

2021 National Boating Infrastructure Grant Program

BIG funds are provided through the US Department of the Interior, US Fish and Wildlife Service to states "to construct, renovate, and maintain tie-up facilities" for transient, recreational vessels 26 feet or more in length, and are distributed annually. Some examples of development and programs allowed under BIG include navigational aids, one time dredging, breakwaters, dockside utility service, recycling and trash receptacles, marketing materials, and other services that serve to increase transient boating nationally.

USFWS, classifies Transient Boaters as those travelling along the Intercostal Waterway (ICW). Transient vessels are considered non-trailerable, 26' or longer in length, and staying in the area no longer than 15 consecutive days.

Tier 1, is given to the State of NJ for a total of \$200,000 to distribute among applicants.

Tier 2, is nationwide competitive, for a total of \$1.5 million per application.

Essentially the rules are similar for both Tiers, with Tier 2 grants supporting larger scale projects. New and previous applicants including, ones who may have won a grant before are encouraged to apply. There is a 75% federal match with 25%- applicant match. The larger match amount is, the more points are awarded to the applicant. The program works on a reimbursement basis, once the grant is awarded and an agreement is in place between State. Certain line items may be pro-rated if they are not exclusively for transient use.

Some Key Deadlines are:

- **August 2, 2021 – submit 1st draft**
- **September 3, 2021 – submit final draft**
- **September 20, 2021 – Federal Deadline**

For questions or information on how to apply, please contact:

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