate(s) to vessels at no cost. Seafarers can request individual or group access, with historical group sizes ranging from 1 to 30. The Port's security plans direct staff to provide access and escort services to seafarers. The Port does not currently have an efficient way to provide secure access for medium or large groups. The Port's FY 2026 security project consists of one enhancement:

- **Seafarer Access Shuttle.** The Port will procure a 20-passenger shuttle with wheelchair lift. Required equipment includes markings, electronics, AED and first aid kit. The approximate unit cost is \$155,000.

The Port requests a total of \$116,250 of FY 2026 Seaport Security Grant Program funds to procure the shuttle and outfit with required equipment. The Port has secured matching funds in the amount of \$38,750 from Port reserves, which represents 25% of the total cost of the project.

The Port remains very thankful that the Florida Department of Transportation has consistently programed Seaport Security Grant Program funds in the work program over the previous six fiscal years. FDOT's leadership and advocacy has significantly improved the Port's ability to provide secure access, screen cargo and passengers and notify local, state, and federal law enforcement of potential security risks.

We appreciate the Seaport Security Advisory Committee's review of this Project. I'm available by phone or email to answer any questions about the Port's Project. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Ocean Highway & Port Authority ***Nassau County***

MEMORANDUM

TO: Alex King, Chairman, FSTED Council

FROM: The Ocean Highway and Port Authority, Nassau County, Florida

DATE: July 23, 2025

SUBJECT: FSTED Program Seaport Security Grant Program

1. To improve seaport security, the Port of Fernandina requests funding for security upgrades to the Port's access gates and warning lights for potential hazards. These funds would be utilized to upgrade the access gates to become remote-operated and automated, as well as install warning lights and signs to the public of the hazards of transiting port property that is outside of the secured area but still subject to industrial activity. The current security standard operating procedure is to manually open and close each gate on the terminal, which is subject to human error and requires additional security and operations staff to ensure there are no security breaches.
2. Remote and automated gates will ensure that the Port of Fernandina is kept secure from unauthorized personnel and equipment from entering or exiting the Port perimeter. These upgrades will essentially eliminate any security breaches due to human error, as gates must be opened several times per day manually. Furthermore, these upgrades will keep operational and security personnel out of harm's way as these gates are high-traffic areas for trucks and trains.
3. Cost Breakdown:
 - a. Planning/Design/Permitting: \$10,000
 - b. Equipment: \$80,000
 - c. Construction/Installation: \$35,000
 - d. Total: \$125,000
 - i. Private Operator to provide matching funds in the amount of 25% (\$31,250) to the project.
4. By upgrading and enhancing security measures, this project supports the Florida Strategic Plan for Economic Development through the promotion of a secure and efficient port environment. Reliable and well-maintained infrastructure is critical to attracting and retaining commerce at the port, thereby contributing to economic stability and growth. Improved facilities also enhance the port's reputation as a secure and modern gateway, which is essential for fostering business expansion and attracting new investments.



July 15, 2025

Alex King, Chair
Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Council

Mr. King,

On behalf of the Jacksonville Port Authority (JAXPORT), I respectfully submit this request for inclusion in the Fiscal Year 2026 FSTED Security Grant Program. The security priorities outlined below are central to maintaining the safe, complaint, and efficient operations of our MTSA-regulated seaport

Project Name: Physical and Cybersecurity Enhancements
FSTED Security Grant Request: \$187,500 + **JAXPORT Security Grant Match:**
\$62,500)
Total Project Cost: \$200,000

Statement of Intended Work:

Objective #1

JAXPORT intends to implement a set of integrated physical and cybersecurity measures across its cargo and cruise terminals, operational facilities, and MTSA access points. These enhancements will address identified vulnerabilities, maintain regulatory compliance, and support evolving facility security requirements over the life of the project. Specific project activities may include, but are not limited to:

- Installation or upgrade of perimeter security infrastructure, such as fencing, gates, barricades, turnstiles, ballistic reinforcement, or related access control systems
- Deployment of surveillance and monitoring technologies, including fixed and mobile CCTV platforms, thermal cameras, biometric screening, license plate recognition systems, and detection sensors
- Expansion of electronic access control systems and interoperable communication platforms
- Upgrades to cybersecurity systems and supporting infrastructure, including the replacement of obsolete IT/OT network components and hardware
- Improvements to facility-wide emergency communication tools, including fixed or mobile electronic signage, public address systems, and alerting technologies
- Associated design, engineering, integration, software, installation, and technical support services necessary for implementation and operational continuity

All upgrades are intended to work in tandem to strengthen JAXPORT's ability to detect, deter, respond to, and recover from security threats and disruptions, whether natural or man-made. Enhancements will be scalable and adaptable to allow adjustments based on evolving needs or emergent threats.



