

Commercial Fishing Industry Improvement Fund Grant Application & Instructions

Project Proposals must be submitted using the format of this form and, at a minimum, must contain all of the following items (A, B, C, D, E). Fields marked with an asterisk (*) are required. Submit this page as your required -

Project Proposal Cover Sheet.

A. Project Information

1. Project Title * <i>Give your project a name we can use to easily reference it</i>	Port San Luis Harbor District - 2018 CMANC Washington D.C. Week
2. Project Location Description * <i>List the county, municipalities, etc. in which you will conduct project</i>	Port San Luis Harbor District, Avila Beach CA. San Luis Obispo County.
3. Grant Amount Requested *	\$8,000.00
4. Projected Project Start Date *	March 4, 2018
5. Projected Project End Date *	March 8, 2018
6. Project Description * <i>Provide a brief summary description of the project. Limit to 300 characters</i>	Send two District Officials to the California Marine Affairs and Navigation Conference in Washington D.C. in March 2018, to represent the Central Coast to the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), our federal legislators and their staff and to other federal agencies as appropriate or necessary.

B. Applicant Information

1. Name/Organization *	Andrea K. Lueker, Port San Luis Harbor District
2. Address * City * State * Zip *	3950 Avila Beach Drive, Avila Beach, CA 93424
3. Type of Entity *	Special District
4. Primary Contact *	Andrea K. Lueker
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Central California Joint Cable/Fisheries Liaison Committee Commercial Fishing Industry Improvement Fund

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Port San Luis Harbor District – 2018 CMANC Washington DC Week

C. Project Definition:

Send two District Officials to the California Marine Affairs and Navigation Conference in Washington DC in March 2018 to represent the Central Coast to the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), our federal legislators and their staff, and to other federal agencies as appropriate or necessary.

This provides an excellent opportunity to present justification and rationale to the Legislature and USACE Headquarters staff for funding two critical projects in Port San Luis Harbor District; Dredging and Breakwater Repair.

Dredging

Dredging has been and remains a significant issue for the District. The shoaling in of the two launch sites results in decreased access for commercial fishermen and recreational boaters and for public safety agencies such as the Harbor Patrol and the United States Coast Guard.

It is extremely important to have a presence at CMANC each year, especially with USACE staff, in order to maintain our relationship and continue to champion our local projects. There also may be other discussion topics/opportunities such as the use of Port San Luis as a "borrow site" for beach replenishment programs and Critical Harbor of Refuge designation.

Breakwater Repair

The USACE owns and is responsible for maintaining the federal breakwater at Port San Luis. The Harbor District Breakwater Repair Project received \$5M of federal funding through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) FY17 Work Plan. The Breakwater Repair Project was also funded \$400,000 in the previous year's Work Plan for completion of plans, specifications and environmental work in preparation for the repair project. During the survey/environmental assessment work to prepare for the \$5,000,000 FY17 Work Plan funded repair, USACE discovered further repairs are needed to ensure the breakwater is effective for the protection of Port San Luis/San Luis Bay. USACE estimates an additional \$5,000,000 is needed to fully repair the breakwater. The FY17 Work Plan project is slated to begin in Spring 2018 and, should the additional \$5M be funded in the FY18 Work Plan, the repair work may be able to be coordinated and performed simultaneously, which would be cost effective and reduce redundancy in the project costs for monitoring, mobilization and others.

Port San Luis is home to approximately 175-200 vessels, with this number increasing seasonally. These vessels include commercial and sport fishing vessels that contribute to the economy and job markets in California. The supporting land-side businesses are also dependent on our local fleet to generate jobs and revenue-producing goods and services, which include vessel haul-out and repair facilities, fueling stations, seafood buying stations and ancillary services.

Other Areas

While in Washington, District Officials will seek opportunities to influence decision makers, both staff members and elected officials, in other areas such as regional sediment management, marine sanctuaries, U.S. Coast Guard, fisheries, harbor infrastructure and security.

Separate from this annual legislative visit, District personnel attends all other CMANC meetings in California, and retains the services of a legislative advocate in Washington, to enhance and multiply the benefits of our association with CMANC.

