

Boating Facilities Program

FACT SHEET

Who may Apply?

- Local governments
- Special purpose districts
- State agencies
- Tribes

Types of Projects Funded

- Land acquisition
- Development and renovation
- Planning

Funding

Funding comes from state gasoline taxes paid by boaters. It is divided equally for projects from state and local agencies.

Leveraging State Dollars

Grant recipients, except state agencies, must provide at least 25 percent in matching resources.

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Providing Places for Boaters

An estimated one-third of Washington residents spend time boating.¹ Ensuring that boaters have the facilities they need is essential to preserving recreational boating and protecting Washington's waterways.

Purpose

In 1964, voters passed Initiative 215, creating the Boating Facilities Program as a way to ensure there would be places for people to boat. Through this program, grants are awarded for projects to develop, plan, and renovate public boating facilities for motorized boats, including launch ramps, guest moorage, and support facilities.

Contributing to the Economy

Ensuring boaters have places to go and facilities in good working order is good for the economy. Boaters spend more than \$4 billion a year in Washington on equipment, travel, lodging, entrance fees, food, and other related items.² State estimates peg the number of jobs supported by recreational fishing alone in Washington at 12,850.³

Ensuring Only the Best Projects Receive Funding

The grant process is open and competitive, ensuring that only the best projects get funded. The Recreation and Conservation Funding Board accepts applications in even-numbered years. A committee of people knowledgeable about boating score the projects based on criteria established by the board and submit a ranked list to the board for funding consideration. This program is one of the few in the state that gives money directly to projects that help maintain the state's long boating history, and ensure that land for boating facilities is protected for future boaters.



The City of Chelan used a \$96,000 Boating Facilities Program grant to replace wooden floats at Lakeshore Marina on Lake Chelan.



Recreational fishing generates nearly \$400 million in personal income.⁴

¹Amanda C. Ritchie et al., "Outdoor Recreation in Washington: The 2013 State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan," Responsive Management, Harrisonburg, VA, May 2013, pp. 160-165.

²Tania Briceno and Greg Schundler, "Economic Analysis of Outdoor Recreation in Washington State," Earth Economics, Tacoma, WA, January 2015, pp. 69-70.

³"Economic Analysis of the Non-Treaty Commercial and Recreational Fisheries in Washington State," TCW Economics, Sacramento, CA. December 2008, p.ES-1.

⁴"Economic Analysis of the Non-Treaty Commercial and Recreational Fisheries in Washington State," TCW Economics, Sacramento, CA. December 2008, p.20.

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INVESTING IN WASHINGTON'S GREAT OUTDOORS

Grant Recipients (1965-2015)

Anacortes	Marysville	Port of Port Townsend
Asotin	Mason County	Port of Poulsbo
Asotin County	Mercer Island	Port of Ridgefield
Bainbridge Island	Metaline	Port of Seattle
Bellevue	Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma	Port of Silverdale
Bellingham	Moses Lake	Port of Skagit County
Benton City	Mountlake Terrace	Port of Skamania
Benton County	Mukilteo	Port of South Whidbey Island
Bremerton	Northport	Port of Wahkiakum County 1 and 2
Bridgeport	Oak Harbor	Port of Whitman County
Burlington	Ocean Shores	Port of Willapa Harbor
Camas	Okanogan County	Port Orchard
Castle Rock	Olympia	Prosser
Chelan	Oroville	Raymond
Clallam County	Pacific County	Renton
Clark County	Pasco	Richland
Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation	Pateros	San Juan County
Coulee City	Pierce County	San Juan Island Park District
Coupeville	Port Angeles	Seattle
Cowlitz County	Port of Allyn	Sedro Woolley
Cusick	Port of Anacortes	Skagit County
Des Moines	Port of Bellingham	Skamania County
Entiat	Port of Benton	Snohomish County
Everett	Port of Bremerton	South Bend
Gig Harbor	Port of Brownsville	Tacoma
Grays Harbor Historical Seaport Authority	Port of Chelan County	Thurston County
Hoquiam	Port of Clarkston	Toledo
Island County	Port of Columbia	Vancouver
Kalispel Tribe of Indians	Port of Douglas County	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Kenmore	Port of Edmonds	Washington Department of Natural Resources
Kennewick	Port of Eglon	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission
Kent	Port of Everett	Wenatchee
King County	Port of Friday Harbor	West Richland
Kirkland	Port of Grapeview	Whatcom County
Kitsap County	Port of Grays Harbor	
Kittitas County	Port of Hoodport	
La Conner	Port of Ilwaco	
Lake Stevens	Port of Kalama	
Lakewood	Port of Kennewick	
Lewis County	Port of Kingston	
Lincoln County	Port of Klickitat	
Longview	Port of Manchester	
Manson Park and Recreation District	Port of Olympia	
Maple Valley	Port of Peninsula	
	Port of Port Angeles	