

California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways Clean Vessel Act Pumpout Grants Program

For Pumpout Installation and Operation/Maintenance Grants



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Who is eligible: Owners/operators of boating facilities that are open to the general public.

Background: In 1992, Congress passed the Clean Vessel Act (CVA) to help reduce sewage discharges from recreational vessels into U.S. waters. The CVA grant program helps to fund the **construction, renovation, operation, and maintenance** of pumpout and dump stations to service recreational vessels. Funding comes from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund.

The California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) serves as the state grant coordinator on behalf of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.



INSTALLATION GRANT

OPERATION & MAINTENANCE (O&M) GRANT

SCOPE: The Installation Grant can **reimburse recipients for up to 75%** of the installation cost of pumpout and/or dump stations.

SCOPE: The O&M Grant can reimburse recipients **for up to 75%** of the **eligible costs of pumpout parts and labor** to maintain an existing pumpout.

COST: Grant recipients shall be responsible for at least 25% of the costs associated with the new or replacement pumpout and/or dump station installation, or at least 25% operation and maintenance costs listed in the grant application. This 25% match can be cash, the fair market value of any labor or materials provided, or a combination.

DURATION: The grant recipient shall guarantee that the facilities will be operated, maintained (without cost to DBW), and accessible to all recreational vessels for the full period of their useful life (at least 7 years).

DURATION: The term of the O&M Grant depends on the term of each grant agreement (between 1-3 years). Costs will be reimbursed only if incurred during the term of the grant agreement.

REIMBURSEMENT GRANTS: Both grants are **reimbursement** based. The grant agreement **must be fully executed before any purchase, installation, or repairs occur.**

GRANTEE'S RESPONSIBILITY:

1. Pumpout and dump stations funded under this grant program must be open to the general public for use by recreational vessels.
2. A sign depicting the national pumpout symbol shall be installed so it is clearly visible to boaters.
3. An informational sign specifying fees, restrictions, hours of operation, operating instructions, and a contact name with a telephone number and acknowledgement that the facility was constructed or improved with funds from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund, through DBW (sample signage is available).
4. A maximum user fee of \$5 can be charged. However, during the grant application evaluation process, a higher ranking will be given to applicants who propose free use or a lower-than-maximum user fee.

HOW TO APPLY:

DBW accepts grant applications on an on-going basis. Applications and additional information can be found at: <http://www.dbw.ca.gov/cvagrants>

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