

**Sign Grant Program
Division of Boating and Waterways
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Summary:

The Statewide Sign Program provides grant funding to install and replace signs for previously funded Boating and Waterways projects when the signs are obsolete, display incorrect information, badly worn and unattractive, missing or damaged, are needed for safety, or are required as a condition of receiving federal funds (Sport Fish Restoration Fund).

Application Deadline: Applications are accepted on a continuous basis, and funds are granted only in the amount needed to directly address the problem and only until the program funds are exhausted for the fiscal year.

Application Procedure: Applicants submit an assistance request letter describing the problem.

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, \$150,000 has been allotted to install or replace signs that are missing, damaged, inaccurate, badly worn, necessary for safety, or required by federal grant agreement.

Typical Grant Amount: Sign purchases range from \$1,000 to \$7,000 depending upon the size, material, and installation.

Funding Source(s): Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund

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

Restrictions: There are no additional restrictions associated with the grant program.

Accomplishments/Planning:

- DBW is working to develop statewide standardizations for boating safety messaging at boat launching facilities. This will be created in concert with graphic designers and DBW's education and safety unit.
- The appropriation for Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund allows two years of encumbrance availability for this grant program.