

## SMALL NAVIGATION PROJECTS

**PURPOSE:** Section 107 of the 1960 Rivers and Harbor Act provides authority for the Corps of Engineers to improve commercial navigation including dredging of channels, widening of turning basins and construction of navigation aids, through a partnership with non-Federal government agencies such as cities, counties, special authorities, or units of state government. This authority does not include construction and maintenance of docks, landings, piers, boat stalls, slips, mooring facilities, launching ramps, access roads, parking areas, or recreational use facilities, for example.

**PARTNERS:** Projects require partnering with a non-Federal sponsor who may be a public agency, state or local government.

**PROCESS AND FUNDING:** Projects are undertaken on a cost-shared basis. The first step in the process is completion of a study that determines if there is Federal interest in participating in a solution to the identified problem. The solution must be economically justified, environmentally sound, and technically feasible. A feasibility study is 100% Federally funded up to \$100,000. Costs over the \$100,000 are cost shared with the non-Federal partner on a 50 percent Federal and 50 percent non-Federal basis. The value of lands, easements, rights-of-way, relocations, and disposal areas shall be credited toward this payment. The maximum Federal cost for project development and construction of any one project is \$7,000,000.

**REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE:** Requests for assistance should be submitted in the form of a Letter of Intent from a state or local government agency to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District. Samples are available upon request and should be mailed to **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District, Attn: Chief, Planning Branch, P.O. Box 59, Louisville, KY 40201**. After receipt of a written request, the Louisville District will contact the applicant by telephone and discuss particulars of the problem and of continuing the process.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** If you need more information, you may contact the Louisville District Outreach Coordinator, Mr. Brandon R. Brummett, P.E., PMP, at (502) 315-6883.