


# CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

A COAST GUARD CITY

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Mayor Eisenbeisz and Assembly Members

**Thru:** John Leach, Municipal Administrator 

**From:** Stan Eliason, Harbormaster

**Date:** November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023

**Subject:** Support Increasing the Harbor Matching Grant Amount

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### **Background**

Senate Bill 291 established the Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Program on July 1, 2006, in which the total amount of grant money made available to a municipality was limited to not exceed \$5,000,000 in a fiscal year.

### **Analysis**

The United States Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI calculator indicates that \$5,000,000 in July 2006 when the Senate Bill 291 was enacted would be inflated to \$7,511,000 as of July 2023.

### **Fiscal Note**

The costs associated with construction, shipping, and mobilization to remote portions of Alaska have outpaced the national consumer price index since the pandemic. Therefore, causing Sitka to absorb the additional inflationary costs.

### **Recommendation**

Support the proposed resolution to increase the grant amount from \$5M to \$7.5M