



BOATING ACCESS GRANT PROGRAM PUBLIC WORKSHOP

October 21, 2026

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Workshop Agenda

- Boating Access Grant Program Overview
- Program Requirements
- Application Process
- Q&A



CDFW and Boating Access



CDFW's Mission: To manage California's diverse fish, wildlife, and plant resources, and the habitats upon which they depend, for their ecological values and their use and enjoyment by the public.



Boating Access Program Goals: To create safe and reliable access to California's waterways for all.



Background



Federally funded through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Sport Fish Restoration Grant Program.

Boating Access sub-program provides federal funds for facilities that create or add to public access for recreational boating and improvements to waterways that increase access to recreational boating opportunities.

Available for FY 2027-28 PSN: Approx. \$3 million

Solicitation and Tentative Timeline

2027-2028 Boating Access Proposal Solicitation Notice

Activity	Dates (Dates subject to change)
Release Proposal Solicitation Notice	October 6, 2026
Solicitation Workshop	October 21, 2026
Proposals due by 4:00 p.m., Pacific Time	November 5, 2026
Proposal Evaluation	November 2026 to January 2027
Award Announcement	Summer-Fall 2027
Execute Grant Agreements	Fall 2027
Complete all grant funded project work and submit deliverables/final invoice	April 1, 2031

Program Requirements

Eligible Entities

- State and local government agencies
- Public entities
- California Native American Tribes
- Nonprofit organizations
 - Federal entities are not eligible to apply

Match and Indirect Rate

- Cost sharing or match – 25% match required (cash or in-kind)
- Indirect costs requirements will follow the 2 CFR 200
 - Allow use of federal Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA)
 - If your organization doesn't have a NICRA, use the de minimis rate of 15%

Program Requirements Continued



Build America, Buy America Act

Required by Section 70914 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act ([Pub. L. 117-58](#)).

- All projects receiving federal funds for infrastructure after May 14, 2022 must use materials produced in the U.S. *unless* there is an approved waiver.
- This includes:
 - Iron
 - Steel
 - Manufactured products
 - Construction Materials

Program Requirements (cont.)

- Under the **American Security Drone Act**, effective 12/22/2025, applicants using federal funds may not use, purchase, operate, or continue using any drone or Uncrewed Aerial System included on the **Covered Foreign Entities List**.
- **Executive Order 14303**, effective 05/23/2025, established federal requirements to ensure that scientific information used in government decision-making is rigorous, transparent, and reliable.
 - Emphasizes reproducibility, unbiased peer review, clear communication of uncertainty, and the use of the best available evidence.

Funding Criteria

- The project will be open and accessible to all.
- Priority for projects that increase or improve public access to the waters of California, including ADA compliance, benefit to disadvantaged households/communities, etc.
- The extent to which combined fees for day use, parking, and boat launch encourage public use of the facility will be considered.
- Any improvements funded by this program are not designed to benefit private businesses or restricted use areas.

Project Types



**Planning,
Permitting and
Design**



Construction



**Operation and
Maintenance**



**Outreach to
Boaters**



**Aquatic Invasive
Species
Information &
Education**

Amenities at Boating Access Facilities



Boat Ramps



**Loading
Docks**



Parking Areas



**Launching/
Landing**



**Pump-Out
Facilities**



Fueling Docks



**Potable Water
Supplies**



Dinghy Docks



**Beaching
Areas for
Boats**



**Garbage
Facilities**



Lighting



Signage



**Wash-Down
Stations**



**Fish Cleaning
Stations**

Application Documents

- [WebGrants Application Word Document \(Word\)](#)
- [Project Narrative Template \(Word\)](#) Required
- [Project Statement Guidelines \(PDF\)](#) (Reference)
- [TRACS Performance Matrix](#) (Reference)
- [Budget Template \(Excel\)](#) Required
- [ESA Evaluation Form \(Word\)](#) Required
- [Eagle Act Compliance \(Word\)](#) If applicable

Project Narrative

- Introduction: Brief description of the project.
- Need: Answers why the project is necessary and how it relates to the goals of the Boating Access Program.