1. Overall Cost of Project:

\$8,000; see detail below.

2. Duration of Project:

4 days.

3. Number of Staff Used in Various Stages:

Vice President Bob Vessely (a Harbor Commissioner) and Andrea Lueker, Harbor Manager, will attend the conference in Washington DC, representing Port San Luis Harbor District and the Central Coast of California to the USACE Headquarters staff, the Legislature and others.

4. Skills and Experience of Project Organizers & Staff:

Both District Officials who are attending the CMANC 2018 Washington Week trip have extensive experience with District and Port issues. Commissioner Vessely, while on the board for two years, has worked on a number of projects in the District prior to his being elected. Commissioner Vessely has also met with the Harbor Manger to learn about CMANC and has reviewed a number of documents (including overviews) from previous DC visits. Ms. Lueker has traveled to CMANC with both the District as well as with another agency numerous times. Lueker has forged relationships with USACE staff, legislators and their staff as well as many other DC Officials, which has served and will continue to serve the District and Commercial Fishing industry now and into the future.

5. Measurable Deliverables:

As the CCJCFLC knows, this is an extremely important opportunity to present Port San Luis Harbor District needs to our congressional representatives, USACE Headquarters staff and other federal agencies. These meetings are very critical to the future success of the above-mentioned projects as well as forming new and fostering current relationships that will serve Port San Luis and the Central Coast of California for future years. Following our return, District personnel will prepare and deliver a comprehensive report on the activities, meetings and any outcomes of the trip to both the CCJCFLC and the Harbor Commission.

6. Financial Benefits:

Direct and measurable financial benefits from this lobbying and legislative activity are difficult to measure. However, District personnel firmly believe that consistent and continual participation are certainly the keys to the success of these efforts as has recently been seen with the \$5M for breakwater repair. The cost to the local fishing community of a breakwater failure would be monumental and the benefits of federal dredging, a voice in the development of Marine Sanctuaries Act legislation or receipt of major grant funds for a variety of capital projects in the Harbor District has been and will continue to be very significant.

Following the 2016 CMANC trip, the District created and approved a comprehensive Advocacy Plan that outlines a year of activities to meet goals such as breakwater repair, sediment managements and others mentioned above. The District funded these advocacy efforts which included the early January 2017 trip to DC, visits to Los Angeles and San

Francisco USACE Regional officers and meetings with local elected officials. District staff has continued to provide an Advocacy Plan for review each year to the Board of Commissioners.

The project also includes secondary benefits to all patrons of Port San Luis, as they will benefit from our success in any of our federal initiatives.

D. Project Plan

Staff has been in contact with the District’s legislative advocate, Julie Minerva of Carpi & Clay, to determine the best and most effective manner to arrange information and talking points specific to the needs of Port San Luis Harbor District.

Tentative Schedule

- March 4, 2018 Leave for Washington DC
- March 5, 2018 PSL Harbor District meetings/discussions/CMANC Reception
- March 6-7, 2018 CMANC meetings
- March 8, 2018 Return
- April 24, 2018 Complete report delivered to Harbor Commission and CCJCFCLC.

F. Financial Schedule

The District estimates total project cost at this time as \$8,000 for 2 attendees:

Estimated Costs for Two Attendees		
	<u>Each</u>	<u>Grant Total</u>
CMANC Conference Registration	\$ 450.00	\$ 900.00
Hotel (4 nights @ \$319/night + taxes+ internet)	\$1,600.00	\$3,200.00
Round trip airfare San Luis Obispo to DC, (Economy Class/ non-refundable, estimated)	\$ 850.00	\$1,700.00
Baggage fees and other airline add-ons (estimated)	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00
Meals (4 days @ \$80/day, estimated)	\$ 340.00	\$ 680.00
Taxis and other incidentals (estimated)		\$ 370.00
Donation for Golden State Reception		\$ 750.00
Total Estimated Cost		\$8,000.00
Amount of Grant Request		\$8,000.00

No funding will be required until the completion of the trip. On return to Port San Luis, an itemized statement of costs will be submitted, requesting reimbursement.