

Port of New Orleans secures over US\$1 million grant to enhance security and emergency response capabilities

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Port of New Orleans (Port NOLA)

The Port of New Orleans (Port NOLA) has received US\$1,040,583 in funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Port Security Grant Program.

This grant will fund significant physical and technological enhancements, aimed at bolstering the Harbor Police Department's (HPD) surveillance capabilities and providing essential equipment for emergency response.

All enhancements are scheduled for completion by August 31, 2027.

In 2024, FEMA's Port Security Grant Program distributed US\$90 million to various agencies to fortify port infrastructures against terrorism, natural disasters, or other critical emergencies.

Ronald Wendel, Jr., Acting President and CEO of Port NOLA and Acting CEO of the New Orleans Public Belt Railroad (NOPB), expressed gratitude towards FEMA for their continuous support, highlighting that this funding is a vital step in advancing the security measures.

In the previous year, Port NOLA received US\$947,280 to enhance its Emergency Operations Center (EOC), a crucial command center during major emergencies such as hurricanes.

Over the last three years, Port NOLA has garnered a total of US\$2,502,827 in FEMA funds to amplify its security and emergency responsiveness.