Non-Motorized Boat Launching Facility Grant Program Division of Boating and Waterways November 19, 2020

Summary:

The Statewide Non-Motorized Boat Launching Facility (NMBLF) Program provides support to create or improve public non-motorized boating access. The intent of this program is to provide a dedicated source of HWRF monies to address the boating facility needs of the non-motorized boating community. There are an estimated 4 million non-motorized watercraft in use in California. Typical grant-funded items include the construction of small, hand-launch boat ramps, low freeboard boarding floats, small parking lots, and restrooms.

Application Deadline: February 1, 2021 for FY2021/22 funding.

Application Procedure: Applicants submit a complete Non-Motorized Boat Launching Facility grant application online along with a resolution from their governing body authorizing the grant application.

FY2020/21 Funding Available: A funding blanket of \$11,737,000 was designated in the State Budget for all boat launching facilities grants. Of this, \$2,000,000 has been allotted towards non-motorized boating launching facility grants. Any unused funding will revert to the Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund.

Typical Grant Amount: Varies by project, from \$100,000 to \$1,000,000 depending on the project.

Funding Source(s): Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund

Eligible Grant Recipients: Local government agencies including cities, counties, special districts, and the federal government.

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 NMBLF 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 project in the past three years:

| <u>Project</u> | Grantee | Grant Award | FY Funding |
|----------------------|-------------------|-------------|------------|
| Waterford River Park | City of Waterford | \$ 50,000 | FY 2012/13 |
| Waterford River Park | City of Waterford | \$470,290 | FY 2015/16 |