

**AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT 2025 PORT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM
(PSGP) GRANT APPLICATION**

Philadelphia Regional Port Authority

**Resolution No. 2025-08
August 20, 2025**

WHEREAS, the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority (“PhilaPort”) has been authorized under Section 6 of the Act of July 10, 1989, P.L. 291, 55 P.S. Section 697 et seq. of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (the “PRPA Act”) to promote, apply for and accept grants for the purposes of advancing regional port facilities and port-related projects to include furtherance of cooperative state efforts; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Homeland Security announced federal funding for the 2025 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP); and

WHEREAS, eligible projects include port security equipment projects; and

WHEREAS, the staff of PhilaPort has a port security project that would benefit the region if grant funding is received; and

WHEREAS, the Board of PhilaPort has determined, on the basis of information provided to it, to approve submission of a grant application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That PhilaPort hereby authorizes its staff to apply for grant funding through the United States Department of Homeland Security’s 2025 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP); for the Central Philadelphia Port District Security Camera Enhancement project, as the project listed in Exhibit “A” for submission of the formal grant application.
2. The Executive Director and CEO of PhilaPort, with the advice of its Chief General Counsel, is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate the specific terms and conditions of the agreements and the Executive Director and CEO is hereby authorized and directed to execute, acknowledge and deliver on behalf of PhilaPort any agreements, documents or other instruments as may be necessary to effectuate such arrangements.

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MOVED: Boise Butler

SECONDED: James Shacklett

APPROVAL: YES

Qualified Majority Required: NO

Pearson*

Bryan**

Butler**

Clark*

Cuff**

Lazer***

Maser*

Santone***

Shacklett**

Skoutelas***

Whitaker*

Gubernatorial Appointee*

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MEMORANDUM

To: Philadelphia Regional Port Authority
Board of Directors

From: Valerie Piper
Grant Compliance Administrator

Date: August 7, 2025

RE: **SUBMIT 2025 PORT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (PSGP) GRANT
(Department of Homeland Security)**

Background

United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced \$90 Million for the 2025 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP). PSGP is part of a comprehensive set of measures authorized by Congress and implemented by the DHS/FEMA Administration to support increased port-wide risk management and protect critical marine transportation system infrastructure from acts of terrorism, major disasters, and other emergencies.

PhilaPort operates 16 hard-wired cameras along its Central Philadelphia Port District, Piers 74 through 84, that it would like to replace with a cloud-based solution. The proposed new cameras will broaden the visible area as each camera, mounted on an arm, provides a 360-degree feed, while also programmed to send alerts and be visible to PhilaPort staff outside the regular business hours via computer or handheld devices. These enhanced camera capabilities will add a layer of perimeter security to the port facilities, along with new capabilities:

- 1) visibility to the Christopher Columbus bike lanes, popular with cyclists traveling to various public soft targets along the river, including the Delaware River Bike Path; and
- 2) reduce cyber threat by replacing the hard-wired cameras and servers on the PhilaPort network with an integrated cloud-based architecture.

PhilaPort proposes submitting a grant proposal to fund the security camera enhancements for the Central Philadelphia Port District. Twelve (12) cameras will replace the current 16 at a total cost of \$123,972 and the proposed grant request (Federal share) is \$92,978.

Recommendation

Staff requests that the Board authorize PhilaPort staff to submit the project to the Department of Homeland Security 2025 PSGP for the Central Philadelphia Port District Security Camera Enhancement project.