Education Projects
If you want to:

• Provide boating educational materials

• Provide Education and Enforcement on trails - or -

• Sponsor education for trail safety and/or environmental awareness

...Then you are in the right place
Session Outline

• Which grant programs allow education?
• What costs are eligible?
• Are there other important program details?
• What are some typical projects?
• Where can I get more information?
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- Boating Infrastructure Grants (BIG)
- Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities Program (NOVA)
- Recreational Trails Program (RTP)
Boating Infrastructure Grants (BIG) Program

• Production and distribution of charts, guides, and brochures to provide information and enhance boater education
Eligible Applicants
- State Agencies
- Municipalities
- Native American Tribes
- Qualified Non-Profits
- Qualified Private Operators

Education Project Grant Limit
- Tier 1
  - $5,000 to $95,000

Required Match
- 25% minimum
- Additional evaluation points given if provide more match
- Local sponsors must have at least 10% non-state and non-federal

Tacoma – Foss Waterway North Moorage Float
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To preserve NOVA related opportunities and encourage responsible recreation
Priorities: In-field contacts with users

- Leave no trace programs
- Law enforcement programs
- Ranger patrols

Chelan County Sheriffs Office – Chelan County Sheriff E&E Program
Eligible Applicants

• Counties
• Municipalities
• State Agencies
• Federal Agencies
• Native American Tribes
Grant Request Limit

- $200,000 per project maximum
Eligible Project Costs – Capital Equipment:

- All-terrain vehicles
- Motorcycles
- Motor vehicles
- Vehicle enforcement equipment
- Trailers
- Cameras
- Cellular phones
- Computer equipment
- Metering equipment
- Mountain bicycles
- Radios
Eligible Project Costs – Operating Expenses:

- Salary and benefits
- Vehicle use, mileage, insurance
- Small tools and minor equipment
- Fuel
- Training, per diem
- Publications
- Equipment rental
- Repairs and maintenance
- Cell phones
- Utilities
- General supplies
• Written review and evaluation
• RCFB Manual #13 [www.rco.wa.gov](http://www.rco.wa.gov)
• Evaluation instructions and criteria are listed in Section 3 of Manual #13
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Program Overview

• Federal grant program
• Motorized, non-motorized and multi-use trails are all eligible
• Trails that provide a backcountry experience
• Education projects must convey a trail safety or environmental protection message
• Enforcement is not eligible
Eligible Applicants

- Local governments
- Native American tribes
- State agencies
- Federal agencies
- Qualified non-profit organizations
  - Registered
  - Successor
  - Active in trail activities for 3 years
  - Non-discrimination
Funding Limits and Required Match

- $5,000 to $20,000 for Education projects
- Up to 5% of total federal allocation to Education projects
- 20% match required (minimum)
  - Local sponsors must have at least 10% non-state and non-federal; Federal sponsors must have at least 5% non-federal match
Eligible Project Costs – Operating Expenses:

- Communications
- Equipment
- Professional Services
- Rentals & Leases
- Salaries & Benefits
- Signs
- Supplies
- Transportation or travel

USFS WNF Wenatchee RD – Alder Ridge Trail
Project Examples

• Trail signs, videos and publications to teach trail etiquette, safety, and reducing trail-side environmental impacts

• Support staff and direct costs to patrol trail areas with a non-enforcement trail safety and/or environmental protection message

• Support for the trail safety-education portion of an exhibition/workshop (printing, rentals, mileage, salaries and benefits)
Summary ~ Education Projects

• Grant Programs
  • BIG: enhances boater education
  • NOVA: provides education and enforcement
  • RTP: conveys a trail safety and/or environmental sensitivity message (enforcement is not allowed)
For more information

• [www.rco.wa.gov](http://www.rco.wa.gov)
  • Boating Infrastructure Grants Program (Manual #12)
  • NOVA Program: E&E (Manual #13)
  • Recreational Trails Program (Manual #16)
  • RCO Grant Manager Assignment Map