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Mission

To provide safe & convenient public access to California's waterways and leadership in promoting the public's right to safe, enjoyable, & environmentally sound recreational boating.



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Abandoned Watercraft Abatement Fund





Other Important Information

In evaluating a grant request, DBW will place extra consideration on whether or not an agency has an active local enforcement program in place.

The grantee is responsible for all employees, contractors, salvage companies, etc. having sufficient insurance coverage.

The grantee is responsible for any studies, permits or authorizations associated with treatment, removal, storage or any other handling of hazardous substances.

The grantee must comply with California Law with respect to titles and liens in conjunction with each vessel.

What are AWAFF funds used for?

The program funds are used for the removal of abandoned and derelict vessels or partially submerged objects from waterways throughout California.

Who may apply for these funds?

Local agencies may apply. More specifically, local agencies (including County Environmental agencies) that perform law enforcement duties and have jurisdiction over bodies of water and waterways are encouraged to apply.

What does it cost?

The law mandates that each grant awarded by DBW be matched by a 10% contribution from the grant recipient.

Are there any limitations on how the money is spent?

Funds cannot be used for the removal of commercial vessels. The AWAFF is for the removal of recreational watercraft. This fund does not reimburse administrative costs and is dedicated to a specific charge that does not include general local law enforcement activity.

How much does it cost to remove an abandoned vessel?

The costs may vary depending on the method of removal, the overall length of the vessel, the number of contractors required, etc.

