

# BOATING INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS

Fish and Wildlife Service, Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program



### DISTRIBUTION METHOD

**Tier 1-State:**

Provides up to \$200,000 per year to each state

**Tier 2-National:**

Nationwide funding based on set ranking criteria

### Governing Guidance

- Sport Fishing and Boating Safety Act of 1998 (Enabling Legislation)
- 50 CFR 86
- 2 CFR 200

## ELIGIBLE GRANTEES: GOVERNOR DESIGNATED AGENCIES OF STATES AND TERRITORIES

### Purpose

Provide grants to States and Territories to construct, renovate, or maintain tie-up facilities for transient recreational vessels twenty-six feet or more in length

### ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

- Construction, renovation, and maintenance of boating infrastructure tie-up facilities solely for transient recreational vessels twenty six feet or more in length
- Produce information and education materials specific to BIG or BIG-funded projects (i.e. charts, cruising guides, and brochures)

## SOURCE OF FUNDS

Four percent of the amount in Sport Fish Restoration & Boating Trust Fund (shared with Clean Vessel Act grants).

Includes Revenues from:

- Excise taxes on sport fishing equipment and electric motors
- Import duties on fishing tackle, yachts, and pleasure craft
- Portion of gasoline tax attributable to motorboats and small engines
- Interest earned on Trust Fund

## MATCHING REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

- Requires minimum of 25% matching funds, federal share not to exceed 75% total costs
- Funds not obligated within three years are reverted and are made available to the U.S. Coast Guard for Boating Safety
- Maximum amount of federal share for Tier 2-National is \$1,500,000
- Funds are available from time of obligation until the grant closure. Unspent funds are returned to be awarded in addition to new funds in the subsequent year

### SPECIAL CONDITIONS OR REQUIREMENTS

- \* Facilities constructed, operated, or maintained with grant funds must offer reasonable access for all transient recreational vessels for the full period of their useful life
- \* Facilities must be open to the public during reasonable time periods
- \* Entities may charge fees. Fees must be comparable to the prevailing rate in the area
- \* New construction and renovations must be designed to last throughout its useful life