

**Boat Launching Facility Grant Program  
Division of Boating and Waterways  
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**Summary:**

Boat Launching Facility (BLF) grants for motorized vessels are provided to local government agencies for the construction or improvement of boat launching ramps, restrooms, boarding floats, shore protection, parking for vehicles and boat trailers, utilities, and ancillary items. Also included in the grants are funds to pay for engineering, construction, inspection, permits from regulatory agencies, special studies, contract advertising, construction contingencies, and other project related costs. The primary purpose of the program is to provide and improve access to California's waterways by the recreational boating public using trailer-able motorized watercraft.

**Application Deadline:** February 1, 2021 for consideration in the FY2021/22 state budget.

**Application Procedure:** Applicants are required to submit a complete application online. Applications are then evaluated competitively and submitted for consideration as part of the State budget process.

**FY2020/21 Funding:** A funding blanket of \$11,737,000 was designated in the State Budget for all boat launching facilities grants. Of this, \$7,037,000 has been allotted towards development, improvement, or expansion of boat launching facilities for motorized boats.

**Typical Grant Amount:** Varies by project. The amount of funds provided is determined by the specific scope of the proposed project in combination with the usage and benefits that can be economically justified.

**Funding Source(s):** Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund

**Eligible Grant Recipients:** Local government agencies that qualify for BLF grants include cities, counties, the federal government, recreation districts, irrigation districts, and tax districts, among others.

**Restrictions:**

- a. The project area shall be open and accessible for the use and enjoyment by the general public on equal and reasonable terms.
- b. The grantee is required to operate and maintain the facility for 20 years at no cost to the State.

**Accomplishments/Planning:**

- This is the third year BLF grant applicants will utilize the Online Grant Application (OLGA) system during the upcoming application cycle.
- The appropriation for Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund allows two years of encumbrance availability for this grant program.
- DBW has completed the following projects in the past three years:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Grantee</u>	<u>Grant Award</u>	<u>FY Funding</u>
McClure Point BLF	Mariposa County	\$2,240,000	FY 2013/14
Westside Park BLF	Sonoma County	\$1,800,000	FY 2014/15
Mayflower Park BLF	Riverside County	\$ 620,000	FY 2011/12
Colusa BLF	City of Colusa	\$ 340,000	FY 2007/08

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Colusa BLF	City of Colusa	\$2,900,000	FY 2016/17
Contra Loma BLF	East Bay Regional Park District	\$ 373,000	FY 2013/14
Cricket Hollow BLF	City of Reedley	\$ 225,000	FY 2014/15
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Shelter Island BLF	San Diego Unified Port District	\$6,100,000	FY 2015/16