

**Sign Grant Program
Division of Boating and Waterways
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Summary:

The Statewide Sign Program provides grant funding to install and replace signs for previously funded Boating and Waterways projects when the signs are obsolete, display incorrect information, are badly worn and unattractive, missing or damaged, needed for safety, or required as a condition of receiving federal funds (Sport Fish Restoration Fund).

Application Deadline: Applications are accepted on a continuous basis, and funds are granted only in the amount needed to directly address the problem until the program funds are exhausted for the fiscal year.

Application Procedure: Applicants submit an assistance request letter describing the problem.

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: Sign purchases range from \$1,000 to \$7,000 depending upon the size, material, and installation.

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

Project Funding Procedure: Each year, DBW reviews project applications and recommends the highest-ranking projects for award through the BCP process. Because of the many steps required in the creation of the state budget, the time between when applications are due 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: There are no additional restrictions associated with the grant program.