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BOATING ACCESS GRANT

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KEY FACTS

- ◆ **Agency:** TX Parks & Wildlife Department
- ◆ **Application Guide:**
<http://bit.ly/1LbZTMJ>
- ◆ **Award:** \$500,000 maximum in matching grant funds
- ◆ **Deadline:** October, 1, 2016
- ◆ **Contact Information:**
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SUMMARY

The Boating Access Grant Program provides 75% matching fund grant assistance to construct new, or renovate existing, public boat ramps that provide public access to public waters for recreational boating. The State Boating Access Program receives funding from the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act. Funds for the federal program are derived from the federal gasoline tax generated by sales of gasoline for recreational motorboats and a federal excise tax on the sales of fishing tackle and trolling motors. Fifteen percent of the state's annual apportionment from this federal program must be used to provide public recreational boating access.

DESCRIPTION

This grant program provides 75% matching grant funds for the construction of public boat ramp facilities throughout Texas. Local government sponsors must make an application, provide the land, provide access to the proposed boat ramp, supply 25% of the development costs, and accept operation and maintenance responsibilities for a minimum 25-year period.

Program assistance will be in the form of a one-time grant, and the local sponsor must be willing to assume all maintenance responsibilities, including grass mowing and weed control, litter/refuse pick-up and removal, signage maintenance, security surveillance, plus necessary repairs and renovations, as needed, to insure public use and safety.

For more information about this grant and access to other materials, please visit:
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EVALUATION & SELECTION

All previously completed Recreation Grant Projects must be in compliance with all the terms of the Project Agreement under which they received assistance and all program guidelines. For active grants, all required project documentation (such as appraisals, construction plans, quarterly status reports, and reimbursement requests) must be complete and have been received on schedule, if 1 due; and For the Outdoor Recreation, Small Community and Indoor Recreation Grant Programs. Master Plan Submission Date is 60 Days Prior to Application Deadline.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS:

Launching facilities, such as ramps and boat lifts. Other projects include:

- 1) Breakwaters
- 2) Loading docks
- 3) Land acquisition
- 4) Fish cleaning stations
- 5) Restrooms, sewage treatment facilities, showers, potable water, security lights
- 6) Parking areas associated with the access facilities
- 7) Camping facilities at areas accessible only by boat (must be accessible to motorboats)
- 8) Access roads, bridges, signals, and other requirements to provide the public access to boating facilities
- 9) Engineering (planning and design), and environmental clearance and permit costs
- 10) Retaining walls to protect integrity of boat ramps and associated parking lots (limited to 200 feet on either side of constructed facilities)
- 11) Dredging, stump removal, and aquatic weed control when activity can be shown to clear lanes to make water body more accessible primarily for recreational motorboats as opposed to general navigation
- 12) Navigational aids in the immediate area of access facilities

13) Signage for effective use of access facilities and recognition of the Sport Fish Restoration Program