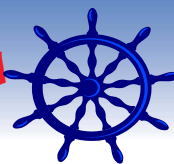




THE RECREATIONAL BOATING SAFETY PROGRAM

LOCAL GRANTS



The Local Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) Grant Program is made available through the National Safe Boating Council, Inc. (NSBC) and the Aquatic Resources Trust Fund now called the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund, administered by the U.S. Coast Guard.

Programs expanding on the North American Safe Boating Campaign ideas or those that implement the "You're In Command" initiative are given preference for funding. Therefore, tying your grant application to National Safe Boating Week activities helps ensure favorable consideration.

To see the complete program guidelines and to obtain the application forms, visit the web site at www.safeboatingcouncil.org and click on the button for the Local RBS Grant Program.

In 2006, grants totaling \$21,146 were awarded to 22 organizations in 21 different states. A wide variety of innovative projects funded in March 2006 are summarized below. The average grant award for these twenty-two projects was approximately \$961. Listed below are the 2006 recipients.

Red River Division – American Canoe Association- Dallas, Texas

Goal: To increase knowledge of safety on the water during a National Safe Boating Week event.

Safe Kids Greater Toledo- Toledo, Ohio

Goal: To promote safe boating at two events scheduled during National Safe Kids Week (May 6-13, 2006) and National Safe Boating Week (May 20- 26, 2006).

Lake Ponchartrain Sail & Power Squadron- Covington, Louisiana

Goal: To increase participation in a National Safe Boating Week event.

Lake Hartwell Association, Inc.- Fair Play, South Carolina

Goal: To increase knowledge of recreational boaters and reduce the risk of injuries and fatalities resulting from accidents.

SEMO Regional Water Safety Council- Wappapello, Missouri

Goal: To educate the diverse culture at Wappapello Lake during National Safe Boating Week of the importance of safe boating practices and wearing a life jacket.

USACE Enid Lake- Enid, Mississippi

Goal: To increase awareness of the importance of PFD wear around the water and to reduce fatalities and accidents at Enid Lake.

Northern Michigan Adaptive Sports & Recreation- Traverse City, Michigan

Goal: To meet demand for increasing number of participants in adaptive paddling course.

W.A.T.E.R. Club- Grand Junction, Colorado

Goal: To emphasize the importance of proper PFD wear while participating in paddle sports.

Nez Perce County Sheriff- Lewiston, Idaho

Goal: To emphasize importance of wearing PFDs.

U.S. Adaptive Recreation Center- Big Bear Lake, California

Goal: To provide an opportunity for economically disadvantaged children with disabilities to be introduced into the world of boating.

River Rescue of Community Lifeteam Volunteer Relief Association Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Goal: To educate boaters about local hazards and the right-of-way to reduce boating accidents on the Susquehanna River.

Bellevue Sail & Power Squadron - Bellevue, Washington

Goal: To promote safe boating and increase awareness of vessel safety checks during National Safe Boating Week.

Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department - Lincoln, Nebraska

Goal: To increase usage of PFDs at area lakes by rewarding those wearing PFDs and educating those who are not.

Magothy River Association, Inc. - Severna Park, Maryland

Goal: To increase awareness and responsibilities associated with diver down flags.

Lake Merritt Boating Center - Oakland, California

Goal: To standardize the skill levels associated with safety boat operators from local organizations and offer the training in conjunction with a National Safe Boating Week open house event.

Safe Kids Kansas - Topeka, Kansas

Goal: To educate 17,000-20,000 children during a Fitness and Safety Day event of the importance of wearing PFDs.

North Coast Safe Kids - Astoria, Oregon

Goal: To establish a PFD loaner program in Clatsop County.

Outdoorsman Triathlon Charitable Trust - Plainview, Virginia

Goal: To increase awareness of the importance of wearing properly fitting PFDs while engaged in paddle sports.

Centennial Senior Center - Concord, New Hampshire

Goal: To promote development and presentation of Safe Boating Day events at the Senior Center.

USCG Auxiliary Division 5 - Fox Point, Wisconsin

Goal: To reduce collisions between vessels through increased awareness of safety regulations.

Wolf Creek Adventures, Inc. - Ashville, North Carolina

Goal: To provide Safety and Rescue clinics in Class III whitewater.

Juneau USCG Auxiliary 17-01-01 - Juneau, Alaska

Goal: To provide vessel safety checks, on-site training and educational courses in remote areas of Alaska. 

