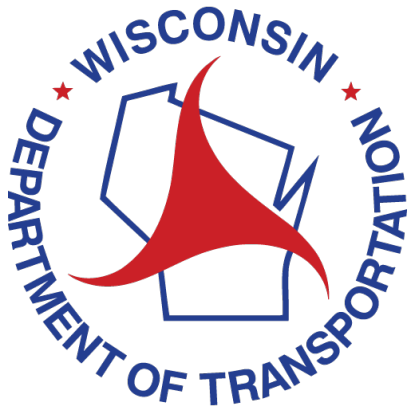


Harbor Assistance Program



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Wisc. Great Lakes & Mississippi R. Maritime Opportunity = Access to Markets



A transportation network that keeps Wisconsin moving!

WisDOT's Harbor Assistance Program

- HAP created in 1979
- 146 Grants Awarded Since 1980
- Nearly \$211 Million Invested
- \$20 Million in 2023-2025 Budget

Provide necessary water access and to maintain or improve the economically effective commodity movement capabilities of Wisconsin's harbors on the Great Lakes or the Mississippi River system. (Trans 28.03)



Harbor Assistance Program Funds:

New Harbor Facilities



Ferry Infrastructure



Manitowoc



Dredging

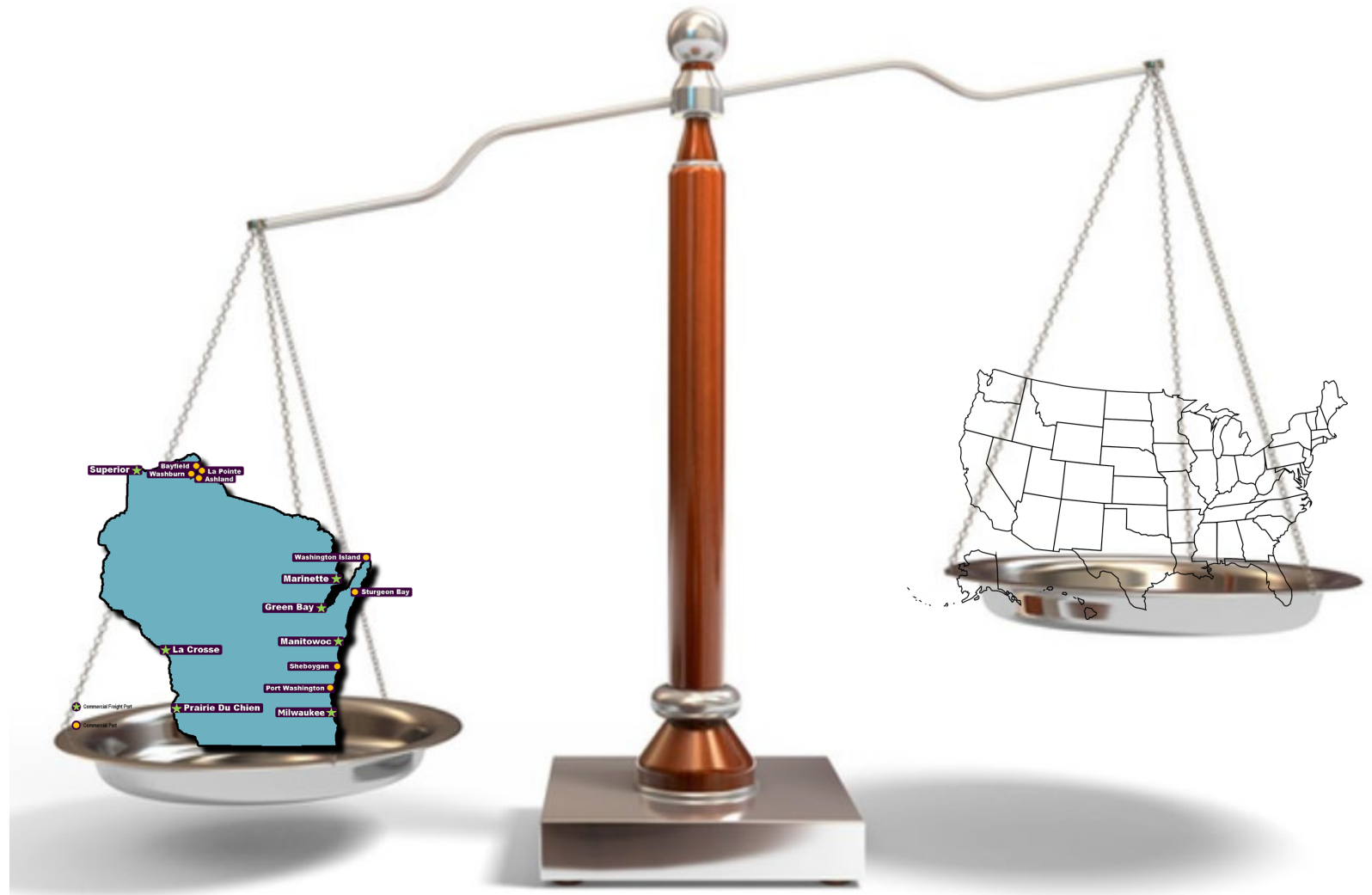


Dockwall



HAP Makes A Difference!

HAP incentivizes corporate decisions and makes Wisconsin an attractive place for maritime commerce.



HAP can provide the competitive advantage needed to tip the scales toward Wisconsin Ports



Harbor Assistance Program Eligible Locations and Past Recipients

- Eligible Locations
- Port Locations Receiving HAP Award 1980 - 2023



Program Authority & Guidance

- Chapter 85.095, Wis. Stats
- Trans 28, Wis. Admin. Code
- Website – Search WisDOT Harbors

The screenshot shows the Wisconsin Department of Transportation website. The header includes the Wisconsin state logo and 'WISCONSIN.GOV' on the left, and 'Agency Directory' and 'Online Services' on the right. Below the header is a navigation bar with links for 'DMV ONLINE SERVICES', 'DMV INFO', 'DOING BUSINESS', 'TRAVEL', 'SAFETY', 'PROJECTS AND STUDIES', and 'ABOUT WISDOT'. A search bar is located below the navigation bar. The main content