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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

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- 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
International Port of Coos Bay – 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
Working through partnerships to conserve and manage fish and wildlife and their habitats for the use and enjoyment of current and future generations.