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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[USCG-2004-19253]

National Boating Safety Activities: Funding for National Nonprofit Public Service Organizations

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard seeks applications for fiscal year 2005 grants and cooperative agreements from national, nongovernmental, nonprofit, public service organizations. These grants and cooperative agreements would be used to fund projects on various subjects promoting recreational boating safety on the national level. This notice provides information about the grant and cooperative agreement application process and some of the subjects of particular interest to the Coast Guard.

DATES: Application packages may be obtained on or after October 18, 2004. Proposals for the fiscal year 2005 grant cycle must be received before 3 p.m. eastern time, January 18, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Application packages may be obtained by calling the Coast Guard Infoline at 800-368-5647. Submit proposals to: Commandant (G-OPB-1), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Room 3100, Washington, DC 20593-0001. This notice is available from the Coast Guard Infoline and on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov> in docket USCG-2004-19253 or at the Web Site for the Office of Boating Safety at <http://www.uscgboating.org>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Vickie Hartberger, Office of Boating Safety, U.S. Coast Guard (G-OPB-1/room 3100), 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001; (202) 267-

0974. The points of contact for the ten project areas are listed at the end of the description of each project area.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title 46, United States Code, section 13103, allocates funds available from the Aquatic Resources Trust Fund for boating safety grants. The majority of funds are allocated to the States, and up to 5 percent of these funds may be distributed by the Coast Guard for grants and cooperative agreements to national, nonprofit, public service organizations for national recreational boating safety activities. It is anticipated that up to \$2,950,000 will be made available for fiscal year 2005. Thirty awards totaling \$2,950,000 were made in fiscal year 2004 ranging from \$7,000 to \$465,000. Nothing in this announcement should be construed as committing the Coast Guard to dividing available funds among qualified applicants or awarding any specified amount.

It is anticipated that several awards will be made by the Director of Operations Policy, U.S. Coast Guard. Applicants must be national, nongovernmental, nonprofit, public service organizations and must establish that their activities are, in fact, national in scope. An application package may be obtained by writing or calling the point of contact listed in **ADDRESSES** on or after October 18, 2004. The application package contains all necessary forms, an explanation of how the grant program is administered, and a checklist for submitting a grant application. Specific information on organization eligibility, proposal requirements, award procedures, and financial administration procedures may be obtained by contacting the person listed in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Prospective grantees may propose up to a 5-year grant with 12-month (fiscal year) increments. In effect, an award would be made for the first year and thereafter renewal is optional. Each annual increment would not be guaranteed. Under a continuation (multi-year) grant type of award the Coast Guard agrees to support a grant project at a specific level of effort for a specified period of time, with a statement of intention to provide certain additional future support, provided funds become available, the achieved results warrant further support, and are in support of the needs of the government. Award of continuation grants will be made on a strict case-by-case basis to assist planning certain large scale projects and ensure continuity. Procedures also provide for awarding noncompetitive grants or

cooperative agreements on a case-by-case basis. This authority is judiciously used to fund recurring annual projects or events which can only be carried out by one organization, and projects that present targets of opportunity for timely action on new or emerging program requirements or issues.

The following list includes items of specific interest to the Coast Guard, however, potential applicants should not be constrained by the list. We welcome any initiative that supports the organizational objectives of the Recreational Boating Safety Program to save lives, reduce the number of boating accidents, injuries and property damage, and lower associated health care costs. Some project areas of continuing and particular interest for grant funding include the following:

1. *Develop and Conduct a National Annual Safe Boating Campaign.* The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to develop and conduct the year 2006 National Annual Safe Boating Campaign that targets specific boater market segments and recreational boating safety topics. This year-round campaign must support the organizational objectives of the Recreational Boating Safety Program and the nationwide grassroots activities of the many volunteer groups who coordinate local media events, education programs, and public awareness activities, as well as complement the Coast Guard "You're In Command" campaign. The major focus of the campaign will be to affect the behavior of all boaters with special focus on boat operators being responsible for their own safety as well as the safety of their passengers. A significant emphasis should be placed on life jacket wear, safety and security issues, and the dangers of carbon monoxide, as well as boating under the influence of alcohol or a dangerous drug. Efforts will also be coordinated, year-round, with other national safety activities and special media events. Point of Contact: Ms. Jo Calkin, (202) 267-0994.

2. *Develop and Conduct a National Recreational Boating Safety Outreach and Awareness Conference.* The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to plan, implement, oversee, and conduct a National Recreational Boating Safety Outreach and Awareness Conference that supports the organizational objectives of the Recreational Boating Safety Program. The overall conference focus should have promotional strategies with special focus on boat operators being responsible for their own safety as well as the safety of their passengers. Significant emphasis should be placed on offering multiple subject

matter areas that afford the participants professional development opportunities and educational enhancement. Areas should focus on, but not be limited to: life jacket wear, safety and security issues, the dangers of carbon monoxide, boating education, vessel safety, as well as boating under the influence of alcohol or a dangerous drug. Point of Contact: Ms. Jo Calkin, (202) 267-0994.