area features a large image of a road winding through a forest with autumn foliage. Overlaid on this image is a white box containing the title 'Harbor Assistance Program' and a sidebar menu with the following items: 'Assistance programs', 'Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding', 'Road and bridge', 'Transit', and 'Other aid'. The main text area contains the following information:

In 1979, Wisconsin's Legislature created the Harbor Assistance Program (HAP) to assist harbor communities along the Great Lakes and Mississippi River in maintaining and improving waterborne commerce. Port projects typically include dock reconstruction, mooring structure replacement, dredging, and the construction of facilities to hold dredged material. In years when funding is available, the deadline to submit a grant application is August 1.

There are 29 ports in the state that are potentially eligible for funding through the HAP.

- [Harbor Assistance Program \(HAP\) funding from 1980 to present](#)

To be eligible for funding:

- The project must benefit facilities that are used for cargo transfer, ship building, commercial fishing or regular ferry service.
- The applicant must be a local unit of government or a private owner of a harbor facility.
- The project must pass a rigorous benefit-cost analysis.
- The project must have been identified in a current Three-Year Harbor Development Plan.

Project selection criteria are spelled out in [Section 85.095, Wis. Stats.](#) and [Wis. Admin. Code TRANS 28](#) and include

Who Can Apply?

- **County**
- **Municipality (cities, towns, villages)**
- **Board of Harbor Commissioners (ch. 30.37, Wis. Stats.)**
- **Private Harbor Facilities**



