Local Assistance Education and Outreach Grant Program Division of Boating and Waterways November 17, 2022

Summary:

The Education and Outreach Grant Program provides education and outreach grants to promote public awareness about boater sewage, its proper disposal, and to track and monitor use of existing pumpouts and dump stations in California's Coast and Delta waterways. This grant program targets two geographic regions of California. The San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary region includes 13 Northern California counties and the Southern California Coast region includes 6 Southern California counties. This program is funded by the federal Coastal Clean Vessel Act (CVA) grant.

The Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) is the designated state entity responsible for implementing the federal CVA program in California and the US Fish and Wildlife Service is the responsible federal agency.

Application Deadline:

• Applications will be accepted for the 2023-24 funding cycle May 1, 2023, through June 17, 2023.

Application Procedure: Education and Outreach applicants are required to submit a complete application proposal which is then scored and ranked competitively for available funding.

FY 2023/24 Funding Available: Approximately \$555,000.

Typical Grant Amount: \$277,500 per geographic region.

Funding Source(s): Coastal CVA grant from the federal Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund.

Eligible Grant Recipients:

• Education and Outreach grants: any organization may apply.

Requirements:

Applicants must have the capacity to provide:

a. Education and Outreach for one of the two targeted regions which are the 13 Northern coastal counties including the San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary and the 6 coastal counties in Southern California.

b. Pumpout and dump station monitoring and tracking of the pumpout network.

c. Provide a minimum 25% local match.

Accomplishments/Planning:

Accomplishments: Our grantee, the Bay Estuary Partnership, created a podcast series with topics that raise awareness about sewage issues in California. You can download episodes of the podcast at the link provided. (<u>https://dockside.podbean.com/</u>).

Planning: The education and outreach grantees are conducting a study to determine the economic benefit of having a pumpout at a marina; and, conducting Phase 1 of a sewage volume study to determine the amount of sewage a pumpout prevents from being disposed of improperly.