



Clean Vessel Act Program Overview

The Office of Conservation Investment

Sports Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund

What is the Clean Vessel Act?

The [Clean Vessel Act](#) (CVA) was authorized by congress in 1992 to be administered by the *U.S Fish and Wildlife Service*, which is now [The Office of Conservation Investment](#). The act has been closed and open an enormous amount of times since its original signing into law.

The CVA program grants funding to state boating agencies for construction, renovation, operation and maintenance of pump out stations and waste reception facilities to meet the needs of recreational boaters. State boating agencies may use funding for educational information and inform the public about the dangers environmental pollution can have on our waters as well as health problems arise from sewage being discharged into waterways.

In addition it allows for state boating agencies to partner with local governments, public marinas, and others to make sure that the program is available to the recreational boating public.

Where do funds come from?

The CVA funding comes annually from the Sports Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund and are from an excise tax on fishing equipment, motorboat, small engine fuels, import duties, and interest on the found account. 4% of funding is used to support both the Boater Infrastructure Grant (BIG) and the CVA program and state agencies must provide 25% of the grants project cost.

Eligible Expenses for the CVA:

- Installation of new pump-out stations for boat holding tanks or dump stations for portable toilets.
- Replacement of malfunctioning pump-out stations or dump stations.
- Purchase of portable pump-out units or pump-out boats.
- Installation of related infrastructure such as lift stations, holding tanks, or sewer lines connecting to main sewer lines.
- Provision of essential water or electrical connections for pump-out facilities.
- Funding for required labor for the installation and maintenance of facilities.
- Floating restrooms in remote boating areas.
- Installation of docks to support pump-out stations.
- Educational initiatives to raise awareness among marinas and boaters about the importance of proper waste disposal.

Ineligible Expenses:

- Law enforcement activities
- Facilities that are not open to the general public (user pay - user benefit);
- Installation of septic systems, sewage treatment plants, and components thereof;
- Construction of upland restrooms;
- Construction of sewer systems beyond the minimum necessary to connect to municipal lines;
- Items that are used for other purposes (these must be prorated proportional to use). Example cost, for a new dock to hold both fuel and a pumpout would have to be prorated.

Funding Requirements

Grant Recipients will receive up to 75% of the cost of the approved project and the marina will cover the remaining funds of 25%. Funding is available to all marinas (private, commercial, residential, and municipal) who provide gas/service docs, fish houses, seafood dealers and boating dock facilities.

Restrictions that are Placed on Funded Projects?

- These facilities must be open to the general boating public.
- Funded facilities must be open during normal business hours.
- CVA projects cannot cause any sort of damage to the environment or historical features.
- All facilities have to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. (ADA)
- States (Utah) has a right to place any other restrictions that are deemed appropriate for the program.

Contact Us

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to either Jorge Vazquez or Ty Hunter. We're here to help!

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