

# Boating Infrastructure Grants

## FACT SHEET

### Who may Apply?

- Local governments
- Private facility operators
- Qualified nonprofit organizations
- Special purpose districts
- State agencies
- Tribes

### Types of Projects Funded

- Development and renovation
- Education

### Federal Funding

Funding comes from the federal Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund, which is derived from excise taxes on fishing equipment, motorboat and small engine fuels, import duties, and interest on the fund.

### Leveraging State Dollars

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

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## Providing Places for Boaters

Washington is a destination for many boaters, whether they are touring the San Juan Islands, waterskiing on Lake Chelan, or fishing in the Pacific Ocean. An estimated one-third of Washington residents spend time boating.<sup>1</sup>

## 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.<sup>2</sup> State estimates peg the number of jobs supported by recreational fishing alone in Washington at 12,850.<sup>3</sup>

## Purpose

The Boating Infrastructure Grant program uses federal funding to help communities across the state provide facilities for motorized, recreational boats 26 feet and larger.

The funding helps pay for guest boating facilities, navigation aids, and structures on land, such as restrooms and picnic areas. Ensuring that boaters have the facilities they need is essential to preserving recreational boating and protecting Washington's waterways.

## Selecting Only the Best Projects

The grant process is open and competitive, ensuring that only the best projects get funded. The Recreation and Conservation Funding Board accepts applications every year. A committee of people knowledgeable about boating score the projects based on criteria established by the board. The committee submits a ranked list of projects costing \$200,000 or less to the board for funding consideration. Projects costing more than \$200,000 are forwarded to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to compete nationally for funding.



The City of Bremerton used a \$950,000 Boating Infrastructure Grant to build a breakwater to enclose the marina and protect it from wakes, and to more than double the guest moorage.

# Boating Infrastructure Grant Program Fact Sheet

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### Grant Recipients 1998-2015

GeoEngineers Inc.  
Harbor Village Marina  
Narrows Marina  
Northwest Maritime Center  
Northwest Wooden Boatbuilding  
Port Angeles  
Port of Anacortes  
Port of Bremerton  
Port of Camas-Washougal  
Port of Everett  
Port of Olympia  
Port of Port Townsend  
Port of Wahkiakum, District 1  
Port of Willapa Harbor  
Recreation and Conservation Office  
Richland  
Tacoma  
Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission



The City of Richland is using a \$49,000 Boating Infrastructure Grant to provide power to the Columbia Point Marina Park boat docks.

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

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

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