

Florida Boating Infrastructure Grant Program

Outline of Grant Program Details

Program Timeline

1. **January – April:** Potential applicants reach out to FWC for guidance.
2. **April 1 – June 1:** FWC assists applicants in developing proposals.
3. **July 1:** Applications due to FWC by 5:00 p.m. (Applications received after 7/1 will not be considered).
4. **July:** FWC review of applications. FL Tier I & Tier 2 selections are announced.
5. **August:** FWC enters applications into the FGTS and prepares applications for submission into GrantSolutions.gov
6. **September:** FWC recommendations are due to USFWS through GrantSolutions.gov
7. **April:** USFWS notifies FWC and announces awards. Award does not necessarily guarantee funding, which is contingent upon:
 - A. Receiving all required permits
 - B. Receiving all required compliance documents
 - C. Successful disbursement of funds from USFWS.
8. Grantee provides documentation to FWC that the required permits (FLDEP; USACE) have been acquired for the awarded project. FWC submits permits through the compliance process.
9. Once all requirements are met, USFWS obligates funding and FWC and applicant enter into Subrecipient Agreement and work can begin.

Proposals are due to FWC no later than 5:00 PM on 07/01/2024.

- Proposals are to be submitted to FWC and not directly to GrantSolutions.gov.
- Follow published rules closely, as detailed in the [Federal Final BIG Rule \(50 CFR Part 86\)](#).
- One hardcopy and one electronic copy is to be submitted by the deadline to:

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Boating and Waterways Section

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620 South Meridian Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-6000

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- Tier 1: State Grants, Tier 2: National Grants.
- Tier 1: \$5,000 to \$300,00 Tier 2: \$300,000 to \$1,500,000
- The National Boating Infrastructure Grant Program makes available \$9 million to \$14 million for Tier 2 projects. Tier 2 Projects cannot exceed \$1.5 million.
- Cities and Towns are eligible for either grant.
- Eligible Activities include boating infrastructure such as: slips, floating docks, day docks, dinghy docks, restrooms/showers, mooring systems, dockside utilities, marine fueling stations, engineering/permitting, navigational aids, fixed piers and breakwaters.
- City of St. Pete Municipal Marina has a current BIGP project for transient docks. The Grant is \$632,000.00, the total project cost is \$989,000.00.
- This Federal program provides grants to develop, renovate, and maintain public boating facilities that target recreational boats 26 feet long and larger.
- Grantees must contribute a minimum of 25 percent. Projects with a match higher than 25 percent will receive additional points during evaluation.
- Important considerations for the grants are location, depth of water, submerged land and zoning. So called “extra credit” for being close by or adjacent to: recreational and historical centers(Rec Center & JP Village), natural attractions (public beach), transportation, shopping and other (fire department, fishing pier, library, ext.).