



## State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW)

### Law Enforcement Equipment Grant Program

#### Overview of the Law Enforcement Equipment Grant Program:

The Division of Boating and Waterways Law Enforcement Equipment Grant program provides funds to local government agencies for the purpose of purchasing Boating Safety and Boating Law Enforcement Equipment such as:

- Law Enforcement Patrol Boats
- Marine Patrol Equipment
- Personal Watercraft (PWC)
- Search and Rescue Equipment
- Dive Gear
- Engines, repowers and replacements

The grant application cycle opens in February of each year with a closing deadline of April 30. Grant applications must be submitted via DBW's Online Grant Application (OLGA) system. All applications are scored by a review team prior to approval. The grant amount awarded varies depending on the score received by the agency. Not all grant applications are approved.

**Restrictions:** Per Government Code of Regulations Title 14 6594.5b, the Department shall prioritize grant applications based on the following criteria:

- (1) First priority shall be given to local government agencies that are eligible for state aid because they are spending all of their local boating revenue on boating enforcement and safety, but are not receiving sufficient state funds to meet their need as calculated pursuant to Section 663.7 of the Harbors and Navigation Code.
- (2) Second priority shall be given to local government agencies that are not spending all local boating revenue on boating enforcement and safety, and whose boating revenue does not equal their calculated need.
- (3) Third priority shall be given to local government agencies whose boating revenue exceeds their need, but who are not spending sufficient local revenue to meet their calculated need.

**Funding Source:** The funding comes from the United States Coast Guard/ Homeland Security Recreational Boating Safety Program. Funding availability varies annually depending on the Federal budget (\$900,000-\$2.1 Million)

**Statistics:** DBW has currently allocated \$1,500,000 in Federal funds for this grant program