

**Boating Infrastructure Grant Program Policy Changes
Adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
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The following policies were changed/added:

1. Policy Changes (Tier 1 and 2 Categories):
 - a. Allow Maintenance Activities
 - b. Establish a Compliance Period
2. Adopting Federal Grant Limits

1.a. Allow Maintenance Activities

A Maintenance project type is eligible only as a Tier 1 project. This project type only consists of those activities that are maintenance in nature per the definition of maintenance in 50 CFR Part 86.

Maintenance activities are allowed as part of a Tier 1 Development or Restoration project type if related to the development or restoration activities of the project.

Maintenance activities are allowed as part of a Tier 2 Development or Restoration project type only if they are directly related to the development and restoration activities of the project and do not exceed more than 50% of total project costs.

Maintenance activities as defined in 50 CFR Part 86 (S. 86.3):

“Maintenance means keeping structures or equipment in a condition to serve the intended purpose. It includes cyclical or occasional actions to keep facilities fully functional. It does not include operational actions such as janitorial work. Examples of maintenance actions are: (1) Lubricating mechanical components of BIG-funded equipment; (2) Replacing minor components of a BIG-funded improvement, such as bolts, boards, and individual structural components; and (3) Painting, pressure washing, and repointing masonry.”

1.b. Establishing a Compliance Period

The compliance period for Tier 1 and Tier 2 projects is a useful life period for the entire project based on the longest useful life period identified for one or more capital improvement(s) within the BIG funded project.

2.a Grant Limits

Tier – 1 (“State”) Grants:

- Minimum Grant Request: \$5000
- 2016 Maximum Grant Request: \$ 192,086

- For each subsequent grant cycle, the maximum grant request shall be the maximum federal allocation, currently (2016) at \$200,000, minus RCO's federally accepted administration rate. Because RCO's administrative rate is subject to change, the net maximum grant to sub-awardees will be published in each year's program manual.

Tier – 2 ("Federal") Grants

- Minimum Grant Request: \$200,001
- 2016 Maximum Grant Request: \$1,440,645
 - For each subsequent grant cycle, the maximum grant request shall be the maximum federal allocation, currently (2016) at \$1.5 million, minus RCO's federally accepted administration rate. Because RCO's administrative rate is subject to change, the net maximum grant to sub-awardees will be published in each year's program manual.