

## **SLO Function Recommended Funding**

The following funding requirements should be added to the district budget model and funding sources/methods identified to meet these needs.

While the Auxiliary is the Coast Guard's primary source for providing recreational boating safety support in each district, in most cases they are not included, and funding is not provided, when the Coast Guard sits down with the States to discuss their concerns and plans for addressing the recreational boating safety issues in their District/States. The Coast Guard is currently providing the funding for the State Boating Law Administrators (BLAs) when there are recreational boating safety issues to be discussed. The Auxiliary should also be funded, by the Coast Guard, as part of this TEAM.

Funding requirements for the SLO:

- a. Meeting with the BLA at least quarterly.
- b. Attend the District RBS Workshop (sponsored by the CG District RBS Specialist).
- c. Attend regularly scheduled meetings of the state boating advisory councils and/or commissions (often at varying locations within the state).
- d. Attend Division meetings (within the state they represent) and District Conferences/Meetings.
- e. Communications.
- f. Attend appropriate BLA Area meetings.

Funding requirements for DCO/VCO:

- a. Attend meetings with State BLAs within District/Region – optimum would be twice a year.
- b. Attend Area BLA meetings when appropriate.

Meetings with the BLA – While the optimum situation would be that the SLO reside in the same area as the BLA Office is located this may not always be possible.

District RBS Workshop - This workshop is sponsored by the Coast Guard District Recreational Boating Safety Specialist. The Coast Guard funds the BLAs and/or their representatives to discuss the RBS concerns and initiatives of both the Coast Guard and the States. As the Auxiliary's primary mission in support of the Coast Guard is in the area of RBS, it is critical that the SLOs be involved in these meetings. As we look to improve State relationships, it is important to know what the concerns of the State and Coast Guard are so the services we provide are meeting the needs of our customers. As their primary partner in RBS, the Coast Guard should also be funding the SLOs, DSO-SL (where appointed) and DCO to this meeting.

District Conferences/Meetings and Division Meetings – Attendance required to meet the job description. Additionally, if a BLA is to be a guest at a District/Division meeting, the respective SLO should also be funded to attend as they are the key liaison between the Auxiliary and the BLA.

Communications – Provide for reimbursement (or prepaid calling cards) for telephone communications with DCO/VCO, RBS Specialist, DIRAUX, BLA and District/Division staff as necessary to meet the needs of their job description.

District Commodore Meetings – While it was recognized that in some Districts/Regions, that have a large number of States in their areas, it would be very difficult, if not impossible, for the DCO to meet with each BLA twice a year, it is still important that the DCO have come contact with the BLA(s). It was suggested that by attending meetings such as the RBS Workshop and the Area BLA meetings, they would be able to meet with most if not all of the BLAs in their District at these events. Arrangements could be made to extend meetings an additional day or part of a day if necessary. It is important for the DCO to know first hand what the needs of their primary customers, the Coast Guard and the States, as they establish the goals and direction for the District Auxiliary.