

**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).

Funding Source: federal Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) grant administered by the U.S. Coast Guard

FY 2021/2022 Funding Available: \$1,564,913

Application Procedure and Deadline: Applications from qualified agencies are accepted annually. Complete applications must be submitted through DBW's Online Grant Application system (OLGA) by April 30th, prior to the start of the fiscal year in which grant funds are requested. Applications are scored and ranked competitively for the available funding.

Typical Grant Amounts: \$20,000 to a maximum allowable of 10% of Funding Available each year.

In FY 2021/2022, 23 local agencies were selected to receive grants for the purchase of patrol boats and miscellaneous marine/water patrol equipment.

Program Updates:

- 1) In FY 2021/2022, DBW continued to refine the grant application and scoring criteria after the last assessment to better assess how the funding requests are going to meet objectives and priorities of the federal Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) grant program under the independent application review process. For FY 2022/2023, DBW will continue refining the application based on feedback from applicants and scorers.
- 2) Applications for FY 2022/2023 funding will be accepted from March 15 through April 29, 2022.
- 3) A grant applicant workshop will be conducted on April 5th, 2022 to provide an overview of the BSEE program, the revised grant application and scoring criteria, and provide training and advice for completing a competitive application.