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## Recreational Boating Safety Affairs Department



# Grants Handbook

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# USCG AUXILIARY RBS AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

## RECREATIONAL BOATING SAFETY AWARDS AND GRANTS AWARDS - 2011

### **NATIONAL WATER SAFETY CONGRESS**

<http://www.watersafetycongress.org/>

**Awards** – There are various levels of awards available from the NWSC.  
<http://www.watersafetycongress.org/Awards.shtml>

The National Water Safety Congress has an extensive award program to recognize those people who contribute to the safety of everyone who enjoys water recreation.

Each year the National Water Safety Congress (NWSC) presents awards at the annual International Boating and Water Safety Summit to selected individuals and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to water safety during the previous year.

Recognition of those who contribute substantially to water safety is encouraged to further promote water and boating safety, helping to reduce the number of drowning and boating accidents now occurring each year. Please research your area and nominate the most deserving individual or group for one of the awards.

NWSC's extensive award program recognizes the contributions of the many water safety professionals and dedicated volunteers. Please check out our award program and nominate anyone that you know has performed a laudable water safety act. This gives us all an opportunity to say "Thank You" and to inspire others to continue to give their best for water safety!

The following are a list of the number of NWSC Awards to be presented at the International Boating and Water Safety Summit:

**National Award** (one for the entire nation) -

Presented annually to an individual, organization, firm or agency that has made a significant contribution to water safety issues/programs on a NATIONAL scale.

**Regional Award** (six total - one per region) -

Presented annually to an Individual, organization, firm or agency that has contributed the most to water safety issues or programs within a region or, as a minimum, within a multi-state area (may cover more than one Region).

**Award of Merit** (29 total - see below) -

Awards are selected from nominees that the Regional Vice President believes made a

significant contribution or an outstanding effort to enhance or promote water safety at the local or state level.

Number of Awards of Merit per region:

Region 1 - 6 Awards  
Region 2 - 5 Awards  
Region 3 - 6 Awards  
Region 4 - 4 Awards  
Region 5 - 4 Awards  
Region 6 - 4 Awards

**Letter of Commendation** (27 total - see below) -

This award was established to recognize Councils, organizations, programs, activities, or individuals who have made life-time achievements or significant or outstanding accomplishments in promoting water safety that deserves special recognition by a national organization such as the NWSC.

Number of Letters of Commendation per region:

Region 1 - 6 Awards  
Region 2 - 5 Awards  
Region 3 - 4 Awards  
Region 4 - 4 Awards  
Region 5 - 4 Awards  
Region 6 - 4 Awards

\*Attendance is not required to be an award recipient and scholarships are generally available to those wishing to defray the cost of attending the Summit to be present at the Awards Luncheon.

Only one nomination should be submitted, however, additional submittals may be made in special cases. If two or more are submitted, please prioritize in order of preference for an award. Please complete and return a nomination form to your Regional Vice President, who can be located at: <http://www.watersafetycongress.org/regional.shtml>

The deadline for these awards is normally in November, check the web site.

## **NATIONAL SAFE BOATING COUNCIL**

<http://www.safeboatingcouncil.org/>

### **Awards –**

#### **Boating Safety Hall of Fame**

<http://www.safeboatingcouncil.org/awards/hofapplication.pdf>

Deadline: May be submitted any time.

The National Safe Boating Council honors individuals who have shown exemplary leadership and performed outstanding service on behalf of safe boating and the council. All are known as true champions of boating safety.

#### **Boating Safety Youth Award**

<http://www.safeboatingcouncil.org/awards/youth.htm>

Deadline: December 31

The purpose of the Boating Safety Youth Program Award is to provide a vehicle for recognizing individuals and organizations that have developed and successfully implemented innovative youth boating education programs targeting safety issues and concerns of national interest. The Boat Owners Association of the United States (BoatUS.) sponsors the program and is a member of the NSBC. This award includes a cash prize of \$2500 to be used for the implementation or enhancement of a youth-oriented boating safety program. In addition, the group will receive a beautiful trophy and a trip to the International Boating and Water Safety Summit (Summit). The attendance at the Summit, travel, lodging and subsistence based on the federal allowance will be covered for one representative of the winning program.

