**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)
- 2 CFR 200
- 50 CFR 86

**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% non-federal cost-sharing/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 award 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.

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