

**Boating Safety and Enforcement  
Equipment (BSEE) Grant Program  
Division of Boating and Waterways  
February 5, 2026**

**Summary:**

The purpose of the Boating Safety and Enforcement Equipment (BSEE) grant program is to provide grants to local government agencies that provide boating safety and law enforcement services and demonstrate a need for assistance to purchase related equipment. Funding can be used to purchase patrol boats, water/marine patrol equipment, rescue watercraft, search and rescue equipment, and patrol boat engines (new, repowers and replacements).

**Funding Source:** Federal Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) grant administered by the U.S. Coast Guard

**FY 2026/2027 Funding Available:** Approximately \$1,400,000

**Application Procedure and Deadline:** Applications from qualified agencies are accepted annually. Complete applications must be submitted through DBW's Online Grant Application system (OLGA) by April 30<sup>th</sup>, prior to the start of the fiscal year in which grant funds are requested. Applications are scored and ranked competitively for the available funding.

**Typical Grant Amounts:** From \$20,000 up to a maximum of \$140,000 or 10% of total available funding each year.

In FY 2025/2026, 20 local agencies were selected to receive grants for the purchase of patrol boats and miscellaneous marine/water patrol equipment.

**Program Updates:**

- 1) Applications for FY 2026/2027 funding will be accepted from March 16<sup>h</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026.
- 2) A grant applicant workshop will be conducted on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026, to provide an overview of the BSEE program, the grant application, scoring criteria, and to provide helpful information to assist with completing a competitive application.
- 3) DBW executed a Memorandum of Understanding with the California Department of General Services that terminates their vessel inspection services for approving repairs and modifications to BSEE-funded vessels. Grantees will now use local vendors to perform these services.