

## Boating Infrastructure Grant Program

### 1. Enabling Legislation:

- Sport Fishing and Boating Safety Act of 1998

### 2. Purpose:

- Grants to States and Territories to construct, renovate, or maintain tie-up facilities for recreational boats 26 feet or more in length

### 3. Eligible Grantees:

- States and Territories

### 4. Eligible Projects:

- Construction, renovation and maintenance of boating infrastructure tie-up facilities either publicly or privately owned for non-trailerable recreational vessels 26 feet or more in length
- Produce information and education materials such as charts, cruising guides and brochures

### 5. Source of funds:

Permanent/Indefinite Appropriation

2% of amount in Sport Fish Restoration & Boating Trust Fund (authorized through 2009) - revenues from the following:

- Excise taxes on sport fishing equipment, electric motors and sonar
- Import duties on fishing tackle, yachts and pleasure craft
- Portion of gasoline tax attributable to motorboats and small engines
- Interest earned on Trust Fund

### 6. Distribution method:

- Tier 1 - Non-competitive \$100,000 per year for each State
- Tier 2 - Nationally competitive based on ranking criteria

### 7. Spending mandates, fund matching requirements, and/or limitations on availability of funds:

- Must be spent on needs identified in Act
- Requires 25% matching, federal share not to exceed 75% of total costs
- Funds are available from time of obligation on awarded grant until grant closing date. Unspent funds are returned to the BIG Program to be awarded in addition to new funds in the subsequent year
- Funds not obligated 3 years from date of availability are reverted and made available to the U.S. Coast Guard for use on Boating Safety

### 8. Special conditions or requirements:

- Facilities constructed, operated or maintained with grant funds must have reasonable access for all recreational vessels for the full period of their useful life
- Be open for reasonable periods
- Charge equitable fees based on prevailing rate in area
- New construction and renovations must be designed to last at least 20 years

### 9. Governing Guidance:

- Sport Fishing and Boating Safety Act of 1998
- 50 CFR Part 86
- 43 CFR Part 12
- USFWS Manual Chapters