

Clean Boats Clean Waters

Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grant Program

Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW) is an aquatic invasive species (AIS) prevention subprogram through which volunteer or paid staff conduct boat and trailer inspections and educate boaters on how to prevent the spread of AIS at boat landings. CBCW grants provide funding to eligible sponsors to help with the cost of running a CBCW program that helps prevent the introduction of aquatic invasive species in Wisconsin's surface waters or limits the spread of aquatic invasive species that may already be present.

What are Eligible Projects?

Inspection time (200 hours) can be used at a pair of landings, either on the same lake or on two different lakes. Or you can spend the entire 200 hours of inspection time at one landing. One grant application can target up to 6 individual landings or up to 6 pairs of landings, or a combination of single and paired landings not to exceed 12 landings total.

Who May Apply?

Cities, towns, villages, counties, tribes, lake protection and rehabilitation districts, qualified lake associations, qualified river management organizations, and qualified nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply. Other eligible sponsors include private and public colleges, universities, technical schools, state and federal natural resource or land management agencies and FERC-licensed hydroelectric corporations.

What Cost Sharing is Available?

Grant funding is available for 75% of project costs up to a maximum of \$4,000 per boat landing or pair of landings. The remaining 25% of the project cost must come from the project sponsor in the form of cash, donated labor or services, or "in-kind" items. These grants are reimbursement grants, meaning all costs must first be paid by project sponsor before reimbursement can be requested from the DNR. A 25% advance payment will be automatically provided to help get the project started.

What Time Period Do the Grants Cover?

CBCW grants have a start date of February 15 and end date of December 31 of the same year. Project costs incurred prior to the start date or after the end date are not eligible for reimbursement.

What Project Activities are Eligible?

Activities eligible for CBCW funding include all of the following (also found in the *Clean Boats, Clean Waters Program Guidelines*):

1. Inspectors that have attended a training workshop and received program materials.
2. Trained inspectors deployed at boat launch sites to conduct inspections, collect and report data, provide boater education and report suspect specimens.
3. *A minimum of 200 annual hours of watercraft inspection per boat landing OR at two landings during weekends, holidays, fishing tournaments and other special events between May 1 and October 30.*
4. Data collected is reported through the statewide watercraft inspection data base (SWIMS) and must be entered into SWIMS by the project sponsor.

When are Applications Due?

Applications are due December 10th to:

DNRCBCWGrants@Wisconsin.gov

It is preferred that applications be submitted electronically, but applications can also be mailed to the address below, but must be postmarked by December 10. Incomplete applications will not be funded and will be returned to the applicant.

Application forms and guidance about the CBCW grants can be found at:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/lakes/cbcw/>



How it Works...The Application:

Applications and grant agreement have been rolled into one document. By signing page 2 of the *Clean Boats Clean Waters Funding Request and Agreement form*, you are both requesting funds and agreeing to grant conditions. Requests for funding should be submitted electronically.

Your application will be reviewed and if everything meets the CBCW program requirements, the DNR will complete and sign the grant agreement. A copy of the completed grant agreement will be returned to you and an advance payment will automatically be processed and mailed to the address in the application.

How it Works...Project Implementation:

Your CBCW landing inspection program includes landing inspector training, speaking with and educating boat launch users, conducting inspections, and collecting data to complete the *Watercraft Inspection Report* form. The project sponsor must enter CBCW data for the inspection season into the DNR SWIMS database.

How it Works...Final Reporting & Final Payment:

When data entry into SWIMS is completed, the project sponsor should complete a *Grant Payment Request & Worksheet* (Form 8700-001). All project expenses and any donations, including the total of all volunteer time, must be listed on the worksheet. The completed forms are submitted to address below.

The SWIMS database will be checked to see that staff and volunteer time claimed on the worksheet matches the data entered. The DNR will then complete final payment and a check reimbursing project expenses will be mailed to the project sponsor at address in the application.

DNR CBCW Contact

Send your completed grant application, reimbursement request, and any questions to:

DNR CBCW Grant Manager
DNRCBCWGrants@Wisconsin.gov

DNR CBCW Grant Manager
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Helpful Links

<https://dnr.wi.gov/lakes/cbcw/>

<https://www.uwsp.edu/cnr-ap/UWEXLakes/Pages/programs/cbcw/default.aspx>

