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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

[USCG-2002-13436]

#### National Boating Safety Activities: Funding for National Nonprofit Public Service Organizations

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard seeks applications for grants and cooperative agreements from national, nongovernmental, nonprofit, public service organizations. These grants and cooperative agreements would be used to fund projects on various subjects promoting boating safety on the national level. This notice provides information about the grant and cooperative agreement application process and some of the subjects of particular interest to the Coast Guard.

**DATES:** Application packages may be obtained on or after October 9, 2002. Proposals for the fiscal year 2003 grant cycle must be received before 4 p.m. eastern time, January 15, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Application packages may be obtained by calling the Coast Guard Infoline at 800-368-5647. Submit proposals to: Commandant (G-OPB-1), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Room 3100, Washington, DC 20593-0001. This notice is available from the Coast Guard Infoline and on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov> or at the Web site for the Office of Boating Safety at <http://www.uscgboating.org>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Vickie Hartberger, Office of Boating Safety, U.S. Coast Guard (G-OPB-1/room 3100), 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001; 202-267-0974.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Title 26, United States Code, section 9504, establishes the Boat Safety Account of the Aquatic Resources Trust Fund. From this trust fund, the majority of funds are allocated to the States, and up to 5% of these funds may be distributed by the Coast Guard for grants and cooperative agreements to national, nonprofit, public service organizations for national boating safety activities. It is anticipated that \$2,950,000 will be available for

fiscal year 2003. Twenty-six awards totaling \$2,950,000 were made in fiscal year 2002 ranging from \$6,820 to \$450,000. Nothing in this announcement should be construed as committing the Coast Guard to dividing available funds among qualified applicants or awarding any specified amount.

It is anticipated that several awards will be made by the Director of Operations Policy, U.S. Coast Guard. Applicants must be national, nongovernmental, nonprofit, public service organizations and must establish that their activities are, in fact, national in scope. An application package may be obtained by writing or calling the point of contact listed in **ADDRESSES** on or after October 9, 2002. The application package contains all necessary forms, an explanation of how the grant program is administered, and a checklist for submitting a grant application. Specific information on organization eligibility, proposal requirements, award procedures, and financial administration procedures may be obtained by contacting the person listed in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Prospective grantees may propose up to a five-year grant with twelve-month (fiscal year) increments. In effect, an award would be made for the first year and thereafter renewal is optional. Each annual increment would not be guaranteed. Under a continuation (multi-year) grant type of award the Coast Guard agrees to support a grant project at a specific level of effort for a specified period of time, with a statement of intention to provide certain additional future support, provided funds become available, the achieved results warrant further support, and are in support of the needs of the government. Award of continuation grants will be made on a strict case-by-case basis to assist planning certain large scale projects and ensure continuity. Procedures also provide for awarding noncompetitive grants or cooperative agreements on a case-by-case basis. This authority is judiciously used to fund recurring annual projects or events which can only be carried out by one organization, and projects that present targets of opportunity for timely action on new or emerging program requirements or issues.

The following list includes items of specific interest to the Coast Guard, however, potential applicants should not be constrained by the list. We welcome any initiative that supports the organizational objectives of the Recreational Boating Safety Program to save lives, reduce the number of boating accidents, injuries and property damage,

and lower associated health care costs. We have a high interest in initiatives that focus on recreational anglers, canoeists, kayakers, and/or personal watercraft operators. Some project areas of continuing and particular interest for grant funding include the following:

#### 1. Develop and Conduct a National Annual Safe Boating Campaign

The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to develop and conduct the year 2004 National Annual Safe Boating Campaign that targets specific boater market segments and recreational boating safety topics. This year-round campaign must support the organizational objectives of the Recreational Boating Safety Program, as well as support the nationwide grassroots activity of the many volunteer groups who coordinate local media events, education programs, and public awareness activities. The major focus of the campaign will be to affect the behavior of all boaters with special emphasis on paddlers, hunters and anglers, and users of personal watercraft. A significant emphasis on safety and security issues and the dangers of carbon monoxide, as well as boating under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, should be within the context of the campaign. Efforts will also be coordinated, year-round, with other national transportation safety activities and special media events. Point of Contact: Ms. Jo Calkin, 202-267-0994.

#### 2. Develop and Conduct a National Recreational Boating Safety Outreach and Awareness Conference

The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to plan, implement, and conduct a National Recreational Boating Safety Outreach and Awareness Conference that supports the organizational objectives of the Recreational Boating Safety Program. The overall conference focus should have promotional strategies which address the following specific targeted audiences: paddlers, anglers and hunters, and personal watercraft users. A significant emphasis on the dangers of carbon monoxide, propeller strikes and off-throttle steering of personal watercraft should be within the context of the conference. Point of Contact: Ms. Jo Calkin, 202-267-0994.