3. State/Federal/Boating Organizations Cooperative Partnering Efforts. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to provide programs to encourage greater participation and uniformity in boating safety efforts. Applicants would provide a forum to encourage greater uniformity of boating laws and regulations, reciprocity among jurisdictions, and closer cooperation and assistance in developing, administering, and enforcing Federal and State laws and regulations pertaining to boating safety. Point of Contact: Ms. Audrey Pickup, (202) 267-0872.

4. Voluntary Standards Development Support. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to carry out a program to encourage active participation by members of the public and other qualified persons in the development of technically sound voluntary safety standards for boats and associated equipment. Point of Contact: Mr. Richard Kanehl, (202) 267-0976.

5. Develop and Conduct Boating Accident Investigation Seminars. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to develop, provide instructional material, and conduct training courses nationwide for boating accident investigators, including three courses at the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve Training Center in Yorktown, Virginia. Point of Contact: Mr. Rick Gipe, (202) 267-0985.

6. National Estimate of Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) Wear Rate. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to develop a statistically valid national estimate and evaluation of wear rates of PFDs by recreational boaters. Wear rate should be determined by actual observation of boaters. Point of Contact: Mr. Bruce Schmidt, (202) 267-0985.

7. Flotation Foam Study. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to conduct short and long-term testing on marine-rated flotation foam products to include the following: foam chemistry; blowing agents; manufacturing and process control; freeze-thaw cycles; mechanical vibration; biological/bacterial agents; salt/fresh water; and solvents. Point of Contact: Mr. Po Chang, (202) 267-0986.

8. Navigation Lighting on Barges. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to research and analyze the danger posed to recreational boaters by barges, both

under tow and being pushed, under the conditions of reduced visibility. The grantee would provide recommendations for additional lighting or other means to increase the visibility of the barges. Any lighting recommendations must be consistent with Rule 20 of the Navigation Rules (33 U.S.C. 2020), that is, additional lights cannot be mistaken for the lights specified in the Rules and do not impair their visibility or distinctive character. Point of Contact: Mr. Dick Blackman, (202) 267-6810.

9. Propeller Injury Protection. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to conduct a market survey of available propeller injury mitigation technology, access the technical characteristics of each, and prepare a report summarizing available options and the advantages and disadvantages of each in various boating activities such as watersports, fishing, cruising, etc. Point of Contact: Mr. Richard Blackman, (202) 267-6810.

Potential grantees should focus on partnership, *i.e.*, exploring other sources, linkages, in-kind contributions, cost sharing, and partnering with other organizations or corporations. We encourage proposals addressing other boating safety concerns.

Please note: This will be the final year our office will be publishing a notice of availability of funding for national nonprofit public service organizations in the **Federal Register**. Under Department of Homeland Security policy, we will announce future availability of funding electronically, at the Web site: <http://www.grants.gov>. Please visit this Web site for our future announcements.

The Boating Safety Financial Assistance Program is listed in section 97.012 of the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

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Reorganization and Consolidation of The Greater Antilles Section (GANTSEC), Marine Safety Office (MSO) San Juan and Base San Juan

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of organizational change.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard announces the consolidation of The Greater Antilles Section (GANTSEC), Marine Safety Office (MSO) San Juan and Base San Juan into one command, Sector San Juan. The Sector San Juan Commanding Officer will have the authority, responsibility and missions of the Section Commander and Commanding Officer, Marine Safety Office (MSO). The Commanding Officer of Air Station Borinquen, formerly a GANTSEC command, will report to the Sector Commanding Officer. The Coast Guard has established a continuity of operations whereby all previous practices and procedures will remain in effect until superseded by an authorized Coast Guard official and/or document.

DATES: This notice is effective October 6, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Documents indicated in this preamble as being available in the docket are part of docket CGD07-04-114 and are available for inspection or copying at District 7 Resources, 9th Floor, 909 SE 1st Avenue, Miami, FL 33131 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lieutenant Carlos A. Cuesta, District 7 Resources Program at 305-415-6706.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Discussion of Notice

Sector San Juan will be composed of a Response Command, Prevention Command, and Logistics Command. All existing missions and functions performed by GANTSEC will be realigned under this new organizational structure as of September 30, 2004.

Sector San Juan will be responsible for all Coast Guard missions in the zone delineated in 33 CFR 3.35-25 as follows: "The San Juan Marine Inspection Zone and Captain of the Port Zone are comprised of both the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the Territory of the Virgin Islands and the adjacent waters to the outermost extent of the EEZ, subject to existing laws and regulations." There will be no change to the San Juan Marine Inspection Zone, Captain of the Port Zone, and Search and Rescue (SAR) Boundaries as a result of this reorganization.

Sector San Juan is designated a rescue sub-center and, as such, is responsible as SAR Mission Coordinator for search and rescue operations both within and beyond the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) as specified in the Seventh District standard operating procedures.

The Sector San Juan Commander is vested with all the rights, responsibilities, duties, and authority of