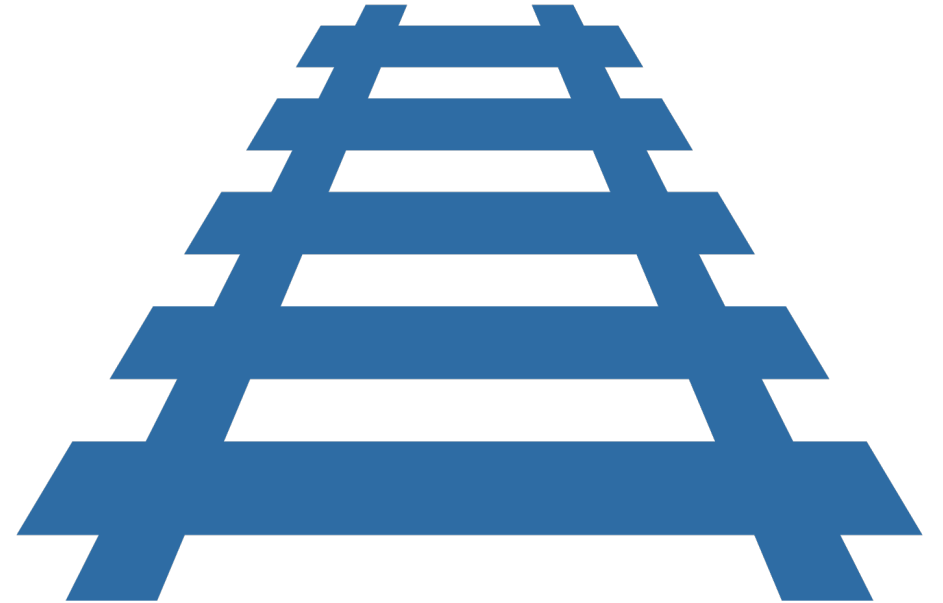
Purpose & Objectives: TRACS Matrix

- Purpose & Objectives:
 - Must be specific and quantifiable.
 - Use the TRACS Matrix to complete the TRACS Strategy section.
 - TRACS Matrix does not need to be filled out and included with the application.
 - Important to use the TRACS Strategy format below in the Purpose and Objectives section.

TRACS Strategy Format

1. TRACS Standard Objective 1

- Activity Tag 1
- Unit of Measurement
- Additional Info (if required)
 - Activity Tag 2 (if required)
 - Additional Info (if required)



TRACS Example

- Scenario: A proposed project will operate and maintain six boating facilities along the Sacramento River.

STRATEGY / Standard Objectives	Activity Tag 1 (Required)	Unit of Measurement	Activity Tag 2 (When Required)	Additional Info in Project Statement (When Required)	Additional Info in Performance Report (When Required)	Descriptions and Examples
FACILITIES / AREAS OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE (O&M)						Operations or maintenance of facilities in support of programs/projects (e.g., office buildings, garages, equipment sheds, access sites, ranges, hatcheries, labs, research facilities or education centers).
Operate and maintain XX facilities						Operation and maintenance of facilities in support of programs/projects (e.g., office buildings, garages, equipment sheds, dams).
	Recreational boating facilities	# of facilities				Boating-related facilities for the handling, launching, mooring, tie-up, or parking of public watercraft, trailers or transport vehicles, including ancillary features commonly associated with such facilities.
			Access roadways	NONE	NONE	Roadways to access public boating facilities.
			Carry-down access	NONE	NONE	Access facilities for hand-launched watercraft (i.e., kayak or non-motorized boat access).
			Docks	NONE	NONE	Docks at boat launch sites.
			Launch ramps	NONE	NONE	Boat ramp lanes at boat launch sites.
			Parking areas	NONE	NONE	Parking areas at boat launch sites.
			Restrooms	NONE	NONE	Restrooms at boat launch sites.

TRACS Example (cont.)

- Scenario: A proposed project will operate and maintain six boating facilities along the Sacramento River.
- Facilities/Areas Operations and Maintenance (O&M)
 - *Activity Tag 1* - Operate and maintain six boating and river access facilities by December 31, 2026.
 - *Unit of Measurement* – Recreational Boating Facilities (6)
 - *Activity Tag 2*
 - Access roadways
 - Carry-down access
 - Docks
 - Launch
 - Parking areas
 - Restrooms
- Approach section should describe how the TRACS objectives will be accomplished.

Budget Narrative

- Expands on the Budget Template attached to the application.
- Should connect the budget to the approach and activities and demonstrate cost effectiveness.
- Discuss how the match requirements will be met and how the identified match aligns with the project's purpose, objectives and approach.
- Applicants should identify their indirect rate in the Budget Template.



