

MUNICIPAL WATER SAFETY PATROLS STATE ASSISTANCE

Authorization: s. 30.79, Wis. Stats; s. NR 50.13, Wis. Admin. Code

Budget: Grants are prorated if requests exceed available funding.

2009-10 Fiscal Year = \$1,400,000

2010-11 Fiscal Year = \$1,400,000

Objective:

- To provide professional and uniform enforcement of boating laws ss. 30.50-30.80, Wis. Stats., and local ordinances written under 30.77(3), Wis. Stats.
- To be immediately available to perform search and rescue missions for individuals reasonably believed to be alive, in distress, and in a life threatening situation.
- To provide boating safety education.

State aid offsets the operational costs of local Boating Law Enforcement programs.

Eligibility: Municipalities, inland lake protection and rehabilitation districts, and lake sanitary districts.

Level of Assistance: Up to 75% of the net cost for enforcement of boating laws; conduct boating education programs; provide search and rescue for live persons.

Priorities: Provide active and productive enforcement of the boating laws; conduct boating education programs; provide search and rescue for live persons.

Eligible Types of Projects: Reimbursement for salaries, supplies, and equipment. Capital items valued at more than \$1,000 will be reimbursed at the rate of 20% per year over 5 years.

Applications: *An Intent to Patrol* form must be filed with the DNR prior to March 1 of each year. Grantees must maintain daily and monthly records including salary, travel, materials and supply schedules. An annual Performance Report must be submitted by November 1, of the current year and an annual claim must be submitted by January 31 for expenses incurred in the previous calendar year [pursuant to s. NR 50.13, Wis. Admin. Code].

History: Since its inception in 1972, this program has provided over \$35 million for local boating enforcement. An average of 94 municipal and local patrols apply each year.

Contact: Boating Program, LE/8
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Appropriate DNR Recreational Safety Warden

Website: None at this time.