

# *2013 National Working Waterfronts Waterways Symposium*



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**“Adding Value with Recreational Boating Grants”**

# Recreational Boating Grants:

- **Recreation Boating Access**
- **Clean Vessel Act**
- **Boating Infrastructure Grant Program**



Excise Taxes --  
fishing  
equipment and  
trolling motors

Import Duties --  
pleasure boats  
and yachts

Fuels Tax --  
Highway Trust  
Fund motor boat  
and small engine  
fuels

Interest from the  
Trust Fund

**2012 Sport Fish  
Restoration and  
Boating Trust  
Fund \$626 M**



Multi-State  
Conservation  
Fixed \$3 million

BIG (2%) &  
CVA (2%)

Nat'l Outreach &  
Communication  
RBFF (2%)

SFR Grant Admin --  
Fixed w/ CPI adj.  
(1.6%)

\$800K Fisheries  
Commissions &  
\$400K SFBPC

Coastal Wetlands  
Act (18.5%)  
NAWCA & Nat'l Coastal  
Wetlands

USCG  
Boating Safety  
(18.5%)

States - Sport Fish  
Restoration & Boating  
Access (57%)



# Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program Grants Awarded through 2013

<b>Boating Access</b>	<b>\$417,021,769</b>
<b>Clean Vessel Act</b>	<b>\$213,200,500</b>
<b>Boating Infrastructure Grant</b>	<b><u>\$171,336,549</u></b>
<b><i>TOTAL</i></b>	<b><i>\$801,558,818</i></b>



- *Federal excise tax and import duties on boating and angling equipment*
- *Fuel taxes attributed to motorboats and small engines*
- *Interest on the Trust Fund*

## Competitive

- Boating Infrastructure Grant Program
- Clean Vessel Act Grant Program

## Non-competitive

- Recreation Boating Access  
*(Subprogram of Sport Fish Restoration)*

## Matching Grants

- A minimum of 25%  
*(Some waivers for the match requirements for applicants from insular areas)*



# **Recreational Boating Access Grants**

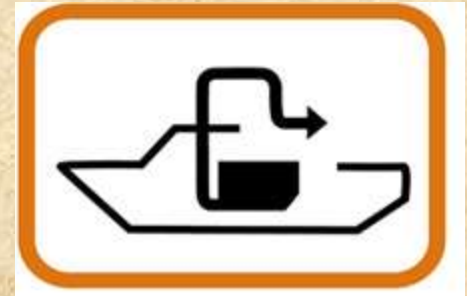
- **Funds projects that develop or renovate facilities to give public access to U.S. waters for recreational boating.**
- **Maintenance and operations**
- **Effective August 2011, may be used for motorized and non-motorized vessels**
- **Each State has 15% of their annual Sport Fish Restoration Apportionment to spend on this program**





# Clean Vessel Act Grants

- **Inland and coastal application**
- **Maximum award amount \$1.5 million**
- **Funds educational programs, construction, renovation, operation and/or maintenance of pumpout stations, dump stations, floating restrooms, holding tanks and pumpout boats**







# Boating Infrastructure Grant Program

- **Two Funding Tiers**
  - **Tier 1 or BIG Basic:** any State can receive up to \$100,000
  - **Tier 2 or BIG Competitive:** nationally competitive, maximum award \$1.5million





# Boating Infrastructure Grant Program

- **Facilities for transient recreational vessels (26-feet or longer)**
- **Funds docks, piers, breakwaters, restrooms, bulkheads, navigational aids, fueling stations, dockside utilities**





# Boating Infrastructure Grant Program

- **Watch out for these Ineligible Items:**
  - **Dry land storage**
  - **Haul out features**
  - **Purchasing land**
  - **Law enforcement**
  - **Maintenance and Operations**
  - **No dredging after one time.**  
*(dredging costs are limited to 10% of project)*

# **Boating Infrastructure Grant Program**

- **Reviewed by a National Panel who ranks each application.**
- **Recommendation is sent to USFWS for review and award**

# All Grant Programs

- For all grant programs, a project that has components that do not benefit the intended user must be prorated.
- *Example: Consider a BIG project that includes a wave attenuator which will protect the entire marina.*
- *The Marina has 20% of available space available for transient boaters.*
- *20% of the cost of the wave attenuator would be eligible under BIG.*
- *Describe in detail the justification for the proration*





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Charleston, Oregon**



## **Boating Grants with USFWS**

- **Nice opportunity to get funding for projects that are going to be for the public**
- **Remember to read the Request for Applications (RFA) for the competitive grant programs**
- **Get in touch with your State contact early and often**

***States Organization for Boating Access (SOBA) has a list of State Coordinators for the federal programs.***

**[www.sobaus.org](http://www.sobaus.org)**







Questions or  
Comments?



*Working through partnerships to conserve and manage fish and wildlife and their habitats for the use and enjoyment of current and future generations.*