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Boating Infrastructure Grant Program - Overview

About

The Boating Infrastructure Grant Program (BIG) provides grant funds to the states, the District of Columbia and insular areas to construct, renovate, and maintain tie-up facilities with features for transient boaters in vessels 26 feet or more in length, and to produce and distribute information and educational materials about the program.

The governmental agency designated by each respective governor is eligible to participate in the BIG Program. The governmental agency may partner with local governments, private marinas and others to fund eligible projects.

The BIG Program includes two funding tiers, Tier One (non-competitive) and Tier Two (nationally competitive). Under Tier One each state, the D.C. and insular area may receive funding for eligible projects up to \$200,000 annually. Tier Two funds are made available through a nationally competitive process. Tier Two proposals received are reviewed, evaluated and ranked by a national panel with the final decision for funding made by the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The ranking criteria, eligible projects and regulations are listed in [50 CFR 86](#).

Learn more about Boating Infrastructure Grant Program [accomplishments](#).

Source of Funds

Funds for the BIG Program are provided annually from the [Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund](#). The amount provided is 4% of the funds (split between the BIG and CVA programs) in the [Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund](#) after deducting amounts for WSFR administration, the Multistate Conservation Grant Program, the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council and fisheries commissions.

The funds deposited into the [Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund](#) are derived from excise taxes on fishing equipment, motorboat and small engine fuels, import duties, and interest on the fund.

Grants

States, the District of Columbia and the U.S. Insular Areas designated agencies may apply for grants by contacting the specific [WSFR Office](#) or apply online at [grants.gov](#). Additional application information may be found on [Boating Infrastructure Grant Program - Funding](#).

Grant funds are competitively disbursed to States, D.C., Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the U.S. Virgin Islands for approved grants up to 75% of the project costs. The Service waives the first \$200,000 in matching requirements for the insular areas of American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the U.S. Virgin Islands.



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Application Period

The application period for Boating Infrastructure Grant Program is currently closed.

The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Division of Law Enforcement, Boating and Waterways announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, August 18, 2016, 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Room 329, Bryant Building, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, FL

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Evaluation Committee for the Boating Infrastructure Grant Program (BIGP) will meet to evaluate applications for federal fiscal year 2018. The Commission will submit applications meeting the minimum criteria included in the BIGP Notice of Financial Opportunity from the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and scoring a minimum of 65 percent of the total score of 36.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: BIGP@MyFWC.com or calling (850) 488-5600.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: ADA Coordinator, (850) 488-6411. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: BIGP@MyFWC.com or call (850)488-5600

NOTE: Applications MUST be submitted to FWC and not direct to Grants.gov. Applications must be submitted as instructed in the following:

- [Boating Infrastructure Grant Program - Tier I](#)
- [Boating Infrastructure Grant Program - Tier II](#)

Related Documents

- [Program Guidelines](#)
- [Application Form](#)
- [BigP FAQ](#)

Current Projects

Grantee	Project Description	Grant Amount
City of Key West	Garrison Bight Marina - Transient Docks	\$500,000
Marathon Marina	Marathon Marina - Transient Docks	\$1,500,000
City of Bradenton	Twin Dolphin Marina - Transient Docks	\$910,183
City of Fort Pierce	Fort Pierce City Marina - Dinghy Dock	\$190,688

Funding through competitive and non-competitive grants is provided for tie-up facilities for transient recreational boats 26 feet or longer (non-trailerable).

This program is funded from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and is expressly used for projects such as:

- Slips expressly designed for these recreational boats
- Mooring buoys, day-docks, floating docks, floating breakwaters, safe harbors
- Fixed piers, fixed breakwaters, retaining walls, bulkheads
- Channel markers, buoys, directional information

- Support facilities designated for transient recreational boats such as:
 - Restrooms
 - Pump-out stations
 - Dockside utilities, water supplies, recycling and trash receptacles
 - Initial, one-time only dredging, only to provide transient vessels with safe channel depths to the transient facility.

If you have any questions, send email to BigP@MyFWC.com or call 850-488-5600.

FWC Facts:

Each person operating, riding on, or being towed behind a personal watercraft must wear an approved, non-inflatable Type I, II, III or V personal flotation device (PFD).

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