



Boating Facilities Program (BFP)

Washington's waterways are a treasure, serving as a source of beauty, transportation, and economy, among many other things. Plying those waterways are thousands of boaters. Ensuring that appropriate facilities are provided for boaters is essential to preserving recreational boating in Washington.

To help meet the needs of boaters, the Boating Facilities Program was created in 1964 by voters through Initiative 215. The grants fund projects that acquire, develop, and renovate public boating facilities, including launching ramps, guest moorage, and support facilities on

both freshwater and saltwater.

Accomplishments

To date, the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board has awarded more than \$99 million for 591 projects in 37 of the state's 39 counties. Grant recipients have contributed more than \$59 million in matching resources, bringing the total investment to more than \$159 million.

In addition to projects, the program has completed studies, plans, and other efforts, such as a web site about public boat launches, which is at: www.rco.wa.gov/maps.

How are Projects Selected?

The board's Boating Advisory Committee,

which is made up of boating representatives, evaluates applications in an open, competitive process and recommends a ranked list to the board. The board submits its prioritized list of state agency projects in its biennial capital budget while local agency projects are evaluated and funded annually.



The Port of Skamania is using a \$565,000 grant to renovate its boat launch in Stevenson on the Columbia River.

Funding Information

Funding comes from the portion of the state motor vehicle gas tax paid by recreational boaters. Funding is divided equally between state and local agency projects.

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Members

Val Ogden, chair, Vancouver
 Bill Chapman, Mercer Island
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 Department of Fish and Wildlife
 Department of Natural Resources
 State Parks and Recreation Commission

Who Can Apply?

- Local governments, including special districts
- State agencies
- Tribes

Local governments and tribes must provide at least 25 percent in matching resources.

Grant Recipients (1965-2008)

Aberdeen
 Anacortes
 Asotin County
 Bainbridge Island
 Bellevue
 Bellingham
 Benton City
 Benton County
 Bremerton
 Bridgeport
 Burlington
 Camas
 Castle Rock
 Chelan
 Clallam County
 Clark County
 Confederated Tribes of the Colville
 Reservation
 Coulee City
 Coupeville
 Cowlitz County
 Cusick
 Des Moines
 Everett
 Franklin County
 Gig Harbor
 Hoquiam
 Ione
 Island County
 Kalispel Tribe
 Kenmore
 Kennewick
 Kent
 King County
 Kirkland
 Kitsap County
 Kittitas County
 La Conner
 Lacey
 Lake Stevens
 Lakewood
 Langley
 Lewis County
 Lincoln County
 Longview
 Manson
 Maple Valley
 Marysville
 Mason County
 Medical Lake
 Mercer Island
 Metaline
 Moses Lake
 Mountlake Terrace
 Mukilteo
 Northport
 Oak Harbor
 Ocean Shores
 Okanogan County
 Olympia
 Oroville
 Pacific County
 Pateros
 Pierce County
 Port Angeles
 Port of Allyn
 Port of Anacortes
 Port of Bellingham
 Port of Bremerton
 Port of Brownsville
 Port of Chelan County
 Port of Clarkston
 Port of Columbia
 Port of Douglas County
 Port of Edmonds
 Port of Eglon
 Port of Everett
 Port of Friday Harbor
 Port of Grapeview
 Port of Grays Harbor
 Port of Hoodspport
 Port of Ilwaco
 Port of Kalama
 Port of Kennewick
 Port of Kingston
 Port of Klickitat
 Port of Manchester
 Port of Olympia
 Port of Peninsula
 Port of Port Angeles
 Port of Port Townsend
 Port of Poulsbo
 Port of Ridgefield
 Port of Seattle
 Port of Silverdale
 Port of Skagit County
 Port of Skamania
 Port of South Whidbey Island
 Port of Wahkiakum County #1 & #2
 Port of Whitman County
 Port Orchard
 Port Townsend
 Poulsbo
 Prosser
 Raymond
 Renton
 Richland
 San Juan County
 San Juan Island Park District
 Seattle
 Sedro Woolley
 Skagit County
 Skamania County
 Snohomish County



The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife used a \$84,000 grant to build a new 60-foot boat launching float on Lake Terrell in Whatcom County.



Kennewick used a \$644,000 grant to expand a two-lane boat ramp into four lanes and add three boarding floats, a parking lot, restroom, and two picnic sites in Columbia Park.

South Bend
 Tacoma
 Tacoma Metropolitan Park District
 Thurston County
 Toledo
 Tumwater
 Vancouver
 Washington Department of Fish
 and Wildlife
 Washington Department of General
 Administration
 Washington Department of
 Natural Resources
 Washington State Parks and
 Recreation Commission
 Wenatchee
 West Richland
 Whatcom County