BIG FACT SHEET
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BOATING INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS

Fish and Wildlife Service, Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program

DISTRIBUTION METHOD

Tier 1-State:
Provides up to $200,000 per year to each state
Tier 2-National:
Nationwide funding based on set ranking criteria

Governing Guidance

- Sport Fishing and Boating Safety Act of 1998 (Enabling Legislation)
- 50 CFR 86
- 2 CFR 200
- USFWS Manual Chapters

ELIGIBLE GRANTEES: GOVERNOR DESIGNATED AGENCIES OF STATES AND TERRITORIES

Purpose

Provide grants to States and Territories to construct, renovate, or maintain tie-up facilities for transient vessels twenty-six feet or more in length

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

→ Construction, renovation, and maintenance of boating infrastructure tie-up facilities solely for transient vessels twenty six feet or more in length

→ Produce information and education materials specific to BIG or BIG-funded projects (i.e. charts, cruising guides, and brochures)

SOURCE OF FUNDS

Two percent of amount in Sport Fish Restoration & Boating Trust Fund.

Includes Revenues from:

- **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**

MATCHING REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

- Requires minimum of 25% matching funds, federal share not to exceed 75% total costs
- Funds not obligated within three years are reverted and are made available to the U.S. Coast Guard for Boating Safety
- Maximum amount of federal share for Tier 2-National is $1,500,000
- Funds are available from time of obligation until the grant closure. Unspent funds are added to new funds in the subsequent fiscal year

SPECIAL CONDITIONS OR REQUIREMENTS

* Facilities constructed, operated, or maintained with grant funds must offer reasonable access for all transient vessels for the full period of their useful life
* Facilities must be open to the public during reasonable time periods
* Entities may charge fees. Fees must be comparable to the prevailing rate in the area
* New construction and renovations must be designed to last throughout its useful life

For More Information: http://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/Subpages/GrantPrograms/BIG/BIG.htm