

Arizona Game & Fish Department



ARIZONA BOATING ACCESS PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT BRANCH BOATING FACILITIES SECTION

FY 2015 REQUEST FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS for CLEAN VESSEL ACT GRANT BOATING INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT ARIZONA CLEAN MARINA PROGRAM

Application Deadline:

Applications must be received at:

Arizona Game and Fish Department
Boating Facilities Program Manager (SSDV)
5000 West Carefree Highway
Phoenix, Arizona 85086

No later than: Friday, September 12, 2014 by 5:00 p.m.

This request supersedes all previous requests.

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REQUEST FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Clean Vessel Act (CVA) program is to provide funding for the construction, renovation, operation and maintenance of pumpouts, dump stations or restrooms exclusively used by boaters, in order to maintain and improve water quality throughout Arizona's boating waterways. The purpose of the Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) program is to provide funding to construct, renovate or 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 purpose of the Arizona Clean Marina Program (ACMP) is to assist commercial marinas within Arizona with the implementation of best management practices (BMPs) for day-to-day marina operations, specifically to prevent waste and hazardous materials from entering waterways.

FUNDING

Funding for these CVA and BIG programs is a cooperative effort involving the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the Arizona Game and Fish Department (Department). Federal administration and funding of the CVA and BIG programs is conducted by the USFWS, who has granted funding to the Department under both programs. The Department administers these grants according to federal regulations, state statutes and Department policy, including subgranting these funds to other entities for on-the-ground projects. Funding and administration of the ACMP is non-federal, and is provided by the Department, according to applicable state statutes and Department policy. The Federal share of a CVA/BIG grant cannot exceed 75% of total costs approved in the Grant-in-Aid subgrant agreement. The provisions of 43 CFR 12.64 apply to cost-sharing or matching requirements. The recipient of CVA/BIG funds must provide non-federal matching funds in an amount of not less than 25% of the total project cost. Third party in-kind contributions to meet the 25% match are eligible only if necessary and reasonable to accomplish program objectives, and represent the current market value of non-cash contributions furnished by another public agency, private entity, or individual.

Anticipated federal grant funds available are:

CVA funds: \$160,000

BIG funds: \$100,000

ACMP available assistance in materials and equipment valued at \$77,000

No state funding is currently available through these programs.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Funds are awarded through a competitive application process to insure the available funding addresses high priorities and best serves the public's need for boating facilities. Grant applications are received, scored and ranked the Department. Following the conditional issuance of grant awards, the Department insures that all applicable permits, authorizations and other compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) have been secured by the subgrantee, and forwards this documentation to the USFWS for concurrence. Upon USFWS concurrence, the Department gives the subgrantee the final approval to proceed with the project. Applicants shall complete the fiscal year 2015 grant application form, which is available on the Department's web page in the Watercraft/Boating Facilities section, or by calling (623) 236-7481. **Applications are due no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 12, 2014** at the following mailing and physical address:

Arizona Game and Fish Department
Boating Facilities Program Manager - SSDV
5000 W. Carefree Highway
Phoenix, Arizona 85086

ELIGIBILITY

Facilities constructed, acquired, developed, renovated, or maintained under these grant programs must be consistent with applicable portions of the federal Sport Fish Restoration Act, as amended. In addition, facilities qualifying under these programs must be on or adjacent to public waterways, and available to the general public.

ELIGIBLE FACILITIES

Facilities that may be constructed using CVA funds in Arizona include, but are not necessarily limited to:

1. Pumpout stations
2. Dump stations
3. Floating restrooms not attached to shore
4. Docks whose primary purpose is for one or more of the above structures
5. Utilities, plumbing, etc. required for the above facilities
6. Pumpout boats

Facilities that may be constructed using BIG funds in Arizona include, but are not necessarily limited to:

1. Mooring buoys
2. Day-docks
3. Navigational aids required for a tie-up facility
4. Transient slips (10-day limit on use)
5. Safe harbors
6. Floating docks and fixed piers
7. Floating and fixed breakwaters
8. Dinghy docks
9. Restrooms used primarily by boaters
10. Retaining walls
11. Bulkheads
12. Dockside utilities
13. Recycling and trash receptacles
14. Debris deflection booms
15. Marine fueling stations

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Applicants must be direct and authorized representatives of public/private marinas, or federal or state government agencies, or political subdivisions thereof, including county or municipal government agencies.

OTHER INFORMATION

Multiple grant awards are anticipated, using a competitive scoring process based upon the purpose, need, merit, feasibility and cost of each proposal. Formal notifications of conditional grant awards are anticipated by approximately September 30, 2014 for CVA and ACMP awards, and spring 2015 for BIG awards.

Additional information on this grant opportunity, including the grant manual and application forms, is available on the Department's web site at:

http://www.azgfd.gov/outdoor_recreation/boating_facilities.shtml