

Ramp Repair and Modification Grant Program
Division of Boating and Waterways
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Summary:

The Ramp Repair and Modification (RR&M) program provides funding to qualifying public agencies to rapidly address issues or conditions at boat launching facilities caused by unexpected events such as storms, floods, droughts, forest fires, or water drawdowns resulting from dam repairs, dam seismic safety concerns, or greater water releases to protect fish habitat, etc. These boat launching facilities must be previously funded by the Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW). Typical projects consist of ramp extensions, ramp widenings, the construction of low water and second stage parking areas, the repair of launching ramps, boarding floats, restrooms and parking areas. Projects are usually small in scope and are funded only to the level necessary to restore boating access, relieve overcapacity, address health or safety issues, and restore functionality.

Application Deadline: February 3, 2025, for consideration in the FY2026/27 state budget.

Application Procedure: Applicants are required to submit a complete application online along with a resolution from their governing body authorizing the grant application.

FY2026/27 Funding: Beginning in FY2024/25, each RR&M grant project selected for award will need to be approved for funding by the legislature using the State's Budget Change Proposal (BCP) process. This is a two-year process; projects selected this year, will be considered for the FY2026/27 state budget.

Typical Grant Amount: The amount of funds typically ranges from \$10,000 to \$750,000 depending upon the severity, magnitude, and urgency of the problem being addressed.

Funding Source(s): Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund.

Project Funding Procedure: DBW reviews project applications and recommends the highest-ranking projects for funding through the BCP process. Because of the many steps required in the creation of the state budget, the time between when applications are received and when the final budget is published is approximately 18 months.

Eligible Grant Recipients: Local government agencies including cities, counties, special districts, and the federal government.

Restrictions:

- The project area shall be open and accessible for the use and enjoyment of the general public on equal and reasonable terms.
- The grantee is required to operate and maintain the facility for 10 years at no cost to the State.

Accomplishments/Planning:

- The BLF webpage was updated this year making it more user friendly.