CLEAN VESSEL ACT

Fish and Wildlife Service, Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program

**DISTRIBUTION METHOD**

Nationally competitive based on ranking criteria

**Governor Guidance**

- Clean Vessel Act of 1992, Amendment to the Sport Fish Restoration Act (Enabling Legislation)
- 2 CFR 200
- 50 CFR 85

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

**Purpose**

Provide grants to States and Territories for pumpout stations and waste reception facilities to safely dispose of recreational boater sewage.

**ELIGIBLE PROJECTS**

Coastal States:

- Identify operational pumpout and dump stations
- Survey of recreational vessels in coastal waters with holding tanks/portable toilets
- Developing list of operational pumpout & dump stations and plans for construction/renovation of pumpout & dump stations in coastal zones

**All States:**

- Construction, renovation, operation, and maintenance of pumpout & dump stations including floating restrooms used solely by boaters
- Education / information programs to educate / inform recreational boaters about environmental pollution resulting from sewage discharges from vessels
- Location of pump out & dump stations
- Activities involved with holding, transporting, and getting sewage treatment facilities to accept sewage

**SOURCE OF FUNDS**

Four percent of the amount in Sport Fish Restoration & Boating Trust Fund (shared with Boating Infrastructure 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**

- Federal share not to exceed 75% of total costs; requires 25% non-Federal cost-sharing match.
- Unspent award funds are returned to the USFWS to be awarded in addition to new funds in the subsequent year.
- Funds not obligated to grant awards within three years from date of availability are reverted and made available to the U.S. Coast Guard for use on Recreational Boating Safety.

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS OR REQUIREMENTS**

- Facilities constructed, operated, or maintained with grant funds must be accessible to public for the full period of their useful life.
- CVA signage must be displayed and visible to boaters from the water.

- Requires each coastal State to develop and submit plan for construction and/or renovation of facilities within coastal zone.
- Only equitable fees may be charged.