

Port of Palm Beach Receives \$525K Homeland Security Grant

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Riviera Beach, Fla. – The Port of Palm Beach has secured \$525,000 in Homeland Security funding as part of the Fiscal Year 2013 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP).

Projects funded under the 2013 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) require a 25 percent match by the Port of Palm Beach, providing a total project investment of \$656,250 to strengthen the Port of Palm Beach’s abilities in access-control monitoring, security training and domain awareness.

“This additional funding will allow the Port of Palm Beach to continue to bolster its defenses against potential acts of terror and aggression,” said Port of Palm Beach District Board of Commissioners Chairman George E. Mastics. “Coupled with the \$1.8 million in security funding the Port received in 2011, the Port is able to continually work to keep the citizens of the District safe.”

According to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the PSGP is one of the grant programs that directly support maritime transportation infrastructure security activities. PSGP is one tool in the comprehensive set of measures authorized by Congress and implemented by the Administration to strengthen the Nation’s critical infrastructure against risks associated with potential terrorist attacks. The 2013 Fiscal Year PSGP funding totaled \$93,207,313.

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The Port of Palm Beach District was established in 1915 as an independent special taxing district, a subdivision of the State of Florida. The Port has not collected taxes in 39 years.

Over \$2billion worth of commodities, two million tons of diversified cargoes and more than 340,000 passengers move through the Port annually.

The Port is committed to the highest levels of service and to fiscal and environmental responsibility while ensuring the utmost safety and security.

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