

Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) Application Summary

Tier I (Project Less than \$100,000) ___ BIG Funds Requested _____

Tier II (Project greater than \$100,000) ___ BIG Funds Requested _____

Water Body _____ Latitude _____ Longitude _____

Name of Project _____

Project Contact (s):

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Fax _____

Brief Description of Project:

Criteria:

1. Partnerships – Organizations, agencies or individuals, other than Fish and Wildlife Service and the VA Department of Health, which bring something of significant financial value to the project (money, in-kind contributions, etc.). The contribution must be reasonable and necessary to accomplish the proposed work.

Please List all partners with a significant financial contribution (money or in-kind) – maximum of 15 points – 5 points per partner.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

2. Innovativeness – To be judged innovative the example must provide a sense of vision or an idea of value that is not routinely included in this type of boating access project. Briefly explain how the innovative item or activity will benefit the proposed project and be creative but realistic.

Please list any innovative aspects of your project and explain how each will benefit the project – maximum of 15 points – 5 points per example.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

3. Non-Federal Match – Include only the non-federal value of cash or in-kind match. The match must be reasonable and necessary to the completion of the BIG project. The contributions must be directly related to the completion of the proposed BIG project.

Maximum of 15 points - 26>35% non-federal match = 5 points; 36>49% non-federal match = 10 points; ≥50% non-federal match = 15 points.

Total transient project cost _____

BIG funds requested _____ Percent of total project cost _____

Matching non-federal funds _____ Percent of total project cost _____

In-kind contributions _____ Percent of total project cost _____

4. Cost Efficiency – Proposals are cost efficient when the project features add value to an existing facility (an existing facility will already have supporting infrastructure in place). Cost efficiency is also based on cost per slip or space (BIG funds requested /total number of transient slips at facility).

Cost efficiency is based on 1. 0-5 points for adding to existing facilities with most points for a larger array of facilities. 2. Cost per slip - < \$12,500 per slip = 5 points; \$12,501-\$25,000 per slip= 4 points; \$25,001-\$55,000 per slip = 3 points; \$55,001-\$80,000 per slip = 2 points; >\$80,001 per slip = 1 point - maximum of 15 points.

1. Adding to existing facility _____ points (sliding scale)

2. Federal Cost per slip _____ points _____

5. Way Point Linkage or Safe Harbor – To receive the 10 points, you need to describe how the proposed project provides a significant link to, or safe harbor within or along, a cruising route. Include in the proposal a description of expected use patterns, where transient boaters may be coming from and where they may go after using the facility.

10 points – all or nothing (10 points for safe harbor or 10 points for way point linkage or 10 points for both)

Safe Harbor _____yes _____no

Body of water_____.This project links _____ to _____ along this body of water or cruising route.

6. Access to Cultural/ Natural Resources – The proposal must mention and give examples of attractions (within reasonable distance) that could be accessed by the project. Give at least one example of a local attraction, at least one example of a regional attraction and at least one example of a national attraction and approximate distance from project site.

Maximum 15 points – 5 points per attraction (1 each local, regional and national)

Local

1.

2.

Regional

1.

2.

National

1.

2.

7. **Economic Impact** – The proposal must give specific examples of economic benefit to the community, such as expected number and estimated value of each overnight stay to the local economy. The economic benefit is based on the impact of the BIG project, not the marina as a whole.

Maximum 5 points – Please estimate the total economic benefit of the project. Include the income generated from the BIG project.

Estimated economic impact of BIG project _____

8. **Multi-State Coordination** – The proposal must cite the formal plan between or among states that resulted in a coordinated effort for location of tie-up facilities; the plan must be included or referenced by title in the proposal. The proposal must cite the below agreement.

5 Points – all or nothing

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Region 5 states have entered into a signed Cooperative Regional Agreement and formal plan that results in the coordinated effort for the location of tie-up facilities.