Objective #2

JAXPORT will also prioritize critical improvements to our waterside security capabilities to support Coast Guard-mandated patrol and response functions. This includes technology, equipment, and system enhancements for JAXPORT's marine patrol units to ensure full operational readiness. Components may include upgrades to navigational systems, emergency response tools, vessel communications, and related equipment necessary for marine safety and interdiction activities.

These improvements will increase our ability to support coordinated incident response with local, state, and federal partners and are consistent with U.S. Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville priorities and FEMA's National Preparedness Goals.

JAXPORT remains committed to making strategic, risk-informed investments that enhance long-term readiness and protects the integrity of trade operations. These enhancements are critical to reinforcing our layered security posture and safeguarding personnel, tenants, and essential maritime infrastructure.

We appreciate FSTED's consideration of this request and welcome the opportunity to provide any additional information that may assist in advancing this project.

Thank You,

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Neil Stephens

Manager, Public Safety and Security for the Jacksonville Port Authority



June 25, 2025

FSTED COUNCIL

Alex King, Chairman

502 East Jefferson Street

Tallahassee, Florida 32301

RE: FSTED Security Grant Request

Chairman King,

Please see this letter as a formal request by the Panama City Port Authority to be entered into the Fiscal Year 2026 FSTED Security Grant Program. Project listed below:

Project Name: Traffic Management and Efficiency Upgrades **Total Project Cost:** \$289,500
(FSTED Security Grant Request: \$217,125 **+ PCPA Security Grant Match:** \$72,375)

The Panama City Port Authority remains steadfast in its commitment to providing state-of-the-art facilities that support the continued growth of global trade. In alignment with this mission, the Port Authority is actively advancing initiatives to enhance cargo security and streamline traffic management. A key component of these efforts involves expanding the secure area dedicated to cargo screening, enabling us to meet both current needs and future demands.

In recent years, cargo throughput at the West Terminal has increased substantially. In response to this growth, the Port Authority has prioritized the enhancement of port security and the implementation of more efficient truck processing within a secure environment. The total cost of the proposed project is estimated at \$780,000 with a critical portion of this funding being requested through the FSTED Security Grant Program.

The efficiency upgrades supported by this project will significantly strengthen the Port Authority's ability to detect and mitigate potential threats by bolstering our screening processes and improve our response capabilities against threat actors that may impact the Port's daily operations by screening drivers and vehicles in a secure environment while being processed.

Beyond operational benefits, these improvements directly support the strategic goals outlined in both the Port Authority's Master Plan and its Facility Security Plan. They represent a long-term investment in reducing vulnerabilities and ensuring the Port's readiness to respond to and recover from security incidents.

PANAMA CITY PORT AUTHORITY & FOREIGN TRADE ZONE 65

One Seaport Drive, Panama City, Florida, USA 32401 | 850.767.3220 | www.PortPCFL.com



Thank you for your consideration of this important project, which is vital to the continued safety, security, and success of the Panama City Port Authority.

Sincerely,

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Rebekah Farris

IT Operations Manager, Panama City Port Authority



PORT OF PENSACOLA
Office of Grants and Project Management

June 12, 2025

To: Alex King, FSTED
From: William Boyer, Project Compliance Manager
Re: **FSTED Program Seaport Security Grant – Fiscal Year 2026/2027 14B-1.008 Seaport Security Grant Program**

To Whom This Will Concern,

Please accept this letter as Port of Pensacola's intent to request funding for the 14B-1.008 Seaport Security Grant Program fiscal 2026/2027 grant cycle. Port of Pensacola request funding to improve seaport security technology gaps utilizing situational awareness tools. Project will start July 31, 2026, and be completed July 31, 2027.

This project will be implemented in two phases as follows:

Phase 1. CMA - Comprehensive maintenance agreement that covers all replacement/repairs of situational awareness tools (i.e. access control and camera systems) at the Port of Pensacola. This contract guarantees that no matter what issues the Port of Pensacola has with its situational awareness tools, it will be able to fix them in a timely manner.

Phase 2. TWIC/camera system upgrades - Upgrades to OnGuard Access Control and Avigilon Video Systems. Access control equipment is a critical part to screening both passenger and cargo vehicles. Camera systems improve situational awareness for the guards by giving them the ability to monitor any area inside the restricted zone.