LA CROSSE COUNTY



City of Prairie du Chien



Eligibility: Applicant Locations/Criteria

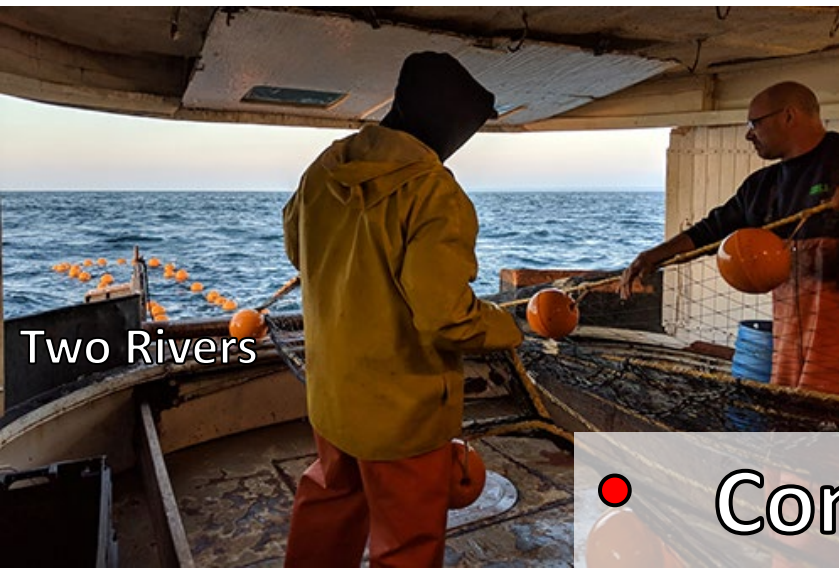
- Vessels operating on G. Lakes & Miss. R. and Ship > 1,000 tons/yr



