120.109 Port authority; additional powers.

Sec. 9. An authority may:

(a) Appear in its own behalf before boards, commissions, departments, or other agencies of the federal government or of any state or international conferences and before committees of the congress of the United States and the state legislature in all matters relating to the design, establishment, construction, extension, operation, improvement, repair, or maintenance of a project operated and maintained by the authority under this act, and appear before any federal or state agencies in matters relating to transportation rates, port services and charges, demurrage, switching, wharfage, towage, pilotage, differentials, discriminations, labor relations, trade practices, river and harbor improvements, aids to navigation, permits for structures in navigable waters, and all other matters affecting the physical development of, and the business interest of, the authority and those it serves.

(b) Make application for, receive and accept from any federal, state, or municipal agency, foundation, public or private agency, or individual, a grant or loan for, or in aid of, the planning, construction, operation, or financing of a port facility; and receive and accept contributions from any source of money, property, labor, or other things of value, to be held, used, and applied for the purposes for which the grant or contribution may be made.

(c) Appoint an executive director who shall be the chief administrative officer of the authority, and to whom the authority may delegate any of its administrative powers and authorizations. During employment the executive director shall not have a financial interest in port facilities or projects over which the authority has jurisdiction or power or authorization to act.

(d) Employ personnel as is necessary and employ the services of private consultants and engineers, legal counsel, accountants, construction and financial experts, and other agents for rendering professional and technical assistance and advice as may be necessary, and whose compensation, including the executive director, shall be determined by the authority.


Compiler's note: See Compiler's note to MCL 120.130.