

**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 2023/2024 Funding Available: \$1,500,000

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 \$150,000 (10% of total available funding) each year.

In FY 2022/2023, 21 local agencies were selected to receive grants for the purchase of patrol boats and miscellaneous marine/water patrol equipment.

Program Updates:

- 1) For FY 2023/2024, DBW will continue to refine the grant application and scoring criteria 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.
- 2) Applications for FY 2023/2024 funding will be accepted from March 15th through April 28th, 2023.
- 3) A grant applicant workshop will be conducted on March 28th, 2023, to provide an overview of the BSEE program, the grant application, scoring criteria, and to provide helpful information to assist with completing a competitive application.
- 4) A new annual report template for the BSEE program was developed and implemented in 2022. All active BSEE grantees must submit annual reports in OLGA by August 31st every year.