

# 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.

2001-02 Fiscal Year = \$1,400,000

2002-03 Fiscal Year = \$1,400,000

**Objective:** To provide professional and uniform enforcement of boating laws by municipalities. 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 ss.30.50 through 30.80, Wis. Stats., and local regulation adopted under s. 30.77, Wis. Stats.

**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 and submit an annual claim to the DNR before 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 \$15.2 million for local boating enforcement. An average of 113 municipalities apply each year.

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