

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

MAINTENANCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Q. We have a grant to improve the boating facility and it is currently under construction. Can we include it in the new fiscal year's allocation?

A. The new, upgraded or expanded facilities will be included in your MAP allocation once the project has been completed and is open for public use. You will need to submit a letter that indicates the completion date and the desire to have it included in MAP. The payment will be prorated for the remaining portion of the fiscal year.

Q. We have a multi-purpose park that includes a campground. Is the RV dump station eligible for Clean Vessel Act funds?

A. No, the Clean Vessel Act only provides maintenance funds for marine vessel waste removal facilities such as pumpout and dump stations and floating restrooms.

Q. What happens to the MAP allocation if we charge a fee?

A. Within the MAP rules you are allowed to charge up to \$2.00 without any penalty. Once you charge more than that the allocation is reduced by 25% for each dollar. Any fee over \$5.00 will disqualify that facility from receiving MAP funds.

Q. My commission just increased the entrance fee from \$2.00 to \$3.00. What do I need to do to remain in good standing?

A. Submit a letter notifying us of the change and the effective date. We will prorate the MAP allocation for the remainder of the fiscal year and request reimbursement for the overpayment.

Q. When do we receive payment?

A. Payment is typically released in early to mid-August depending on legislative budget approvals.

Q. Can MAP funds be used to buy a pressure washer to clean off the boat ramp and the restroom exterior?

A. The MAP rules allow you to use up to \$1,000 for each site to purchase small tools and equipment. If you have several boating facilities that would benefit from the use of the equipment or tools or one site that needs a specific item, then yes. Please be mindful that if the equipment or tools will be used for other purposes besides maintaining a boating facility the cost should be prorated by site use.

Q. What are the matching requirements for program participation?

A. The Board will not provide any more than 60% of the total maintenance costs per site. In most cases the participant share exceeds the minimum of 40% match. Match can include cash and/or in kind services directly relating to maintenance of the boating facilities. It cannot include any activities related to campgrounds, marina, fuel stations, trails, picnic shelters, swim areas or other large day use components.

Q. How do I track the time and materials spent on restroom that serves multiple users?

A. Participants are encouraged to establish a percentage that reflects the amount of use by each group. As an example if the restroom is shared by a campground, picnic pavilion and boat ramp the participant needs to decide if the use is equal at 33% each or that the campground is 30%, picnic pavilion 40% and the boat ramp 30% of the annual use.

Q. Why do we need to submit fiscal or performance records on the eligible boating facilities?

A. If a participant receives more than \$10,000 annually you are required to submit a fiscal expenditure report that identifies the amount of MAP funds and participant match that was expended at each site. If you have a marine vessel waste disposal facility you are required to submit a performance report that identifies the frequency of maintenance, repairs, unique conditions and monitors gallons of sewage and door counter or event counters. In addition, we can request this information from any participant who receives less than \$10,000 annually as part of our routine program audits.