

Public Small Craft Harbor Loan Program
Division of Boating and Waterways
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Summary:

In accordance with Sections 70-72.4 of the Harbors and Navigation Code, the Local Assistance Public Small Craft Harbor Loan Program provides loans to local government agencies for the construction of new small craft harbors or for the expansion or improvement of existing marina facilities. Typical project features that can be funded include boat berthing, breakwater construction, construction dredging, harbor master buildings, fuel docks, boat sewage pump-out facilities, restrooms, utilities and landscaping. Facilities that will be rented or leased to commercial or concession enterprises are **not** eligible to receive public loan funds.

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

Application Procedure: Applicants are required to submit a complete application via DBW's Online Grant Application (OLGA). Applications are then evaluated competitively for available funding.

FY2020/21 Funding Authorized: \$5,500,000 total for public and private loans.

Typical Loan Amount: Varies by project. Loan amounts are determined by the specific scope of the proposed project in combination with the local governmental agency's ability to repay the loan.

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

Eligible Loan Recipients: Local government agencies including cities, counties, recreation districts, irrigation districts, and tax districts, among others.

Restrictions: The project area shall be open and accessible for the use and enjoyment by the general public on equal and reasonable terms.

Payback Period: 30 years from construction completion for revenue-generating improvements. 50 years from construction completion for non-revenue-generating improvements, such as breakwaters.

Interest Rate: 4.5%

Accomplishments/Planning: DBW is seeking additional guidance to ensure its loan programs conform with customary commercial lending practices.