- Ferry services



- Ship building facilities



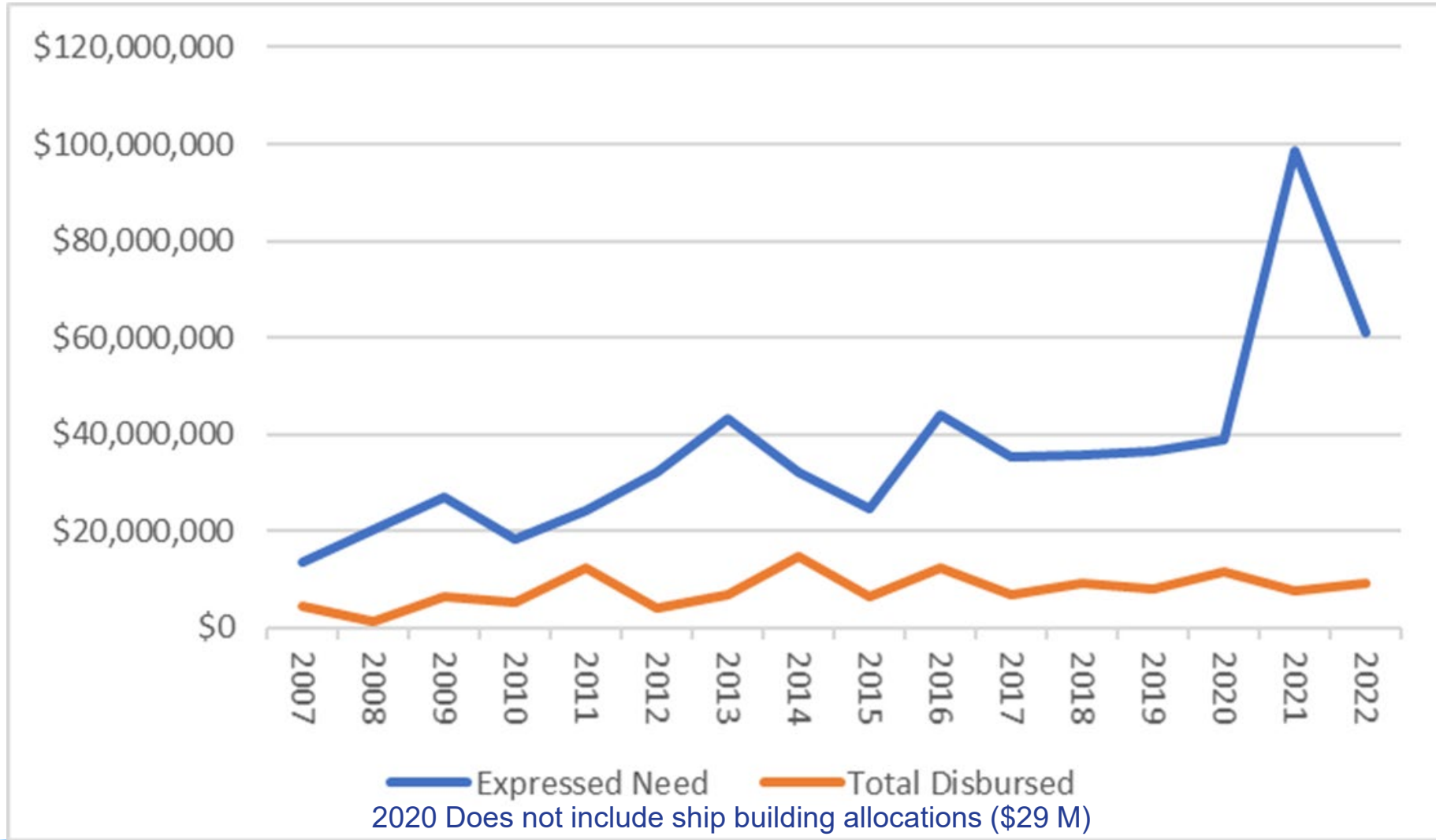
- Commercial fishing operations

The Statement of Intentions (SOI)

- Ports & Private Harbor Facilities evaluate infrastructure needs over three-year period
- The SOI describes project and includes cost
- Required for HAP Grant eligibility
- Used to calculate overall need – called “Expressed Needs”



