

**Sewage Management Grant Program
Local Assistance Floating Restroom Grants
Division of Boating and Waterways
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Summary:

Floating Restroom Grants manufacture and deliver DBW-engineered floating restroom units for placement and use on lakes and reservoirs across California. DBW also offers grants for Operation and Maintenance (O&M) to offset the operational costs of these units. This program is funded by the federal Inland Clean Vessel Act (CVA) grant. The State provides the required 25 percent match from the Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund (HWRF) for new floating restrooms.

The Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) is the designated state entity responsible for implementing the federal CVA program in California and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the responsible federal agency.

Approximately 284 floating restrooms have been deployed to 40 lakes and reservoirs throughout California. It is estimated that approximately 1,000,000 gallons of sewage are prevented from being discharged into California's lakes and reservoirs each year due to the availability of these floating restrooms.

Application Deadline: Applications will be accepted October through November 2025 for new or replacement floating restrooms; O&M applications are accepted on a continuous basis.

Application Procedure: Applications are submitted through the Online Grant Application System (OLGA).

FY 2025/26 Funding Available: Approximately \$1,200,000 for floating restrooms and \$12,000 for O&M.

Typical Grant Amount: Varies from \$2,000 - \$12,000 for an O&M grant to \$215,000 for a floating restroom.

Funding Source(s): HWRF and federal Inland CVA grant from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund.

Eligible Grant Recipients: Local, state, and federal governmental entities that operate public boating facilities on inland lakes or reservoirs.

Restrictions:

- a) All floating restrooms must be open and available to the public.
- b) Grantees are required to operate and maintain the floating restrooms for 10 years.
- c) Floating restrooms are not intended to replace landside restrooms or to be moored in a marina. The restrooms must be located in areas of the lake with no landside access or facilities.
- d) CVA grants require a 25% state or local match.

Accomplishments/Planning:

DBW has completed one grant project listed below:

<u>Grantee</u>	<u>Water Body</u>	<u>Project Type</u>	<u>Grant Award</u>
Jackson Valley Irrigation District	Lake Amador	Operation and Maintenance	\$23,823