



Public Works Garage Project (Article 2) Detailed Cost Breakdown

The informational mailer recently sent to residents summarized the funding for the proposed Public Works Garage project. The information below provides a more detailed breakdown of the project costs and funding sources.

I. Total Project Funding

The Town received a **Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) grant of \$2,415,000** to help construct a new Public Works garage. This grant requires the Town to provide a **25% local match**, which was based on the **original project estimate of \$3,220,000**.

Funding Source	Amount
Federal CDS Grant	\$2,415,000
Required Town Match	\$805,000
Total Project Budget	\$3,220,000

II. Construction Cost

When the project went out to bid, the **construction bid came in lower than originally estimated**. The construction bid reflects **only the cost of building the garage**.

Description	Amount
Construction Bid (D.P. Porter / C.E.M.)	\$2,544,893
Federal Grant Applied	(\$2,415,000)
Remaining Construction Cost to Town	\$129,893

III. Town Match Breakdown

The Town's required **\$805,000 match** includes construction costs plus other eligible project expenses. These items together satisfy the Town's required match for the federal grant:

Item	Amount
Construction cost not covered by grant	\$129,893
Legal / Interest	\$20,000
Design (paid)	\$37,000
Loader and related equipment (paid)	\$150,000
Construction management	\$50,000
On-site inspection services	\$195,000
Project contingency	\$223,107
Total Town Match	\$805,000



IV. Amount Voters Are Being Asked to Approve

Some portions of the Town’s match include **equipment and design work that have already been funded**. Equipment allowed under grant match was purchased for approximately \$2,000 less than originally estimated. This small difference is absorbed within the project contingency and does not change the total project budget or the proposed bond amount.

Because of these purchases, the Town is **not borrowing the full match** amount:

Description	Amount
Total Town Match Requirement	\$805,000
Less previously funded design & equipment	(\$185,000)
Less adjustment for equipment purchased	(\$2,000)
Amount proposed to be raised by bond	\$618,000

V. Project Summary

Project Budget	Subtotal	Total
Federal CDS Grant	\$2,415,000	
<i>Federal Funds</i>		<i>\$2,415,000</i>
In-Kind Match for Design & Equipment	\$185,000	
Adjustment for Equipment Purchase	\$2,000	
Proposed Bond Authorization	\$618,000	
<i>Town Match</i>		<i>\$805,000</i>
Total Project Budget		\$3,220,000

Project Costs	Subtotal	Total
Construction Bid covered by CDS Grant	\$2,415,000	
Town Construction cost not covered by CDS	\$129,893	
<i>Construction Bid (Building Only)</i>		<i>\$2,544,893</i>
Town Match	\$805,000	
Less construction cost not covered by CDS	(\$129,893)	
<i>Other Project Costs (see Town Match Breakdown)</i>		<i>\$675,107</i>
Total Project Costs		\$3,220,000

Residents with further questions are encouraged to contact Town Manager Karen Reddersen by email at manager@southwestharbor.org or phone at 207-244-5404.

The **Special Town Election** to vote on this project will be **Tuesday, March 24, 2026**. Polls will be open from 10am to 8pm, located at the Southwest Harbor Fire Station at 250 Main Street.