

**Boat Launching Facility Grant Program**  
**Division of Boating and Waterways**  
**November 13, 2025**

**Summary:**

Boat Launching Facility (BLF) grants for motorized vessels are provided to local and federal government agencies for the construction or improvement of boat launching ramps, restrooms, boarding floats, shore protection, parking for vehicles and boat trailers, utilities, and ancillary items. Also included in the grants are funds to pay for engineering, inspection, permits from regulatory agencies, special studies, contract advertising, construction contingencies, and other project related costs. The primary purpose of the program is to provide and improve access to California's waterways for the recreational boating public using trailer-able motorized watercraft.

**Application Deadline:** February 2, 2026, for consideration in the FY2027/28 state budget.

**Application Procedure:** Applicants are required to submit a complete application online.

**FY2026/27 Funding:** Beginning in FY2022/23, each boat launching facility grant project selected for award needs to be approved for funding by the legislature using the State's Budget Change Proposal (BCP) process. This is a two-year process; applications submitted this year, will be considered for the FY2027/28 state budget.

**Typical Grant Amount:** The amount of funds provided varies by project and is determined by the specific scope of the proposed project, usage and benefits that can be economically justified, and availability of funding.

**Funding Source(s):** Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund.

**Project Funding Procedure:** Each year, DBW reviews project applications and recommends the highest-ranking projects for funding through the BCP process.

**Eligible Grant Recipients:** Local government agencies including cities, counties, special districts, and the federal government.

**Restrictions:**

- The project area shall be open and accessible for the use and enjoyment of the general public on equal and reasonable terms.
- The grantee is required to operate and maintain the facility for 20 years after construction at no cost to the State.

**Accomplishments/Planning:** DBW completed the following projects in the past two years.

| <u>Project</u>                 | <u>Grantee</u>                | <u>Grant Award</u> | <u>FY Funding</u> |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Silver Lake BLF (Construction) | US Forest Service – Inyo      | \$910,000          | FY 2016/17        |
| Stony Gorge BLF (Planning)     | Bureau of Reclamation         | \$150,000          | FY 2016/17        |
| East Park Reservoir (Planning) | Bureau of Reclamation         | \$150,000          | FY 2016/17        |
| Davies BLF (Planning)          | City of Long Beach            | \$300,000          | FY 2017/18        |
| Port San Luis BLF              | Port San Luis Harbor District | \$442,358          | FY 2019/20        |
| Lakeport BLF                   | City of Lakeport              | \$135,250          | FY 2020/21        |
| Ventura Harbor BLF             | Ventura Port District         | \$890,000          | FY 2020/21        |
| Rock Creek Lake (Construction) | US Forest Service – Inyo      | \$1,500,000        | FY 2020/21        |