

From: Gould, Amanda (Moreno)
Sent: Tue, 29 Apr 2025 20:42:24 +0000
To: Matesic, Hannah (OST)
Cc: VanKirk, Rob (Moreno); Priebe, Jack (OST)
Subject: Re: Cleveland Lakefront Project Grant

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Thank you!!

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On Apr 29, 2025, at 4:39 PM, Matesic, Hannah (OST) <hannah.matesic@dot.gov> wrote:

Hi Amanda – See status updates for the two projects below. As you might know the Department was left with a backlog of over 3200 unsigned grant agreements from the prior administration and is now in the process of reviewing those grants to ensure compliance with the executive orders. We will continue to keep you posted if there is any new development on these projects.

Thanks!
Hannah

Project Description: The project will transform key sections of Cleveland Memorial Shoreway (State Route 2) from a substandard limited access highway into a low-speed, pedestrian-friendly boulevard with at-grade signaled intersections, ADA compliant sidewalks, and a sustainable landscape treatment. In addition, the project will construct the first phase of enabling infrastructure to provide a dedicated access road for the Port of Cleveland.

Project Status: Grant agreement has not been executed yet. DOT recently received the draft grant agreement from the project sponsor. The DOT team will begin its internal review process along with working with the project sponsor to take steps towards finalizing a grant agreement. The project application showed a project construction start date of Q3 2026. NOTE: this project received multi-year awards.

Project Description: The Cleveland North Coast Connector Land Bridge + Downtown Boulevard Project is a transformational infrastructure investment that mitigates a century's worth of transportation and land use decisions that have separated the Greater Cleveland community from its greatest natural asset: Lake Erie. The Project will address these barriers through the reconfiguration of a substandard freeway and the construction of a park-like pedestrian land bridge that will provide a safe and welcoming linkage to the waterfront and catalyze opportunities for new public amenities.

Project Status: The project sponsor is awaiting a DOT welcome webinar and completion of a grant agreement. DOT is reviewing the grant agreement language and administrative logistics for administering the grants in relation to the recent executive orders. For context, the welcome webinar will provide direction on the grant agreements and next steps.

From: Gould, Amanda (Moreno) <Amanda_Gould@moreno.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 28, 2025 11:55 AM
To: Matesic, Hannah (OST) <hannah.matesic@dot.gov>
Cc: VanKirk, Rob (Moreno) <Rob_VanKirk@moreno.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: Cleveland Lakefront Project Grant

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Thanks so much!

From: "Matesic, Hannah (OST)" <hannah.matesic@dot.gov>
Date: Monday, April 28, 2025 at 11:53 AM
To: "Gould, Amanda (Moreno)" <Amanda_Gould@moreno.senate.gov>
Cc: "VanKirk, Rob (Moreno)" <Rob_VanKirk@moreno.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Cleveland Lakefront Project Grant

Hi Amanda – I'm so sorry I missed your original email, let me run down the status and get these back to you ASAP.

Hannah

From: Gould, Amanda (Moreno) <Amanda_Gould@moreno.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 28, 2025 10:36 AM
To: Matesic, Hannah (OST) <hannah.matesic@dot.gov>
Cc: VanKirk, Rob (Moreno) <Rob_VanKirk@moreno.senate.gov>
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Hi Hannah,

I wanted to follow-up on this request.

Can you please give me a status update?

Thanks,

Mandi Gould

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From: "Gould, Amanda (Moreno)" <Amanda_Gould@moreno.senate.gov>

Date: Monday, April 14, 2025 at 9:02 AM

To: "hannah.matesic@dot.gov" <hannah.matesic@dot.gov>

Cc: "VanKirk, Rob (Moreno)" <Rob_VanKirk@moreno.senate.gov>

Subject: Cleveland Lakefront Project Grant

Hi Hannah,

I hope you had a great weekend! It is great to "meet" you! Hopefully, we can meet in-person at some point. I've heard great things about Team Duffy. I have some questions from constituents regarding the following grants that were awarded to the Cleveland Lakefront Project for the North Coast Connector that I am hoping you can help me with. Specifically they are:

Awarded Grants for the North Coast Connector

Grant: Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA)

Project Name: Cleveland North Coast Connector- Elements of Phase 1

Grant Funding: **\$59,719,267**

Funding Year: INFRA FY 25 Small - \$21,181,506, INFRA FY 26 Small - \$38,537,761

Status: **Contract negotiated, awaiting finalization by FHWA Central Office**

Contact(s): MPDGrants@dot.gov; FHWA-

MPDG@dot.gov; Ron.Garczewski@dot.gov; sharon.gordon@dot.gov; travis.wheeler@dot.gov

Grant: Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP)

Project Name: Cleveland North Coast Connector Land Bridge + Downtown Boulevard

Amount: **\$69,291,428**

Funding Year: FY 2025

Status: **Waiting for introductory webinar** for awardees and to draft agreement (it continues to get pushed back)

Contact(s): reconnectingcommunities@dot.gov; kris.riesenberg@dot.gov

Please feel free to call me at (b)(6) to discuss.

Thanks so much,

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