

# Boating Facilities Program (BFP) Grant Funding



# About the Program

Created in 1964, the Boating Facilities Program provides grants to acquire, develop, and renovate facilities for motorized boats and other watercraft, including launching ramps, guest moorage, and support facilities.

Typical Projects funded under the program include:

- Renovating boat launches
- Adding guest moorage facilities
- Building parking, restrooms, and other boating amenities

Port Districts are allowed to apply for funding.

Funding is awarded every two years and comes from a portion of the gasoline tax paid by boaters.

25 percent match for each project, and at least 10 percent of the total project cost must be from a non-state, non-federal contribution.





Project Type	Grant Limit
Acquisition	\$2 million
Development	\$2 million
Combination of acquisition and planning OR acquisition and development	\$2 million
Planning (architecture, engineering, environmental review, permitting)	\$250,000

# Grant Application Schedule

Item	Date
Application Webinar, Applications Open	August 4, 2026
Plan Due <i>A comprehensive plan is required to be eligible for a grant.</i>	September 1, 2026
Application Due	November 3, 2026
Technical Review	November 16, 2026 - November 17, 2026
Technical Completion Deadline	January 22, 2027
Project Evaluation	February 22, 2027 - February 23, 2027
Board Approves Preliminary Ranked Lists	April 30, 2027 <i>Estimate</i>

## Eligible Projects

Acquisition

Development

Dredging, including both capital construction and periodic activities to remove materials deposited due to unforeseen events; dredging must extend facility usefulness for at least five years. ([Revised Code of Washington 79A.25.080](#))



Moorage floats, fixed docks, and buoys for guest boaters



Parking and staging areas

Permits

Planning



Ramps and fixed hoists for launching, loading floats

Renovation

Sewage pump-out stations and porta-potty dump stations

Support facilities upland, such as restrooms, showers, and picnic facilities used exclusively or primarily by guest recreational boaters

## **Key Consideration:**

***Property acquired, developed, or renovated with these boating grants must be kept for public outdoor recreation use forever.***

# Public Launch Improvement



# What are we trying to accomplish?



- Ensure safe operations with quality equipment
- Balance public access with Marina Operations
- Maintain convenient and reliable access to the water for trailerable motor vessels

# Project Components and Estimated Costs

Item	Estimated Cost	Budget/CIP
South Launcher Rebuild (Increase to 10K limit, motor, rail, etc.)	\$500,000.00	CIP
Fencing and gates for Pedestrian Routing	\$30,000.00	Budget
Concrete work to connect I-walkway to plaza	\$20,000.00	CIP
Asphalt Pad	\$90,000.00	CIP
Crosswalk Identification	\$15,000.00	CIP
Launch Lane Closure Barrier (Bollards)	\$25,000.00	N/A
Planter boxes	\$8,000.00	CIP
Piling Galvanizing	\$300,000.00	CG Analysis
Dock Flotation and rod replacement for launch pier	\$35,000.00	AMO Analysis
Total Estimated Cost	\$1,023,000.00	
BFP Eligible Costs	\$925,000.00	
Current Allocated funds in 2026 Budget or CIP	\$581,000.00	

## **Next Steps:**

***Should staff continue to explore eligibility for the BFP program and pursue potential funding opportunities?***

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