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2018 Boating Infrastructure Grants Available for Marina Operators

Application period opens for 2018/19 project funding

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The Division of Boating and Waterways invites public and private marina owners to apply for a Federal Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) now through August 3, 2018. California BIG projects received \$1.7 million in the previous grant cycle.

BIG is a competitive program open to both publicly and privately owned marinas to renovate or construct docks, restrooms, gangways and dockside utility hook-ups for visiting or transient recreational boaters with vessels 26 feet or greater in length.

The BIG Program is intended to:

- Enhance access to recreational, historic, cultural and scenic resources
- Strengthen community ties to water's edge and economic benefits
- Promote public/private partnerships and entrepreneurial opportunities
- Provide continuity of public access to the shore
- Promote awareness to transient boating opportunities

In 2018, a total of \$8 million is available for BIG projects nationally. BIG is funded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife, Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program.

Applicants should first review the [federal guidelines and application instructions](#) to determine if they meet the necessary requirements. Marina operators eligible to compete in this program should contact Lisa Fernandes at Lisa.Fernandes@parks.ca.gov or (916) 327-1819.

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