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SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS**16:63-1.1 Purpose and scope**

The I BOAT NJ Program provides grant funds to selected eligible applicants.

16:63-1.2 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

“Applicant” means a person, government agency, public or private entity or organization, either for- or non-profit, that applies for I BOAT NJ Program funds.

“Expression of Interest,” “EOI” or “EOI application” means the first part of a two-part application process for grant program funding and a designated form for this purpose.

“Grant” means a monetary award provided to an applicant to fund a project pursuant to the program.

“Grantee” means an applicant in receipt of funds from the program.

“Hard match” means an actual monetary contribution from an applicant to an I BOAT NJ Project.

“I BOAT NJ Program” or “program” means the systematic evaluation, selection and administration by the Office of Maritime Resources, of projects receiving grants from an increase in boat registration fees dedicated in a separate line item in the Maritime Industry Fund.

“I BOAT NJ Project” or “project” means a project funded by the I BOAT NJ Program.

“Marine trade industry” means the direct and indirect activities supporting the recreational marine transportation system, including boat building and marine manufacturing, education and educators, science and technology, marinas, marine trades and support services, marine environmental enhancement services, and recreational boating and fishing.

“Maritime Industry Fund” means a separate, non-lapsing, dedicated account established in the General Fund pursuant to N.J.S.A. 27:1A-82, to provide for projects that support New Jersey’s maritime industry, and managed by the Office of Maritime Resources.

“Maritime industry” means ports and terminals, ship services and boat building education, science and technology, marine trades and support services, ferries, movement of cargo and waterborne commerce, commercial and recreational fishing, navigation and government support services, including waterborne military operations and national security initiatives and the direct and indirect industries supporting the entire marine transportation system.

“Non-port projects” means those projects that do not relate to port commerce, navigation, transportation, development, and/or operations within New Jersey’s port districts.

“Proposal” means the second part of the application process, consisting of a formal written statement, including supplemental materials, in support of the application for project grant funding.

“Office of Maritime Resources” or “Office” means the Office of Maritime Resources in the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

16:63-1.3 General provisions

(a) Projects must be beneficial to the general boating public and must be directed at planning, developing, constructing, improving, advocating, or otherwise assisting the marine trade industry in New Jersey.

(b) Applicants may be eligible for project funding in categories that include, but are not limited to:

1. Development/Redevelopment:
 - i. Construction of Marine Facilities;
 - ii. Marina Development;
 - iii. Marina Rehabilitation;
 - iv. Public Access Development; and
 - v. Technology Development and Upgrades;
2. Education:
 - i. Boating, Maritime and/or Industry Education;
 - ii. Educational Forums;
 - iii. Environmental Programs and Awareness;
 - iv. Harbor and Coastal Education Programs;
 - v. Maritime and/or Marine Trade Cultural or Historical Awareness; and
 - vi. Scientific Studies;
3. Environmental:
 - i. Best Management Practices;
 - ii. Environmental Enhancements;
 - iii. Environmental Programs and Awareness;
 - iv. Mitigation of Factors that Impede Marine Trade/Boating Development;
 - v. Pollution Prevention;
 - vi. Sediment Reduction;
 - vii. Scientific Studies;
 - viii. Technical Evaluation; and
 - ix. Wake Mitigation;
4. Safety:
 - i. Aids to Navigation/Maintenance;
 - ii. Best Management Practices;
 - iii. Boating Safety Programs: Education, Materials, Outreach;
 - iv. Resource Distribution; and
 - v. Wake Mitigation;
5. Maritime/Marine Trade Advocacy:
 - i. Industry Promotion and Tourism;
 - ii. Marine Trades Development;
 - iii. Planning/Feasibility Studies; and
 - iv. Public Outreach; and
6. Miscellaneous:
 - i. GIS Mapping: Ramp, Service Locators;
 - ii. Harbor Management Programs;
 - iii. Marine Services;
 - iv. Marine/Maritime Technology Development;
 - v. Maritime History and Heritage;
 - vi. Matching Funds for Federal Aid;
 - vii. Mitigation of Factors that Impede Marine Trade/Boating Development;
 - viii. Science and Technology;
 - ix. Transient Boating Services;
 - x. Website Development; and
 - xi. Other.

(c) All I BOAT NJ projects meeting the selection criteria will be considered for grant funding. Grant funding will be awarded based upon the number of qualified applicants, and the amount of funds available in a given fiscal year.

(d) A project may receive less than the amount requested in the application.

(e) A one percent discretionary set-aside from the available fiscal year funding may be utilized by the Office of Maritime Resources to fund program administration costs such as program marketing, sign development and production, and other costs applicable to the administration of the I BOAT NJ Program.

16:63-1.4 Grant funding

(a) Financial assistance will be awarded in the form of a grant based on the following funding allocation.

1. No match requirement. Subject to available funds, certain projects may be eligible to receive a no-match grant.