

## Grant Programs For General Boating Access

### Florida Boating Improvement Program (FBIP)

- Provided funding through competitive grants for projects designed to serve the needs of recreational boating and boating-related activities on coastal and/or inland waters of Florida
- Eligible participants include county governments and municipalities of the State of Florida.
  - All other governmental entities must apply through their counties or municipalities in order to be eligible for consideration

Eligible uses of program funds include:

- Boat ramps and other public launching facilities
- Piers, docks and other mooring facilities
- Recreational channel marking
- Aquatic plant control
- Boating education
- Economic development initiatives that promote boating
- Other local boating-related activities that enhance boating access for recreational boaters

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### Boating Infrastructure Grant Program (Big P)

- Funding through competitive and non-competitive grants is provided to local governments for tie-up facilities for transient recreational boats 26' or longer (non-trailerable).
- Program funded from the US Fish and Wildlife Service

Funds are to be used expressly for such projects as:

- Slips expressly designed for these recreational boats
- Mooring buoys, day-docks, floating docks, floating breakwaters, safe harbors
- Fixed piers, fixed breakwaters, retaining walls, bulkheads
- Channel markers, buoys, directional information
- Support facilities designated for transient recreational boats such as:
  - Restrooms, pump-out stations
  - Dockside utilities, water supplies, recycling and trash receptacles
  - Initial, one-time only dredging, only to provide transient vessels with safe channel depths to the transient facility

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### **Derelict Vessel Removal Grant Program**

- Provides grants to coastal local governments for the removal of derelict vessels from Florida waters
- Any wrecked, junked, abandoned or substantially dismantled vessels in, adjacent to or on Florida waters may be declared derelict after all available means to have the rightful owner remove the vessel have failed.
- The vessel is only eligible for removal under this Grant program, when the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission conducts an investigation and deems the vessel derelict.
- Program is funded by the Florida Coastal Protection Trust Fund

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### **Waterfronts Florida Partnership Program**

- Administered by the Department of Community Affairs
- A Waterfronts Florida technical assistance team works closely with communities as an advocate for revitalization efforts
- Recipient receives extensive technical and limited financial assistance
- The team offers a range of technical assistance:
  - Creating community partnerships
  - Increasing public access to the waterfront
  - Mitigating impacts of potential hazards
  - Re-creating a viable waterfront economy
  - Developing land use strategies for environmental and cultural resource protection
- Eligible applicants include counties or municipalities required to adopt a coastal element as part of the local government comprehensive plan
- New applicants are chosen every two years, with the next selection in May of 2007.