Budget Breakdown:

- CMA - Cost - \$32,308.00
- TWIC/camera system upgrades - Cost - \$27,150.
- **Total Project Cost** - \$59,458.00 (cost estimate is attached to this letter)

Grant Funding and Match Requested:

Port of Pensacola requests grant funding in the amount of \$44,593 to complete this project and will match 25% of this total project cost in the amount of \$14,865.00 from local funding.



PORT OF PENSACOLA
Office of Grants and Project Management

If you should have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me at 850-436-5072 or via email at kboyer@cityofpensacola.com.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership with the Port of Pensacola. We look forward to continuing to work with you in the future.

Best wishes,

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William Boyer
Project Compliance Manager, Port of Pensacola



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July 31, 2025

Alex King
Chairman, Florida Seaport Transportation and
Economic Development Council (FSTED)

RE: Request for FY-2026 FSTED Seaport Security Grant Funding

Dear Mr. King:

Per the solicitation for FY-2026 FSTED Security Grant applications and the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Council (FSTED) Meeting distributed June 23, 2025, the Broward County Port Everglades Department is requesting grant funding for a project to further enhance the cybersecurity protection of its security network. With an estimated total project cost of \$220,000, we are requesting grant funding of \$165,000.

As background, Port Everglades (PEV) is a Department within Broward County Government and operates the County-owned facility as a landlord seaport. The County contracts with the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) and with a private security firm to perform security and law enforcement services that embrace the fundamental security principles of deter, detect, delay and respond. PEV provides direction in facilitating compliance with the United States Coast Guard security regulations, managing cargo and supply-chain security, and monitoring compliance with the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) program. PEV ensures both security and non-security personnel receive clear, concise and comprehensive Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) training that promotes the greatest amount of retention and the least amount of training loss. PEV's current physical security defense-in-depth infrastructure provides layered deterrence, detection, and delaying capabilities through visual barrier strategies, access control systems, effective credentialing, camera surveillance monitoring, radar sensors, geographic information systems, waterside marine patrols and traditional vehicular presence patrols.



Broward County Board of County Commissioners

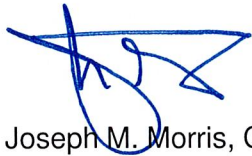
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In early 2024, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Miami and the Miami Area Maritime Security Committee revised its top Transportation Security Incident Risks. The revision, by consensus of the Committee, elevated the risk of a cyber-attack to number one for the area. As a result of a recent security assessment, and to maintain compliance with the proposed USCG Cybersecurity program, PEV is seeking funding to replace soon to be outdated and unsupported virtual machine hosts.

PEV is currently running security functions to include our video management system, visitor management software, identification card issuing software, multiple SQL data-based applications, and a cybersecurity suite. Upgrading to a modern host would immediately enhance the PEV cybersecurity posture, improve performance and reliability, and ensure ongoing compliance and supportability. The modern hosts will address concerns such as irremediable vulnerabilities, security tool incompatibility, incident response limitations and protection against advanced cybersecurity threats. New hosts will also address the compatibility issue of new security features such as Secure Boot, virtualization-based security and Microsoft's Trusted Platform Module, a new security standard featuring encryption in its operating system that will be incompatible with older host systems.

Should you require additional information, please contact Robert Jenkins, Security Manager, at 954-468-0119. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Joseph M. Morris, CEO and Port Director

cc: Glenn Wiltshire, Deputy Port Director, Port Everglades
J. David Anderton II, PPM, AICP, Assistant Director, Port Everglades
Rob Jenkins, Security Manager, PortEverglades



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August 6, 2025

Mr. Alex King
Chairman - FSTED Council

Dear Mr. King,

Over the past several years, the Port of Palm Beach has acquired a number of unrelated security systems and equipment. While this equipment is effective and works as advertised, the limitation is that it is working in its own silo and does not interface with the other systems we have.

Our goal is to harness the power of the equipment we already have, and with a few appropriate additions, create a Port Wide Command and Control System. We are not going to buy a prepackaged Command and Control software package. We have done so in the past, and while being terribly expensive, they do not work as advertised and do not meet our needs. This program would not only be able to handle the day-to-day security issues that arise at a port but also enable us to manage and recover in a timelier manner from emergencies such as a direct hit by a hurricane.

