

Who is eligible to apply for Marine Board grants?

Local government agencies, which, under state law have an obligation to provide public recreational facilities. These include cities, counties, park and port districts and state agencies. Federal agencies such as the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management may apply for grants provided they obtain the sponsorship of an eligible local government, usually a county, and enter into a three-party cooperative agreement. In addition, private marinas may apply for a grant to provide pumpouts and dump stations to collect waste from recreational boats.

What would be an eligible use of grant funds?

Grant funds may be used for master planning, design and engineering, land acquisition, new construction, or the expansion and rehabilitation of public recreational boat access and vessel waste collection facilities. For a more in-depth explanation refer to the “Facilities Grant Program Procedure Guide”

Is there a funding match requirement to obtain a grant?

Yes. Applicants are required to match grant funds approved by the Board using local funds, other grants and donations, in-kind services, and/or materials. The Board generally gives priority consideration to applicants with the greatest contribution of cash or hard matching funds. Grants to provide vessel waste collection systems may be awarded without the required matching funds.

How many opportunities during a biennium are there to apply for a grant?

We have three funding rounds during each biennium when grants are awarded:

- ✚ **Round 1-** June/July of the initial odd year (consisting of 70% of available funds)
- ✚ **Round 2-** March/April of even year (consisting of 20% of available funds)
- ✚ **Round 3-** March/April of the final odd year (consisting of 10% of available funds)

My agency needs help in maintaining our boating facility, is there any funding for that?

Yes, we have what is called the Maintenance Assistance Program (MAP). This program is available to cities, counties, park & recreation districts, port districts and state agencies that operate motorized or mixed use boating facilities. The boating facility must have at least the following to be eligible:

- ✚ A one lane boat ramp with at least 6 boat trailer parking spaces and 2 single car parking spaces or at least 100 ft of transient tie-up floats;
- ✚ A one stall restroom; and
- ✚ A garbage can.

What can I use the MAP funds for?

The Maintenance Assistance Program funds can be used for routine and ordinary maintenance of the facility to include but not limited to, the cleaning of the boat ramp, docks, parking areas, restrooms, garbage, and litter pick up, grounds keeping, and minor repairs to the facility. For more information on the MAP program please refer to OAR 250-14-004.

If we need help with the design and engineering and permitting of our boating facility improvements is there someone at the Marine Board that can help us?

Yes, we have staff that can discuss your boating facility needs with your agency. We can meet with local officials or users to discuss boating needs and desired improvements. We can visit the site and even conduct a survey of the area. We can provide construction plans, estimated costs and bid documents as well as help prepare permit applications. These services are free to applicants and recipients of grants, based on the availability of staff.

For any other questions, do not hesitate to give us a call 503-378-2727, we are here to help.