RESPONSE EQUIPMENT GRANT FAQ

What is the Response Equipment Grant?
The Department of Fish and Wildlife, Office of Spill Prevention and Response would like to provide a grant to any local government entity to provide response equipment that can be pre-positioned (pre-staged) throughout the state. The equipment will be deployed by the grantee to contain a spill or to protect local resources.

Who can apply for the equipment grant?
Any local public agency or tribe in the State of California, including cities, counties, tribal nations, fire departments, Port Districts, Public Utility Districts, and Emergency Management Departments.

Who will receive the equipment grant?
In order to be considered, agencies must be at risk of an oil spill occurring in their jurisdiction. Grant awards will be selected based on the following:

- Threat and magnitude of an oil spill in waters of the state
- Proximity to ecological sensitive sites
- The proximity of existing nearby response equipment or personnel
- Ability to deploy spill response equipment

Are there any fees associated with the equipment grant?
There are no fees, matching funds, or out-of-pocket expenses associated with receiving the equipment grant. If you choose to insure the equipment, your insurance provider may charge you to add to your policy.

Who can I contact for help?
Cindy Murphy, Contract Manager at (916) 324-6250 or cindy.murphy@wildlife.ca.gov.
Scott Lipton, Local Government Grants Coordinator (916) 324-6257 or scott.lipton@wildlife.ca.gov.

TRAINING FAQ

How long is the training?
Training will be eight hours in length.

What will the training consist of?
The training will consist of basic safety and equipment deployment including:

- Health and safety concerns when deploying equipment on oil spills
- Equipment familiarization
- Care, storage, and maintenance of the equipment
- Booming techniques
- Spill reporting and notification

- Decontamination of personnel and equipment
- A practical hands-on deployment of the equipment
- Limitations of the equipment

Some jurisdictions are supplementing this training on their own with HAZWOPER/HAZMAT training and water safety/boat operations training. This training is designed to allow equipment users to safely deploy the equipment.

Who should be trained?
The people deploying the equipment should be trained. Additionally, individuals or organizations who are first responders in the county where the equipment will be stored, and/or deployed, may participate in training.

Can someone who has not been trained deploy the equipment?
Once an organization has ownership of the equipment, it is in their discretion to determine who may deploy the equipment. For the safety of all personnel, anyone who may deploy the equipment should be trained.

Who will provide the training?
A list of vendors will be provided upon request.

Are funds available for backfill staff during training?
No funds are available for backfill staff during training. It is the responsibility of each individual agency to handle staffing issues during the scheduled training.

EQUIPMENT FAQ

Where should the equipment be stored?
It is up to your organization to provide storage for the equipment trailer. Many agencies will store the trailer in a secure location near the water. Since the trailer can be moved, it may also be staged at a centralized location which can be easily accessed.

Does the response equipment need to be stored at a fire department or marina?
Not necessarily. You decide where you want to store the equipment. Fire departments are in a prime position to deploy the boom because of their 24-hour presence, staff numbers, training and equipment (boats). It is often beneficial to store the equipment at a marina because responders and the equipment can be staged at one location.

What happens when we use the equipment?
If the equipment is used for a response action at OSPR's request (any significant marine or inland aquatic oil spill), reimbursement funds may be available for replacement or boom decontamination. If you deploy your boom without prior authorization, reimbursement may not be available.

Will OSPR maintain the response equipment?
No. You will own the equipment; therefore the maintenance will be your responsibility.