

Boating Access Grant Program

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KEY FACTS

◆ Agency:

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

◆ Award Information:

Deadline: October 1

◆ Award Date Range:

Awarded throughout year

◆ Application Guide:

<https://bit.ly/1LbZTMJ>

Application: <https://tpwd-recgrants.fluidreview.com/>

◆ Current Program Funds:

Total Funds Per Cycle:

\$1.6 million

Max Funds Per Applicant:

\$500,000

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PURPOSE

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) administers the Boating Access Fund in Texas under the approval of the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act. This federally funded program receives its funding from 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.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Eligible applicants include political subdivisions of the State of Texas legally responsible for providing public recreation services to their citizens. This includes cities, counties, river authorities, municipal utility districts, and other special districts.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

1. Construction of new public boat ramp on public (federal, state, county, municipal, district, etc.)

2. Boat ramp restoration, rehabilitation or resurfacing.

3. Development of boating access facilities.

4. Provision of features which facilitate access and use of boating facilities by persons with disabilities.

5. Acquisition of easements or leases for boating access facilities.

6. Acquisition of property by fee simple title when acquisition cannot be accomplished by easement.

9. Funded projects must be reviewed by the Texas Historical Commission and Texas Parks & Wildlife Department to determine potential impacts to natural and cultural resources. State Boating Access Program staff will initiate these resource reviews of projects recommended for funding. Written clearances or permits must be obtained from each agency prior to initiating any construction activities.

10. Environmental mitigation. Provide for redesign, reconstruction, non-routine maintenance or relocation to mitigate or minimize impact to the natural environment.

FIGURES

