

Clean Vessel Act

1. Enabling Legislation:

- Clean Vessel Act of 1992 (amendment to the Sport Fish Restoration Act)

2. Purpose:

- Grants to coastal and inland States for pump-out stations and waste reception facilities to dispose of recreational boater sewage

3. Eligible Grantees:

- Coastal and Inland States

4. Eligible Projects:

Coastal States:

- Identifying operational pump-out & dump stations
- Survey of recreational vessels in coastal waters with holding tanks/portable toilets
- Cost of developing list of operational pump-out & dump stations and plans for construction/renovation of pump-out & dump stations in coastal zone

All States:

- Education / information program to educate / inform recreational boaters about environmental pollution resulting from sewage discharges from vessels
- Location of pump-out & dump stations
- Construction, renovation, operation and maintenance of pump-out & dump stations including floating restrooms used by boaters
- Activities involved with holding, transporting, and getting sewage treatment facilities to accept sewage

5. Source of funds:

Permanent/Indefinite Appropriation

2% of amount in Sport Fish Restoration & Boating Trust Fund (authorized through 2009) - revenues from the following:

- Excise taxes on sport fishing equipment, electric motors and sonar
- Import duties on fishing tackle, yachts and pleasure craft
- Portion of gasoline tax attributable to motorboats and small engines

- Interest earned on Trust Fund

6. Distribution method:

- Nationally competitive based on ranking criteria

7. Spending mandates, fund matching requirements, and/or limitations on availability of funds:

- Must be spent on needs identified in Act
- Requires 25% matching, federal share not to exceed 75% of total costs
- Funds are available from time of obligation on awarded grant until grant closing date. Unspent funds are returned to the CVA Program to be awarded in addition to new funds in the subsequent year
- Funds not obligated 3 years from date of availability are reverted and made available to the U.S. Coast Guard for use on Boating Safety

8. Special conditions or requirements:

- Requires each coastal State to conduct survey of facilities and recreational vessels with certain marine sanitation devices
- Requires each coastal State to develop and submit plan for construction and/or renovation of facilities within coastal zone
- Facilities constructed, operated or maintained with grant funds must be accessible to public for the full period of their useful life
- Limits charges for use of these facilities

9. Governing Guidance:

- Clean Vessel Act of 1992
- 50 CFR Part 85
- 43 CFR Part 12
- Service Manual 523 FW 1