

Governor Moore Joins President Biden to Celebrate \$147 Million Investment to Create Clean Jobs and Support the Port of Baltimore's Zero-Emission Goals

ANNAPOLIS, MD—Governor Wes Moore today joined President Joseph R. Biden at the Port of Baltimore to celebrate more than \$147 million in federal funding to create good-paying, clean jobs and to expedite decarbonization and electrification efforts at the Port. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency awarded the funding to the Port of Baltimore through its Clean Ports Program, created under President Biden's Inflation Reduction Act.

"In Maryland, we aren't going to choose between building a competitive state and a sustainable one — we will do both at the same time," **said Gov. Moore**. "In partnership with the Biden-Harris Administration, we are investing in the Port of Baltimore and electrifying the way to a greener, cleaner, and healthier future with a strong economy and good-paying jobs."

The Port of Baltimore generates about 20,300 direct jobs, with more than 273,000 jobs overall linked to port activities. The funding will enable the Maryland Port Administration and its private partners to purchase 213 pieces of new zero-emission vehicles, equipment, and charging infrastructure that will replace old, inefficient, and polluting diesel combustion engines. The funding will also pay for capacity upgrades to the port's electrical grid, which will help significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions with an estimated 35% decrease in carbon dioxide equivalency compared to 2020 levels.

"The Port of Baltimore is a vital economic engine for the state and a leader among the nation's ports. As we work to improve the port, it is essential that we build for the future. The projects supported by the Clean Ports Program will help reduce emissions, improve air quality in the Baltimore region and create more clean energy jobs," **said U.S. Senator Ben Cardin**. "The Biden-Harris Administration's bold investments in modernizing our infrastructure are driving our economy forward while enabling us to take on climate change in a meaningful way."

"We fought to pass the Inflation Reduction Act to create good-paying jobs in our communities while tackling the climate crisis head-on, and today's announcement shows these investments are being put to work," **said U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen**. "This new federal funding will support the Port of Baltimore's transition to electric infrastructure as part of its plans to reduce emissions – both bolstering the port's growth and improving air quality for nearby communities. These efforts will help strengthen Baltimore's economy and create more local jobs for Marylanders."

"The tremendous projects selected for these federal funding awards will improve air quality and combat climate change by dramatically diminishing the Port of Baltimore's greenhouse

gas and toxic pollutant emissions via installation of zero-emission cargo handling equipment and trucks, while also bolstering the Maryland Port Administration's overall emissions reduction strategy. These extraordinary federal investments into our port are consistent with our collective duty to preserve the planet – while also continuing to uplift the Port of Baltimore's workforce and surrounding communities in the transition to a zero-emissions facility," **said Congressman Kweisi Mfume**. "As exemplified by this compelling announcement, the historic Inflation Reduction Act continues to tackle the climate crisis with fierce urgency right here in Baltimore."

"The Biden-Harris Administration's Investing in America agenda continues to leave no community behind and promote clean air and water in communities that have long borne the brunt of pollution," **said Congressman Steny Hoyer**. "Thanks to the Inflation Reduction Act that I brought to the House Floor as Majority Leader last Congress, the Port of Baltimore is getting the tools it needs to upgrade its equipment, improve electric charging infrastructure, and fight the climate crisis in a way that benefits Marylanders across the state. As Chair of the Regional Leadership Council, I appreciate Administrator Regan and the Biden-Harris Administration's partnership as we continue to ensure the historic investments Democrats passed last Congress reach every community in America. We must continue to work together to strengthen the Port of Baltimore and ensure environmental justice for all Marylanders."

"The Port of Baltimore is a critical hub for Maryland and our nation as a whole, supporting good-paying jobs, driving economic growth and keeping goods and resources moving. This investment will improve the health of our region's environment and provide cleaner air for port workers and nearby communities – all while ensuring that the Port remains a thriving center of commerce for generations to come," **said Congressman John Sarbanes**. "I appreciate the Biden-Harris Administration for its continued partnership to enhance clean energy and improve infrastructure in Maryland, and for its tireless efforts to advance environmental justice and create a greener, more sustainable future across the country."

"This critical investment into the Port of Baltimore will not only keep us globally competitive, but will help mitigate pollution driving climate change," **said Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger**. "The Port of Baltimore has always been at the forefront of efficiency and productivity and now we are leading the nation environmentally. I am proud to have supported this funding request and thank the Biden Administration for this strategic and responsible use of tax dollars."

Federal grant funding will also support community engagement with neighborhoods such as Turner Station, Brooklyn, and Curtis Bay.

“These improvements will provide an immediate impact to the people who live and work around the Port of Baltimore and who have borne the brunt of transportation-related health impacts,” **said Maryland Department of Transportation Secretary Paul Wiedefeld.**

“Thanks to the EPA’s grants, the Port of Baltimore and its partners are accelerating their collective efforts to support Maryland’s climate goals of reaching net zero by 2045.”

Today’s announcement builds on the Biden Administration’s championship of the Port of Baltimore and the State of Maryland’s infrastructure needs, which includes the recent \$30.9 million Infrastructure for Rebuilding America award for Dundalk Marine Terminal Reconstruction of Berth 11 and the \$7.5 million award for Curtis Creek Drawbridge Rehabilitation and Resiliency projects. The projects directly advance the federal government and State of Maryland’s partnership to recover and rebuild after the DALI struck the Francis Scott Key Bridge.

“The Maryland Port Administration is committed to integrating our overall mission of increasing cargo and generating jobs through the Port of Baltimore with forward-looking environmental and sustainability solutions,” **said Maryland Port Administration Executive Director Jonathan Daniels.** “Our customers and port partners are driven to change the way they do business to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, decarbonize, increase electrification throughout our marine terminals, and, most importantly, positively impact our near-port environmental justice communities.”

To learn more about the clean port project and its benefits, read the Port of Baltimore’s [grant proposal](#).

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