
The MDTA Police submitted three project requests as part of the 2023 round of Port Security Grant Program funding. Below is a quick summary of each request:

#1: New Marine Vessel

The MDTA Police Marine Unit seeks to replace its aging 36-foot Sea Ark Dauntless vessel and purchase a 38-foot full cabin high-performance vessel capable of intercepting other vessels that pose a homeland security threat, intercepting vessels which intend to or are violating U.S. Coast Guard safety and security zones, and a vessel which will increase law enforcement capabilities. The new vessel will have a lower deck to waterline ratio, making water recoveries, diver deployments and search and rescue missions easier. Additionally, it will allow the ability to safely conduct vessel to vessel transferring of personnel and equipment, increase vessel maneuverability, and promote greater shallow water operational capabilities. The anticipated total project cost for this request (including the vessel, electronic equipment, safety equipment, outboard motors, and a trailer to tow the vessel) is \$800,000. The Federal request of 75% is \$600,000, and the State 25% cost match is \$200,000.

#2: Chemical-Biological-Radiological-Nuclear (CBRN) Detection System

This request seeks to add a RS-700 Series-Marine Gamma Ray/Neutron Detection System to enhance the Marine Unit's capability to detect, deter, and prevent potential attacks. Currently, the unit operates this technology on one of its smaller patrol/response vessels. The unit is requesting the purchase of this system to be deployed on a new high-performance patrol/response vessel (request #1 above). The total project cost for this request is \$175,000. The Federal request of 75% is \$131,250, and the State 25% cost match is \$43,750.