With the funding we would receive from the FSTED security council, we would purchase additional AT&T disaster response radios for senior staff and managers. We have had three such radios in operation for the past several months and they will work when all the other communications infrastructure does not. They would also allow us to coordinate within the County Wide First Responder network. While we currently have 120 security cameras, everyone can always use a few more. We have a dedicated space, with redundant power backup, to create our new command center.

We wish to purchase GPS transponders for all port vehicles. Separately, we are also implementing a port-wide GIS system. This will be integrated into our new Command Center to manage port assets and be able to give First Responders immediate access to building layouts, underground water, and the electrical system, etc.

We believe that this is a cost effective and responsible way to increase security and overall situational awareness at the Port of Palm Beach. To accomplish this goal, we are requesting \$56,250 from the FSTED Council, matched by \$18,750 from Port funds.

Sincerely,

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Michael Meekins
Executive Director



June 16, 2025

FSTED Council
Mr. Alex King, Chairman
502 East Jefferson Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Re: FSTED Security Grant Request

Chairman King,

In accordance with 14B-1.008, Seaport Security Grant Program rules of the Florida Administrative Code, the Canaveral Port Authority submits the following requests for security grant funding:

Project #1

Port Name: Canaveral Port Authority
Project Name: Ride Share Lot Security Cameras
Total Estimated Cost: \$150,000.00
Total State Funds Requested: \$112,500.00

Project Description: Canaveral Port Authority seeks to install a pole, fiber, power, and security cameras to provide security video coverage of our Uber/Lyft ride share lot. This project will allow us to enforce Port policies regarding ride share vehicles operating on Port property and ensure the safety of drivers within our ride share lot. New cameras will allow Brevard County Sheriff's Office to maintain 24/7 coverage of the lot.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Jeff Long, Ph.D., CPA
Chief Financial Officer
Canaveral Port Authority
(321) 394-3222

July 29, 2025

Alex King
Chairperson FSTED Council
502 East Jefferson Street
Tallahassee, FL, 32301

Dear Alex King:

PortMiami is respectfully requesting funding allocation from the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development (FSTED) Security Grant Program to procure a cloud-based open-source intelligence (OSINT) solution to enhance port's ability to monitor, analyze, and respond to a wide array of threats originating from the open web, social media, deep web, and dark web. As traditional security measures fall short in addressing modern digital threats, this software will enable real-time threat detection, intelligent data analysis, and proactive risk mitigation. Given PortMiami's global significance in cruise and cargo operations, ensuring infrastructure and personnel safety against cyber-attacks, physical breaches, and operational disruptions is a top priority.

OSINT is essential in identifying emerging threats that may be coordinated through online platforms. By leveraging publicly available data, PortMiami's security team can assess risks more accurately, track suspicious behavior, and make informed, timely decisions.

The proposed solution costs \$75,000 annually; however, due to an existing vendor contract with Miami-Dade's IT Department, a 30% discount reduces the cost to \$52,500 per year over the next four (4) years, significantly lowering the financial impact while attaining an improved security posture.

Our continued commitment to public safety is at the core of our mission and is the driving force behind this project. The OSINT system better equips security and law enforcement to act quickly to mitigate any potential threats and greatly reduce risk to the port terminals and personnel.

The project has an estimated total cost of approximately \$210,000. It is funded through a 75%/25% match, with FSTED contributing \$157,500 and PortMiami cost match of \$52,500.

Respectfully,



Frederick P. Wong Jr.
Deputy Port Director
Miami-Dade Seaport Department



August 1, 2025

Alex King, Chairman
FSTED
502 E. Jefferson Street
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Re: FY 2026 Seaport Security Grant Program Application – Port Tampa Bay

Delivered via Email to Chairman King and FSTED

Dear Chairman King:

Port Tampa Bay respectfully requests an allocation of FY 2026 FSTED Seaport Security Grant Program Funding for Technology Sustainment and Upgrades to Port Tampa Bay (PTB) security systems.

This project will sustain, enhance and upgrade technologies that improve the ability of Port Tampa Bay to screen cargo/passengers and share information with local, state and federal law enforcement regarding potential security risks or violations by controlling/documenting access to restricted/secure areas and documenting activity in those areas, including domain awareness of waterside activities. Our estimation for total project cost is \$267,000. Port Tampa Bay has committed matching funds (25% of project cost) to fund this project.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (813) 465-0774 or email: mdubina@tampaport.com

Thank you in advance for your consideration and approval.

Sincerely;

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Mark Dubina
Vice President and Chief Security Officer
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mdubina@tampaport.com
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