

BOATING INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This program provides funds from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to the states to install or upgrade tie-up facilities for transient recreational boats 26 feet or more in length. Transient boats are defined as non-trailerable vessels occupying a facility for no more than 10 consecutive days.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Local governments (municipalities and counties) in Florida. Privately owned facilities that the in-water slips are operated on submerged sovereign lands or public waters, with all facilities opened to the public on a first-come, first-service basis with no qualifying requirements such as club membership, stock ownership or equity interest, with no longer than one-year rental terms, and with no automatic renewal rights or conditions.

TYPE OF ASSISTANCE

Cost reimbursement grants.

AVAILABLE FUNDING

\$100,000 per year in Tier I funding. Tier II funding is determined by an annual appropriation from the U.S. Congress.

SOURCE OF FUNDS

Funds come from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service through the Sport Fish Restoration Account of the Aquatic Resources Trust Fund. The funds result from a federal excise tax on fishing equipment and motorboat fuels.

APPLICATION PROCESS/DEADLINES

Annual application process. Applications must be delivered to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission 45 days prior to the submission deadline established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Application deadline will be posted to www.myfwc.com/boating/grants.

MATCHING/OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Applicant must provide 25 percent of the approved project costs.

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