

RESOLUTION NO. 20-2026

Introduced by Mark Claus

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING SUBMISSION OF AN APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST APPLICATION TO U.S. SENATOR BERNIE MORENO'S FY27 CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING (CDS) RELATING TO THE HURON MUNICIPAL BOAT BASIN RENOVATION PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO MILLION NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND XX/100 DOLLARS (\$2,900,000.00); AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT SAID GRANT AWARD(S) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO MILLION NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND XX/100 DOLLARS (\$2,900,000.00), SHOULD THE APPLICATION BE SUCCESSFUL.

WHEREAS, the City of Huron has made an appropriations request to U.S. Senator Bernie Moreno's FY27 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) relating to the Huron Municipal Boat Basin Renovation Project (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the City meets basic eligibility requirements for funding; and

WHEREAS, the City of Huron has the authority to apply for financial assistance and to administer the amounts received from U.S. Senator Bernie Moreno's FY27 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS); and

WHEREAS, the City of Huron must direct and authorize the City Manager, Stuart Hamilton, to act as the Authorized Representative for the application and Project, if awarded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HURON AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the Council of the City of Huron hereby ratifies submission of an appropriations request to U.S. Senator Bernie Moreno's FY27 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) to become eligible for potential funding assistance relating to the Huron Municipal Boat Basin Renovation Project in an amount not to exceed Two Million Nine Hundred Thousand and xx/100 Dollars (\$2,900,000.00).

SECTION 2. If grant funds are awarded, the City Manager is further authorized and directed to execute an agreement for and on behalf of the City of Huron, Ohio with U.S. Senator Bernie Moreno's FY27 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) in an amount not to exceed Two Million Nine Hundred Thousand and xx/100 Dollars (\$2,900,000.00), and which agreement shall be in substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

SECTION 3. That this Council hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of the Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including O.R.C. §121.22.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution shall go into effect and be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage.

ATTEST: *Jeni Weikens*
Council Clerk

William Biddlecombe
William Biddlecombe, Vice-Mayor

ADOPTED: 24 MAR 2026





U.S. Senator Bernie Moreno - Congressionally Directed Spending FY27 Application

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Phone: 4193666001	City: Huron	City: Huron
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* = Required information

Section 1. CDS FY27 - Application Questionnaire

1. Name of Applicant Organization *

City of Huron, Ohio

2. Applicant Address *

Please list the address for the applicant organization.

NOTE: There is a separate address box below for projects occurring at a different physical address than the applicant address.

417 Main Street
Huron, OH, 44839, US

3. Applicant Point of Contact *

Bryan Edwards

4. Applicant E-mail *

bryan.edwards@huronohio.us

5. Applicant Phone (Mobile Preferred) *

(419) 366-6001

6. Project Title *

This project title will reflect what is written into law if a project advances through the process.

NOTE: If you are submitting this project to multiple Congressional offices for consideration please ensure a consistent project title is used.

City of Huron Boat Basin Economic Development Investment Program

7. Project Address *

Please provide the physical address of where the project will take place. If there is no physical address assigned please use the address of the applicant organization.

330 Main Street
Huron, OH, 44839, US

8. County *

Please enter the Ohio County in which the project will take place.

Erie

9. Requested Appropriation Amount *

Please detail the appropriation amount you are requesting in federal funds (this is NOT the total project cost amount).

\$2,904,590.00

10. Total Project Cost *

Please detail the total amount of dollars required to complete this project (this is NOT the amount you are requesting as a CDS).

\$3,404,590.00

11. Short Project Description *

Please detail the project purpose in 2-3 sentences. 150 word limit.

We are requesting a federal investment of \$2.9 million to protect and strengthen a public economic engine that supports tourism, small businesses, working families, and tax revenue across Northern Ohio.

This is about:

Protecting one of the region's primary tourism gateways
Preserving small-business revenue streams
Supporting jobs tied to recreation and hospitality
Strengthening a federal and state tax-generating asset
Ensuring Lake Erie remains economically productive

Maintaining safe public access to Lake Erie supports interstate tourism, regional commerce, and a nationally significant freshwater recreational resource.

12. Project Summary *

Please provide context to describe the project as well as a budget for the project. Detail specifically what funds would be used for to purchase or provide.

The Huron Boat Basin is a seven-acre public waterfront complex located on the Huron River in Huron, Ohio, featuring a 1,000-person outdoor amphitheater, public park space, and a 123-slip municipal marina.

The facility serves as the primary public gateway to Lake Erie in downtown Huron and functions as a major recreational and economic asset for the community and the broader Lake Erie tourism region. Maintaining safe public access to Lake Erie supports interstate tourism, regional commerce, and a nationally significant freshwater recreational resource.