#### 3. State/Federal/Boating Organizations Cooperative Partnering Efforts

The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to provide programs to encourage greater participation and uniformity in boating safety efforts. Applicants would provide a forum to encourage greater uniformity of boating laws and regulations, reciprocity among jurisdictions, and

closer cooperation and assistance in developing, administering, and enforcing Federal and State laws and regulations pertaining to boating safety. Point of Contact: Mr. John Malatak, 202-267-6286.

#### 4. Voluntary Standards Development Support

The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to carry out a program to encourage active participation by members of the public and other qualified persons in the development of technically sound voluntary safety standards for boats and associated equipment. Point of Contact: Mr. Peter Eikenberry, 202-267-6984.

#### 5. Develop and Conduct Boating Accident Seminars

The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to develop, provide instructional material, and conduct training courses nationwide for boating accident investigators, including three courses at the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve Training Center in Yorktown, Virginia. Point of Contact: Mr. Rick Gipe, 202-267-0985.

#### 6. National Estimate of Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) Wear Rate

The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to develop a statistically valid national estimate and evaluation of wear rates of PFDs by recreational boaters. Wear rate should be determined by actual observation of boaters rather than other means such as surveys. Point of Contact: Mr. Peter Eikenberry, 202-267-6894.

#### 7. Flare Disposal Program

The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to develop a national program for the disposal of flares and pyrotechnic devices required to be carried aboard recreational boats that have surpassed their expiration date. The grantee should thoroughly analyze the problem associated with the disposal of flares and pyrotechnics as hazardous waste, review current methods recommended for their disposal and the effectiveness of each method, and develop a plan for their disposal that can be implemented on a nationwide basis. Point of Contact: Mr. Richard Kanehl, 202-267-0976.

#### 8. Personal Watercraft Accident Analysis

The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to research and analyze personal watercraft accidents attributable to lack of off-throttle steering, develop a valid statistical baseline, and formulate a method to discern and monitor future accident trends. Grantee shall use State data from the Boating Accident Report System. Point of Contact: Mr. Gary Larimer, 202-267-0986.

#### 9. Boating Risk Analysis Information System (BRAINS)

The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to enhance the functionality and update the accident report data used in the Boating Risk Analysis Information System (BRAINS) software application. BRAINS enables analysts to isolate the specific effect of one accident report variable or a group of variables (*i.e.*, alcohol use, type of boat, PFD wear) on the outcome of an accident scenario. BRAINS serves as a decision support system using data captured by the BARD system and is a valuable tool to better target accident prevention efforts. A BRAINS Web site enables customers to use an Internet version or download a full-blown version of the software. In addition to updating the accident report data used in BRAINS, the grantee shall improve the functionality of the application in a Windows environment as well as the charting and reporting capabilities. Point of Contact: Mr. Bruce Schmidt, 202-267-0955.

#### 10. Recreational Boating Study/Survey Analysis

The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to research and analyze past, current, and ongoing recreational boating studies/surveys/data collection efforts conducted by national organizations, universities, Federal and State agencies, and others. The results are to be cataloged in a master bibliography with a brief synopsis of each study/survey and indexed by topic and by entity conducting the study/survey. This information will then be used to determine deficiencies in recreational boating research, to identify opportunities for collective planning for future surveys/studies/data collection initiatives, and to strive to create uniform definitions for boating-related terms and concepts. This effort should utilize a task force in partnership with key stakeholder groups and the academic community. Point of Contact: Mr. Bruce Schmidt, 202-267-0955.

Potential grantees should focus on partnership, *i.e.*, exploring other sources, linkages, in-kind contributions, cost sharing, and partnering with other organizations or corporations. We encourage proposals addressing other boating safety concerns.

The Boating Safety Financial Assistance Program is listed in section 20.005 of the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance.

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*Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Director of Operations Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-2002-56]

#### Petitions for Exemption; Summary of Petitions Received

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of petitions for exemption received.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to FAA's rulemaking provisions governing the application, processing, and disposition of petitions for exemption part 11 of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR), this notice contains a summary of certain petitions seeking relief from specified requirements of 14 CFR. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, this aspect of FAA's regulatory activities. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of any petition or its final disposition.

**DATES:** Comments on petitions received must identify the petition docket number involved and must be received on or before October 21, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments on any petition to the Docket Management System, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room Plaza 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. You must identify the docket number FAA-200X-XXXXX at the beginning of your comments. If you wish to receive confirmation that FAA received your comments, include a self-addressed, stamped postcard.

You may also submit comments through the Internet to <http://dms.dot.gov>. You may review the public docket containing the petition, any comments received, and any final disposition in person in the Dockets Office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Dockets Office (telephone 1-800-647-5527) is on the plaza level of the NASSIF Building at the Department of Transportation at the above address. Also, you may review public dockets on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sandy Buchanan-Sumter, Office of Rulemaking (ARM-1), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591. Tel. (202) 267-7271.

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