Environmental Compliance

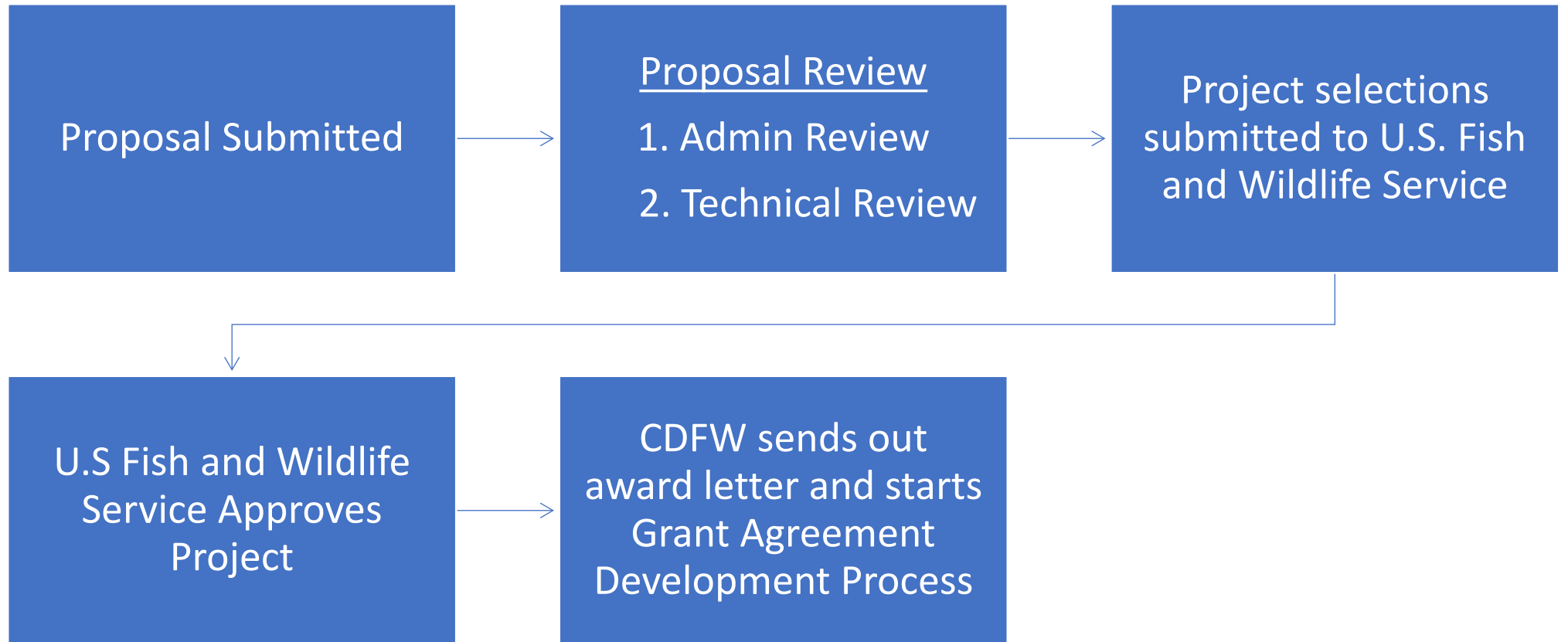
- Include detailed information in the Project Narrative.
- Projects must comply with all applicable state, tribal and federal environmental laws and regulations.
- Additional environmental compliance reviews may be needed if the project changes or there are unforeseen impacts to resources – work with CDFW early on if this happens.



Environmental Compliance (cont.)

- Planning projects do not need to have environmental compliance complete at the time of application. Permitting costs may be eligible for reimbursement.
- Implementation projects should demonstrate that land tenure, has been secured, and that CEQA and NEPA compliance has been completed or will be completed prior to grant award.
 - Include with the application: 65% or higher design plans, a Basis of Design Report, and technical studies.

Application Process Overview



Grant Agreement Basics

- Once awards are announced, successful applicants will work with an assigned CDFW Grant Manager to develop the grant agreement.
- Grant Provisions will be provided at the time of award and are part of the executed agreement.
- Funds can only be disbursed once there is an executed grant agreement.
- Eligible expenses are reimbursed in arrears.
- Let your CDFW Grant Manager know early on if you think you'll need an amendment.



Pre-Agreement Documents

- The forms below can be found on the [CDFW Grantee Resources page](#):
 - Drug-Free Workplace Certification (STD. 21)
 - Payee Data Record form (STD. 204) and/or Payee Data Record Supplement (STD. 205)
- 501 (c)(3) Determination Letter (for non-profit organizations)
- An authorizing resolution from your governing body that confirms its approval of the projects and grant monies (if applicable).
 - Resolution should include: the agency's name, project name, language stating the agency is entering into a grant agreement with CDFW and receiving funds from CDFW, the CDFW award amount, the position title that is authorized to sign the agreement for the agency.
- A Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity for grant agreements with California Native American Tribes.

WebGrants Overview



All proposal applications
must be submitted via
[WebGrants](#)



Submission Deadline:
4:00 PM (PST) November 5,
2026

WebGrants Setup

- WebGrants User Accounts
 - You cannot apply to the PSN without an active WebGrants user account
 - Multiple users can work on the same application but must have their own user accounts that are designated as an additional contact on the application.
- Returning Applicants – Do not re-register. Use your existing user ID and password
- New to WebGrants? – Please register to create an account
- [WebGrants application job aid](#)

How to Register for a WebGrants Account

 Login

 Enter your user id and password

User ID

Password

SIGN IN

[Forgot User ID?](#)

[Reset Password?](#)

Click

[Click here to Register](#)

 **Announcements**

*** NEW PRODUCTION SITE ***

We are excited to announce that our updated WebGrants Grants Management System is back online and ready for all our users.

- If you previously used WebGrants, please continue to use your same Login ID and password. This update has not changed your information.
- If you are a new user, please register for a new account using the yellow "Click here to register" button.
- If you forgot your user ID, please click on the "Forgot User ID?" link.
- If you need to reset your password, please click on the "Reset Password?" link.

If you have any issues or problems, please reach out to your Grant Manager or you can email the WebGrants Help Desk: CDFWebgrants@wildlife.ca.gov

Contact Us

Boating Access Program Questions:

BoatingAccess@wildlife.ca.gov

WebGrants or Application Questions:

CDFWebgrants@wildlife.ca.gov

Monday – Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

California Division of Boating and Waterways:

www.DBW.ca.gov

