

PORTS MULTIMODAL PROGRAM

The Ports Multimodal Program is administered through the Office of Intermodal's Ports & Waterways Division ports in the state. Grant funds offered for the port industry make up thirty-eight percent of the total Multimodal Program Funds.

The goal of the Ports Multimodal Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) Project Review Committee is to maximize the impact of the available Multimodal Funds by supporting projects that will improve the service, operations, and competitive position of water ports within Mississippi and provide economic benefits to the Mississippi communities in which such ports are located.

The publicly owned (state, county, or municipality) ports on the coastal and inland waterways are eligible for funding under the MTIP. The proposed use of such funds must be:

- Directly related to capital improvements or the rebuilding or rehabilitation of basic infrastructure and not for routine maintenance, administrative, or operational expenses.
- For a project or use directly related to the operation of the port in its modal role.
- For a purpose outside the normal operating budget of the port.

When MDOT began funding the program in 2005 by investing \$5 million into the program, as the statute dictates, ports received \$1.9 million or 38% of the available funds. Beginning in FY2007, \$10 million was allocated, allowing those publically-owned ports to receive \$3.8 million in multimodal funds. To date, a total of \$26 million has been available to fund the immediate needs of ports around the state.

Port Multimodal Funding by Year

FY	Applications Received	Applicants Funded	Requested	Funded	Unfunded Balance
2005	23	10	\$ 6,119,812	\$ 1,900,000	\$ 4,219,812
2006	24	9	\$ 4,060,471	\$ 1,900,000	\$ 2,160,471
2007	14	7	\$ 8,524,782	\$ 3,800,000	\$ 4,724,782
2008	30	11	\$ 13,685,770	\$ 3,800,000	\$ 9,885,770
2009	24	14	\$ 7,853,179	\$ 3,800,000	\$ 4,053,179
2010	17	12	\$ 9,461,694	\$ 3,800,000	\$ 5,661,694
2011	17	14	\$ 9,795,166	\$ 3,800,000	\$ 5,995,166
2012	12	11	\$ 7,781,735	\$ 3,800,000	\$ 3,981,735
TOTAL	161	88	\$ 67,282,609	\$26,600,000	\$40,682,609

*Projects were partially funded due to the lack of sufficient funds to fund complete requests

For further information about the Multimodal Transportation Improvement Program, please click on the Multimodal Investment Report link.