

Boating Infrastructure Grants

FACT SHEET

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Who can Apply?

- Local governments
- Special districts
- State agencies
- Tribes
- Private facility operators

Types of Projects Funded

- Development and renovation
 - Moorage floats, fixed docks, and buoys for visiting boaters
 - Design, engineering and permits
 - Sewage pump-out stations
 - Upland support facilities such as restrooms, showers, parking, and picnic facilities
 - Some dredging
- Education
 - Navigational aids

Leveraging State Dollars

Grant recipients, must provide at least 25 percent in matching resources.

Providing Places for Boaters

Washington is a destination for many boaters, whether they are touring the San Juan Islands, waterskiing on Lake Chelan, or fishing in the Pacific Ocean. It is estimated that one of every four Washingtonians ride motorboats every year.

Ensuring that boaters have the facilities they need is essential to preserving recreational boating, helping the economy, and protecting Washington's waterways.

The National Marine Manufacturers Association rates Washington State 6th in the 50 states for \$489 million in combined boat, motor, trailer, and accessory purchases. State estimates peg the annual economic activity from sport fishing alone in Washington at \$1.1 billion, supporting 14,655 jobs.

What that means is boating is big business in Washington.

The Boating Infrastructure Grant program uses federal funding to help communities across the state provide facilities for motorized, recreational boats 26 feet and larger. The funding helps communities address needs for guest boating facilities, navigation aids, and structures on land, such as restrooms and picnic areas. The grant program helps ensure Washington remains a destination for boaters and that our waterways remain healthy.

Selected Only the Best Projects

The Recreation and Conservation Funding Board accepts applications every two years. The board's Boating Programs Advisory Committee, which is made up of boating representatives, evaluates applications and scores the projects based on criteria established by the board. The committee submits a ranked list of projects costing \$95,000 or less to the board for funding consideration. Projects costing more than \$95,000 are forwarded to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to compete nationally for funding.

Grant Recipients 1998-2011

Harbor Village Marina
Northwest Maritime Center
Northwest Wooden Boatbuilding
Port of Anacortes
Port of Bremerton
Port of Everett
Port of Olympia
Port of Wahkiakum County #1

Richland
Tacoma

State Agencies

Recreation and Conservation Office
State Parks and Recreation Commission



The City of Bremerton used a \$950,000 Boating Infrastructure Grant to build a breakwater to enclose the marina and protect it from wakes, and to more than double the guest moorage.