Harbor Infrastructure Needs vs. HAP Funding Dispersed 2007 - 2022

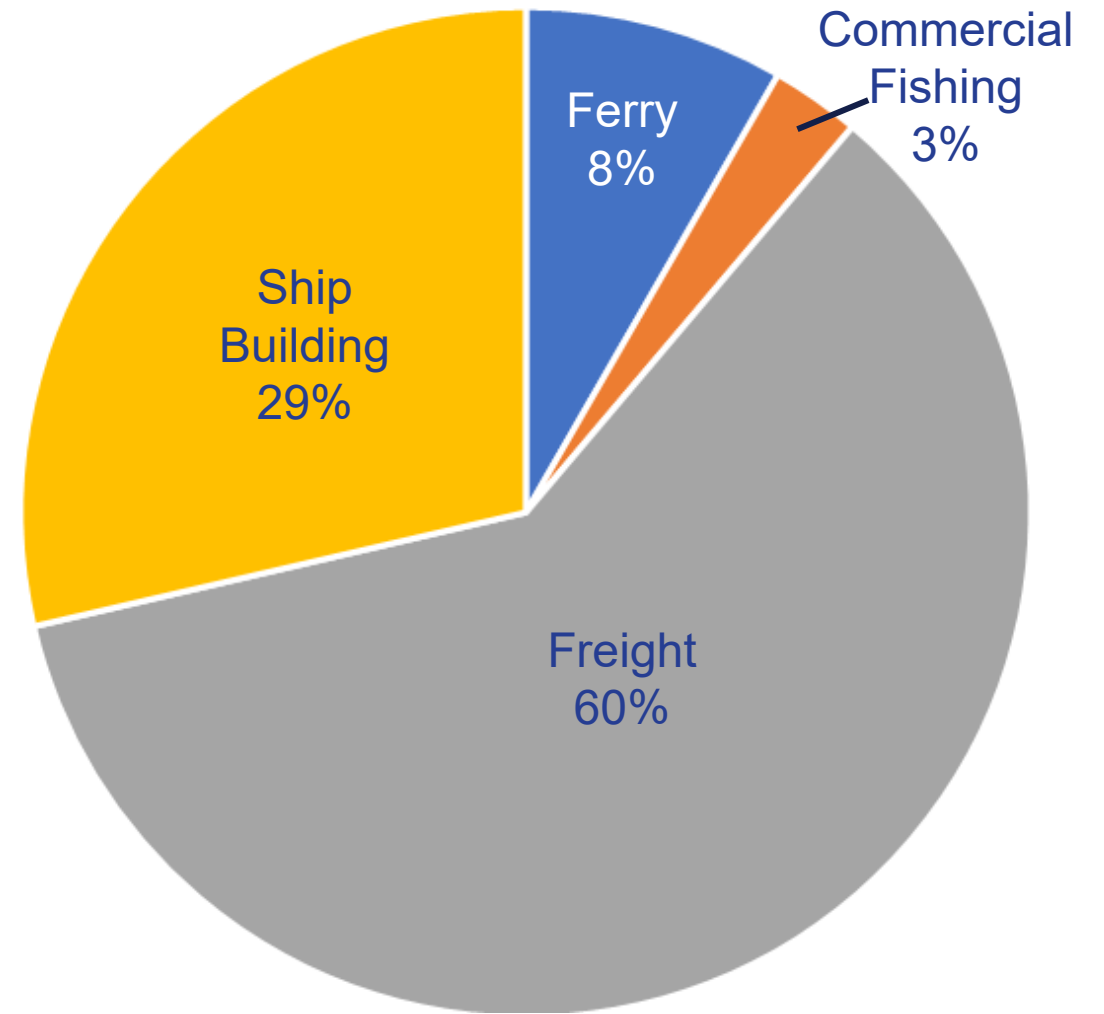


Total HAP Awards 1980 - 2022

Approx. \$200 Million Awarded!

Projects Funded

- Dredging
- Dockwall repair/maintenance
- Terminal/Dock construction
- Equipment Purchase



Harbor Assistance Program Funds

From 2022 and 2023 Cycle:

- \$56 million request (2 HAP cycles)
- \$15.5 million awarded (2 HAP cycles)

For 2024 Cycle:

- \$20 million for 2024 and 2025 HAP Cycles
- \$10 million of \$20 million to be used for 2024 Cycle
- \$52 million in HAP funds requested – 11 Applications

Recipients will be announced prior to January 31, 2024



WisDOT's BIL Resources – wisconsindot.gov/BIL

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding

Updated: August 30, 2023

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) is a historic investment and WisDOT is working hard to maximize this opportunity for Wisconsin. BIL funding comes to the state in two primary ways.

First is formula funding. This is money that moves through various state-administered programs to pay for construction and received a significant increase through BIL.

The second way federal funding makes improvements in Wisconsin is through discretionary grants. The grant programs included were authorized by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), or Annual Appropriation (AA). Individual communities and eligible organizations can apply for these highly competitive grants through U.S. DOT and other agencies. WisDOT is not the grant administrator for these opportunities but has resources to support local government leaders in their application process.

EXPLORE STATE PROGRAMS

Federally funded:

Federal formula funding received a significant increase through BIL. Links to these programs will further explain how to tap into new funding resources.

- Surface Transportation Program (STP)
 - Urban (STP-U)
 - Rural (STP-R)
 - **Local** (STP-L)
- Local Bridge Improvement Assistance Program
- Transportation Alternative Program (TAP)
- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ)
- Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)
- Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)

State funded:

- General Transportation Aids (GTA) - State funded, not BIL related funding
- Local Roads Improvement Program (LRIP)

Federally and State funded:


- Local Bridge Improvement Assistance Program


DISCOVER FEDERAL DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

The U.S. Department of Transportation and other agencies award federal discretionary grants to eligible applicants through a highly-competitive nationwide process based on qualifications and merit. Discover how to compete for these federal discretionary grants with the link above.

WisDOT offers many resources, including the opportunity to request a [Letter of Support](#) to supplement only U.S. DOT Federal Grant Applications.

WisDOT Secretary Craig Thompson recaps WisDOT's efforts and resources now available to help find and develop successful grant proposals:



Watch on  YouTube

WisDOT webinars

Wisconsin's investments and discretionary awards

WisDOT Discretionary Grant Webpage: wisconsindot.gov/DiscretionaryGrants

- Current NOFOs
- [Summary Guide](#)
- How to Apply
- WisDOT Insights & [Grant Calendar](#)
- Federal Resources
- WisDOT Webinars
- WisDOT [Letter of Support](#) Request form

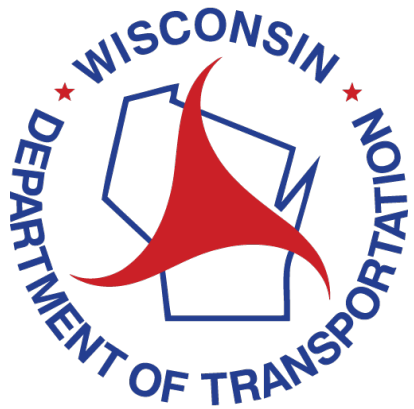


HAP: Public-Private Partnerships & Collaboration Work!



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