CLEAN VESSEL ACT

Fish and Wildlife Service, Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program

DISTRIBUTION METHOD
Nationally competitive based on ranking criteria

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

ELIGIBLE GRANTEEES: 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

- 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.
- 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.

For More Information: http://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/Subpages/GrantPrograms/CVA/CVA.htm