

## **Clean Vessel Grant Program**            [\(CFDA No. 15.616\)](#)

*Eligible Recipients:* Fish and wildlife agencies of U. S. States, Insular Territories, and the District of Columbia.

*Purpose:* Provide pumpout and dump stations for boaters to dispose of human waste in an environmentally safe manner. Pumpout stations are used to pump waste out of recreational boat holding tanks. Dump stations are used to empty portable toilets.

*Funding:* The Program provides \$50 million to States and territories over five years. To ensure that grants address the highest national priorities identified in the Act, funds will be made available on a competitive basis. States must provide a 25-90% match.

### *Eligible Projects:*

- ✓ Installation of a new pumpout for boat holding tanks or dump stations for portable toilets;
- ✓ Replacement of an existing pumpout or dump station that no longer functions adequately;
- ✓ Purchase of a portable pumpout or a pumpout boat.
- ✓ Installation of associated facilities such as lift stations, holding tanks, or sewer lines connecting to a main line;
- ✓ Providing necessary water or electrical connections to pumpout facilities;
- ✓ Necessary labor;
- ✓ Floating restrooms in remote boating locations;
- ✓ Installation of docks to hold pumpouts;
- ✓ Education efforts to inform both marinas and boaters of the importance of proper waste disposal.

### *Ineligible Projects:*

- ✗ Facilities that are not open to the general public
- ✗ Installation of septic systems, sewage treatment plants, and components thereof;
- ✗ Construction of upland restrooms;
- ✗ Construction of sewer systems beyond the minimum necessary to connect to municipal lines;
- ✗ Items that are used for other purposes (these must be pro-rated proportional to use), e.g., cost for a dock for both fuel and a pumpout would have to be prorated.

## [Current Projects and Accomplishments](#)

*Project Application/Selection Process:* The Regional Federal Assistance Offices review and rank proposals by January 3. Then they are forwarded to the Service's Washington D.C. Office by February 3. A panel of representatives of the Assistant Director-External Affairs, Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Coast Guard, and National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration ranks the projects, normally by February 20. The committee's recommendations are forwarded by March 3 to the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for approval, which usually occurs by April 3.