## **GRANTS**

### **Policies for Coast Guard Auxiliary organizations submitting applications for grants from any Non-Profit Organization - 501(c) 3.**

Flotillas/Divisions submit their request directly to the grantor filling in everything except the “Recipient Organization and Authorized representative” information, or, insert Coast Guard Auxiliary Association, Inc. as the Recipient Organization and leave the remaining portion of the section blank. Once the grantor determined who will be awarded the grant, the grantor should send the application to: [DirectorDevelopment@cgauxa.org](mailto:DirectorDevelopment@cgauxa.org)

The Director of Development, CGAuxA, Inc. will sign as the authorized representative for CGAuxA, Inc. When that has been completed and returned to the grantor, the grantor should issue the check to the Association covering all grants monies that are approved and send it with copies of the approved grant agreements to: [executivedirector@cgauxa.org](mailto:executivedirector@cgauxa.org)

The Executive Director, CGAuxA, Inc. will use that information to distribute the checks accordingly, along with sending the recipients a cover letter reminding them to fulfill the

requirements in the agreement which include providing a copy of their reports to the grantor and to the AUXCEN for filing with the grant agreements.

### **WALMART COMMUNITY GRANTS**

A Flotilla may apply for a WalMart grant at one of their facilities. Fill out the application and forward it through the Coast Guard Auxiliary Association, Director of Development as out lined above. If approved, it will come back directly to the Association which will then forward a check to the applying Flotilla.

### **BOATUS FOUNDATION**

<http://www.boatus.com/foundation/Grants/Index>

#### **Combined Boating Safety and Clean Water Grants**

Sign up for E-Newsletter to keep up to date with developments and deadlines which have recently been changed to the spring of the year and include voting on the Internet.

This new grant's purpose is to educate the public about actions they can take to be safer and cleaner while boating.

The Foundation awards local volunteer organizations up to \$4,000 for the promotion of boating safety education clean water education. Over the past 20 years the Foundation has awarded over \$1 Million to local community organizations, yacht clubs, flotillas and squadrons. The Foundation is looking for creative and innovative projects that promote safe boating and clean water on your local waterway.

The BoatUS Foundation had a **Life Jacket Design Competition** in 2010 which is now closed. Visit the Foundation's web site for more information about that and other competitions or other opportunities.

### **NATIONAL SAFE BOATING COUNCIL**

#### **OMC Take 'em Boating Grant Program**

<http://www.safeboatingcouncil.org/awards/index.htm>

Deadline for submissions: 1 October to 31 December

The OMC endowment shall ensure that local youth programs have a source of start-up funds through a grant, judged and administered by the National Safe Boating Council. The client group to be served will be young boaters, 6 to 18 years age group. A call for grant proposals shall go out annually, and a single entry judged superior would be

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awarded a nominal sum, basically the endowment minus expenses. The award is one cash grant of up to \$5000 to be used for the enhancement or development of a youth-oriented hands-on boating program.

### ***NATIONAL WATER SAFETY CONGRESS***

Grants – <http://www.watersafetycongress.org/grassroots.shtml>

The Congress awards Local Water Safety Council / Grassroots grants up to \$2,000. The application is at the web address above and should be submitted by 1 December.

The continuing goal of the Congress/Coast Guard partnership is to build and maintain a National network of partners whose specific goals address life jacket wear, recreational boating safety, support of grassroots efforts in boating and water safety and to address creation of boating safety education for youth and families on a local scale.

### ***U. S. COAST GUARD***

#### **Coast Guard Non-Profit Grant Program**

Only a national non-profit organization may apply, and the project must be National in scope. Application packages can be seen at the web site below, usually in October. The deadline for submissions is usually in January.

If an Auxiliarist or an Auxiliary unit has an idea for such a grant, an outline of the idea should be formulated and passed up the chain of communications to the National EXCOM. If the idea is accepted, an action officer will be designated to write the grant and become the official representative. There are many aspects to the application, addressing objectives in the National RBS Strategic Plan, including measurements of success, a complete financial plan, detailed descriptions of the project's work, bio's on the principal project officers, relationships with other organizations that might be involved, sometimes favor is given to organizations that are partnering on a project, will it match the list of CG requests for grant proposals, short and long term accomplishments, can the project be completed in one year, or is it a multi-year endeavor - which is acceptable (National Safe Boating Week), and the list goes on.

Each year the Coast Guard awards several grants to Non-Profit organizations. Details of this program can be seen at: [http://uscgboating.org/grants/nonprofit\\_grants.aspx](http://uscgboating.org/grants/nonprofit_grants.aspx)

### ***OTHER GRANT SOURCES***

[www.Grants.Gov](http://www.Grants.Gov) is your source to find and apply for federal grants.

Often, counties and local governments, water boards and states have grant programs. It's best to Google them in your area.

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