



Boating Infrastructure Grant Program

C. HOW PROJECTS ARE SCORED

Eligibility Questions. In order to be eligible for funding, the following questions must be answered in the affirmative for both Tier I and Tier II projects.

- Will the proposed facilities accommodate transient boats 26ft and longer?
- Are facilities on navigable waters?
- Are facilities open to the general public?
- Is the boating access water at least 6 feet deep or have you demonstrated that the existing depth will still service the facility's intended purpose for typical eligible users and vessels?
- Have you identified the useful life of each capital improvement referencing a generally accepted method, and will the proposed improvements be maintained throughout their useful life?
- Are the security, safety and service available at the proposed facility?
- Is a public pumpout available on site or within 2 miles?
Location of pumpout: _____
- Does the proposal contain a minimum of 25% matching funds?

Scoring Elements

In order to score the maximum points possible, the project proposal should include information describing how the project meets the following criteria. Don't assume that this information will be apparent to the grant evaluators. Provide descriptions that sell your project. See the following Rating Scores for actual point values.

- Use of innovative techniques to increase the availability of the tie-up facilities for vessels 26' or more in length (can include education/information). Innovative aspect(s) of project elicits a "wow" response.
- The applicant is able to provide a minimum 25% match. Additional points are awarded at increments of 26%, 36% and 50%. A clear statement describing the source of the matching funds is required.
- Cost effectiveness. Proposals are cost effective when the tie-up facility or access site's features add a high value relative to the proposed expenditure. An example would be a project within an existing harbor that adds high value and opportunity to existing features (restrooms, utilities, etc.). A project that requires installing all of the above would add less value for the cost.
- Project provides a significant link to prominent destination waypoints such as those near metropolitan population centers, cultural or natural areas, or that provide safe harbors from storms.
- Project provides access to recreation, historic, cultural, natural or scenic opportunities of local regional, and/or national significance. Points are given for each category, local, regional, and national.

- Project provides significant economic impact to a community. For example, if the project were built, how many boaters would be attracted to the area? How much would they spend in the community? How does that contribute to the economic value of the community?
- Project includes public/private or public/public partnerships. The USFWS or the Boating Division may not be used as partners in this scoring criterion. Additional points are given for up to three or more partnerships. To be considered a partner, the partner must supply something of reasonable and tangible value to the project.
- The project will be operated and maintained at a high standard for transient boating users.
- Project includes documents multi-state efforts that result in coordinating location of tie up facilities.

Rating Scores

Scoring Element	Range	Points
Amount of match provided	25%	0
	26-35%	5
	36-49%	10
	50+%	15
Number of Public/Private or Public/Public Partnerships	1	5
	2	10
	3+	15
Degree of Project Innovation	None	0
	Low to High	3 to 15
Cost Efficiency	No evidence	0
	Above Average	4
	Very Good	7
	Excellent	10
Prominent Waypoint Linkage	No	0
	Yes	10
Access to recreational, historical, cultural, natural, or scenic opportunities	National significance	5
	Regional significance	5
	Local significance	5
Positive Impact on local economy	Very Little	1
	Moderate	3
	Significant	5
Multi-state efforts resulting in coordinated locations for moorage	No	0
	Yes	5
TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS		90