Serving as the central hub of downtown Huron, the Boat Basin is:

- A Lake Erie public access port
- A downtown tourism anchor
- A regional economic driver
- A job generator
- A contributor to state and federal tax revenues

Economic Development

The Huron Boat Basin converts public waterfront access into measurable economic activity for restaurants, hotels, retail businesses, and government tax revenues. As one of the region's key public waterfront access points, the Huron Boat Basin plays a direct role in capturing this visitor spending and translating it into local economic activity. In 2023, Lake Erie Shores & Islands, the destination marketing organization for Erie & Ottawa Counties, estimated that tourism generated 13.3 million visits and \$3.1 billion in total tourism sales, supporting 15,070 jobs and generating \$382.6 million in state and local taxes. Boating is likewise a measurable contributor: Ohio Department of Natural Resources estimates a \$6.40 billion boating industry economic impact in 2022 supporting 45,856 jobs statewide, with \$1.3 billion of that impact associated specifically with Ohio-based Lake Erie recreational boating.

According to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Erie County ranks fifth in Ohio for inbound recreational boaters traveling from other counties. Approximately 88% of the nearly 10,000 boats in Erie County take trips less than 10 miles from port, providing the Boat Basin with thousands of potential transient boaters.

In 2024 alone, transient boaters spent 627 nights at the Huron Boat Basin Marina. That's up more than 10% since 2022. According to a 2023 survey from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, the average boater in Erie County spent \$76.55 per trip, placing the county as one of the Top 20 in the state in terms of average spent per trip.

Economic Benefits of the Project

Federal investment will:

- Protect a key Lake Erie tourism gateway
- Preserve small-business revenue streams
- Support recreation and hospitality jobs
- Strengthen state and federal tax revenue
- Ensure Lake Erie remains economically productive

Item Description	Item Cost
Concrete Bulkhead Caps	\$1,085,532
Concrete Walkways	\$680,823
Retaining Walls	\$1,138,235

13. Federal Nexus *

Please explain the federal purpose, benefit or requirement addressed by this project.

About the Huron Boat Basin

- 📍 **Location:** Downtown Huron, Ohio
- ⚓ **Marina Capacity:** 123 slips
- 🎵 **Outdoor Amphitheater:** 1,000 seats
- 🌳 **Public Waterfront Park:** Free public access to Lake Erie

The Huron Boat Basin serves as the **primary public gateway to Lake Erie in downtown Huron**, supporting boating, tourism, and community events throughout the year.

Regional Economic Impact

Tourism and boating are major economic drivers for Northern Ohio.

Erie & Ottawa County Visitor Economy

13.3 Million

Annual Visitors

\$3.1 Billion

Tourism Spending

15,070 Jobs

Supported by Tourism

\$382.6 Million

State & Local Taxes Generated

Boating Economy

According to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources:

\$6.4 Billion

Ohio Boating Industry Economic Impact

45,856 Jobs

Supported Statewide

\$1.3 Billion

Lake Erie Recreational Boating Activity

The Huron Boat Basin helps convert Lake Erie boating activity into **local restaurant, retail, and lodging spending.**

14. Project Funding Sources *

Please detail various funding sources being used for this project and/or the capital stack to complete this project.

Example: \$2,800,000 Project

\$1,400,000 - Federal Request

\$700,000 - Committed State Funds

\$700,000 - Local Funds

\$3.4 million overall

\$2.9 million CDS

\$300k - US Fish & Wildlife Services and Ohio Department of Natural Resources (B.I.G. Grant)

\$200K - State of Ohio

15. Proposal Priority

If your organization is submitting more than one request please rank them.

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16. Is this request also being submitted to another member of the Ohio delegation? *

If yes, please indicate which office (i.e. Sen. Husted or Congressional Representative) and if there are any staff contacts you are working with.

Sen. Husted, Rep. Kaptur

17. Has your organization received federal Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) funding before? *

If yes, please list when.

No

18. Have you spoken with a member of our staff? *

Please indicate if you have you spoken with a member of Senator Moreno's staff prior to submission? I.e. in person, phone or virtual briefing either in Ohio or DC. If so, please indicate that staff person(s) here.

We encourage all applicants to have conversations with staff regarding their projects prior to submission.

Yes. Communicated with Tim Schneider via email and phone

19. Employer Identification Number (EIN) *

Please provide your Employer Identification Number (EIN), this is required for submission to several appropriation accounts.

