



*City of Beverly, Massachusetts*

**PRESS RELEASE**

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**RE: BEVERLY AWARDED \$76,465 PORT SECURITY PROGRAM GRANT**

BEVERLY – The City of Beverly was recently awarded a \$76,465 Port Security Program Grant (PSPG) from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to purchase a shallow water patrol craft. This specialized vessel will be used to respond to a variety of incidents along Beverly’s busy 12.5 miles of coastline and in Beverly Harbor. The Beverly Harbormaster will utilize the shallow water patrol craft for emergency response and recovery situations, risk management, and for preparedness to rapidly deploy for mutual aid to neighboring oceanfront communities. This craft will significantly improve the response and recovery capabilities of our Harbormaster department.

The Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) plays an important role in the implementation of the National Preparedness System by supporting the building, sustainment, and delivery of core capabilities essential to achieving the National Preparedness Goal of a secure, safe and resilient nation. Beverly was one of nine Massachusetts municipalities to receive funding from the PSGP. On the North Shore, Beverly and Salem received the only Port Security grant awards this year.

Beverly Mayor Michael Cahill commented “Thank you to Homeland Security and FEMA for this valuable grant award, which will help Beverly respond to any emergency situation in our harbor, on our beaches, coastline and islands. Thanks to our Harbormaster Dan McPherson and Director of Grants Catherine Barrett for their efforts to secure this grant.”

“We are grateful for this grant award from DHS/FEMA to acquire an extreme shallow water response vessel. This boat will allow us to respond appropriately to a variety of emergency situations and to provide support after storms, natural disasters as well as to assist FEMA disaster teams and first responders,” stated Beverly Harbormaster Daniel McPherson.

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