

**Abandoned Watercraft Abatement Fund
Surrendered and Abandoned Vessel Exchange Grants (SAVE)
February 10, 2022**

Summary:

Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) is authorized by Harbors and Navigation Code Section 525 to provide grants to local public agencies for the abatement, removal, storage, and disposal of abandoned or surrendered recreational vessels, and for the removal of partially submerged objects that pose a substantial navigational hazard from California's waterways. These grants increase public and navigational safety and reduce the potential of environmental contamination.

The Surrendered and Abandoned Vessel Exchange (SAVE) grant program allows grantees the ability to use funds for either removal of abandoned vessels (previously accomplished through the Abandoned Watercraft Abatement Fund grant program) or to receive surrendered vessels (previously accomplished through the Vessel Turn-In Program).

Funding Source: Abandoned Watercraft Abatement Fund (AWAF)

FY 2021/2022 Funding Available: \$2,750,000 (\$1.75 million HWRF, \$1 million SB1)

Typical Grant Amounts: \$40,000 to \$250,000

FY 2021/2022 Funding:

In FY 2021/22, 27 agencies were awarded grants totaling \$2,750,000.

Program Updates:

- 1) An independent group was utilized to score applications for FY 2021/22 funding.
- 2) Applications can be submitted from March 15 through April 29, 2022 for FY 2022/23 funding.
- 3) A virtual grant applicant workshop is being conducted on April 5, 2022 to provide an overview of the SAVE program, review the grant application and scoring criteria, and provide training and advice for completing a competitive application.
- 4) SAVE grantees continue to increase awareness of the Surrendered Vessel program by participating in public awareness presentations and distributing SAVE brochures to boaters and marina operators.
- 5) SAVE program staff continue to assist agencies in managing the program; making direct contact with marina operators; and increasing awareness of the program to inland communities.
- 6) SAVE program staff continue to participate in regional coordination meetings such as the Delta Officers Intelligence Team and the Abandoned Derelict Vessel Workgroup.
- 7) DBW staff will conduct a SAVE grant administration workshop to provide guidance for newer applicants.