34-6400671

20. Is this a statewide project?

Yes

Section 2. CDS FY27 – Eligible Agencies and Accounts

Eligible Agencies & Accounts:

Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies

- Agricultural Research Service, Buildings and Facilities
- Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Salaries and Expenses
- Natural Resources Conservation Service, Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations
- National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Research and Facilities Act Program
- Rural Development, Community Facilities Grants
- Rural Development, Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies

- Department of Commerce (DOC), National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Scientific and Technical Research and Services, NIST External Projects
- DOC, NIST, Construction of Research Facilities, NIST Extramural Construction
- DOC, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Operations, Research, and Facilities, NOAA Special Projects
- Department of Justice (DOJ), State and Local Law Enforcement Activities, Office of Justice Programs, State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance, Byrne Discretionary Grants
- DOJ, State and Local Law Enforcement Activities, Community Oriented Policing Services Programs (COPS), COPS Law Enforcement Technology and Equipment

- National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Safety, Security and Mission Support

Energy and Water Development

- Corps of Engineers, Investigations
- Corps of Engineers, Construction
- Corps of Engineers, Operation & Maintenance
- Corps of Engineers, Mississippi Rivers & Tributaries, Investigations
- Corps of Engineers, Mississippi Rivers & Tributaries, Construction
- Corps of Engineers, Mississippi Rivers & Tributaries, Operation & Maintenance
- Bureau of Reclamation, Water and Related Resources
- Department of Energy, "Energy Projects"

Account will include the following topic areas:

- Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
- Electricity
- Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response
- Nuclear Energy
- Fossil Energy and Carbon Management

Financial Services and General Government

- Small Business Administration, Administrative Provision
- National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), National Historical Publications and Records Commission
- NARA, Repairs and Restoration
- General Services Administration (GSA), Federal Buildings Fund, Construction and Acquisition
- GSA, Federal Buildings Fund, Repairs and Alterations, Major Repairs
- GSA, Federal Buildings Fund, Repairs and Alterations, Basic Repairs
- Office of National Drug Control Policy, Administrative Provision (Prevention Grants)

Homeland Security

- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Pre-Disaster Mitigation Projects
- FEMA, Emergency Operations Center Grant Program

Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), State and Tribal Assistance Grants, Clean Water State Revolving Fund, and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
- Indian Health Service, Sanitation Facilities Construction
- National Park Service (NPS), Historic Preservation Fund Projects
- U.S. Forest Service (USFS), State and Private Forestry, Forest Resource Information and Analysis
- Land and Water Conservation Fund
 - Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Land Acquisition
 - Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), Land Acquisition
 - NPS, Land Acquisition
 - USFS, Land Acquisition
 - USFS, Forest Legacy
- Land Management Agencies, Construction
 - BLM, Construction
 - FWS, Construction Projects, Line Item Construction
 - NPS, Construction, Line Item Construction and Maintenance
 - USFS, Capital Improvement and Maintenance, Facilities, Road and Trails
- Land Management Agencies, Local Projects and Research
 - BLM, Management of Land and Resources, Land Management Priorities
 - NPS, National Recreation and Preservation, Statutory and Contractual Aid
 - FWS, Resource Management, Stewardship Priorities
 - U.S. Geological Survey, Surveys Investigations and Research, Special Initiatives
- Bureau of Indian Affairs, Operation of Indian Programs, Special Initiatives
- EPA, Science and Technology, Research: National Priorities
- EPA, State and Tribal Assistance Grants, STAG Infrastructure Grants

Labor, HHS, Education, and Related Agencies

- Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Training and Employment Services
- HHS, Health Resources and Services Administration, Program Management
- HHS, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Health Surveillance and Program Support
- HHS, Administration for Children and Families, Children and Families Services Programs

- HHS, Administration for Community Living, Aging and Disability Services Programs
- Department of Education, Innovation and Improvement, Fund for the Improvement of Education
- Department of Education, Higher Education, Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education

Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies

- Military Construction, Army
- Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps
- Military Construction, Air Force (including Space Force)
- Military Construction, Defense-Wide
- Military Construction, Army National Guard
- Military Construction, Air National Guard
- Military Construction, Army Reserve
- Military Construction, Navy Reserve
- Military Construction, Air Force Reserve

Transportation, HUD, and Related Agencies

- Department of Transportation (DOT), Office of the Secretary, Transportation Planning, Research, and Development
- DOT, Federal Aviation Administration, Grants-in-Aid for Airports
- DOT, Federal Highway Administration, Highway Infrastructure Programs
- DOT, Federal Transit Administration, Transit Infrastructure Grants
- DOT, Federal Railroad Administration, Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements Program
- DOT, Maritime Administration, Port Infrastructure Development Program Grants
- HUD, Community Development Fund, Economic Development Initiatives

1. Subcommittee *

Please indicate which subcommittee you are requesting funding under. I.e. LHHS, THUD, etc.

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and Related Agencies

10. Transportation, HUD, and Related Agencies *

HUD, Community Development Fund, Economic Development Initiatives

Section 3. Letters of Support

Please submit a minimum of **3 letters of support**. Letters of support should be from elected community leaders (e.g. mayors or other officials).

Letters can be uploaded on the main page.