

**Boating Safety and Enforcement
Equipment (BSEE) Grant Program
Division of Boating and Waterways
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Summary:

The purpose of the Boating Safety and Enforcement Equipment (BSEE) grant program is to provide grants to local government agencies that provide boating safety and law enforcement services and demonstrate a need for assistance to purchase related equipment. Funding can be used to purchase patrol boats, water/marine patrol equipment, rescue watercraft, search and rescue equipment, and patrol boat engines (new, repowers and replacements). DBW receives funding for the BSEE program from the U.S. Coast Guard Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) grant program.

Application Procedure and Deadline:

Applications from qualified agencies are accepted annually. Complete applications for the 2021/22 funding year must be submitted through DBW's Online Grant Application system (OLGA) by April 16, 2021. Applications will be scored and ranked competitively for the available funding.

FY 2020/2021 Funding:

In FY 2020/21, DBW awarded \$1,590,000 in federal funding to 30 local agencies for the purchase of patrol boats and miscellaneous marine/water patrol equipment. Additional requests totaling \$2,227,330 were not approved due to lack of funds.

Program Updates:

- 1) An independent group was utilized to score and select applications for FY 2020/21 funding as directed by the Parks transformation effort.
- 2) The grant application and scoring criteria were revised in FY 2020/21 to better assess how the funding requests would meet objectives and priorities of the federal Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) grant program.
- 3) Applications open on March 15, 2021 and close April 16, 2021 for FY 2021/22 funding.
- 4) A virtual grant applicant workshop will be conducted on March 25, 2021 to provide an overview of the BSEE program, the grant application and scoring criteria, and to provide training and advice for completing a competitive application.