

NC Water & Boating Grant Opportunities—QUICK FACTS

Public Beach & Coastal Waterfront Access Program

Who can apply:

20 Coastal counties and their municipalities.

Application Deadline:

Pre-Applications: April 16, 2021

Final Applications: August 16, 2021

Project Types:

Water Access projects including: land acquisition, development of new access sites, and renovations of existing sites.

Available Funding:

Approximately \$1 million.

Request Limit: No limit, but larger requests may be difficult to accommodate.

Local Match Requirements:

Acquisition 15%* of project cost

Improvements 25%* of project cost

*Match is 10% for Tier 1 Communities

Awards Announced: Late Fall 2021

Project Length: 18 months

Project Starts: Between January & March 2022

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Parks & Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF)

Who can apply:

All incorporated local governments (municipalities and counties).

Application Deadline:

May 3, 2021

Project Types:

Parks and Recreation projects including: land acquisition, development of new rec facilities, renovation of existing rec facilities, trails/greenways.

Available Funding:

Varies. Funds are allocated by the General Assembly on an annual basis.

Request Limit: Up to \$500,000.

Local Match Requirements:

Dollar for dollar.

Awards Announced: Late Summer or Early Fall

Project Length: 3 years

Project Starts: Upon executed contract between the State and the local government .

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Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

Who can apply:

Counties and Municipalities

Application Deadline:

October 1, 2021, cycle opens in March

Project Types: Land Acquisition and Outdoor Recreation Facilities. Most Indoor facilities are not eligible.

Available Funding: LWCF has seen significant increases in annual apportionment in recent years. In 2021, North Carolina received \$7.1 million. This will be divided between local governments and state parks.

Request Limit: Up to \$500,000

Local Match Requirements: A minimum of 50%. The match rate is determined by total project costs, amount requested, and funding limits. The maximum federal share is 50%. The recipient could be greater than 50%.

Awards Announced: Recommendations submitted to NPS December-January. NPS expected to announce awards early spring 2022.

Project Length: 3 years

Project Starts: Spring 2022 - After awards have gone to contract. Some pre-award planning cost are eligible if pre-approved and noted in the application

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North Carolina Land and Water Fund (NCLWF)

Who can apply:

Local governments, state government agencies, non-profits.

Application Deadline:

February 1, 2021.

Project Types:

Land acquisitions that protect water quality, natural heritage values, military buffer, historical and cultural values; acquisitions of greenway corridors; stream restorations; innovative stormwater management projects.

Available Funding:

Approximately \$18 million

Request Limit:

No limit, although awards are usually capped.

Local Match Requirements:

No requirement, though application score is partially based on the amount and source of match funding.

Awards Announced: Early Fall 2021

Project Length: Typically no more than 36 months.

Project Starts: Projects are expected to be under contract within 1 year of the award date.

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Water Resources Development Program

Who can apply: Units of local government

Application Deadline: December 31 (Fall Cycle) and June 30 (Spring Cycle)

Project Types: Water-Based Recreation (Land Acquisition & facility development such as Boardwalks, Fishing Docks, Greenways/Trails, Paddle access sites, Piers, Treehouses, etc.).

Available Funding: \$2M for FY20-21

Request Limit: \$200,000.

Local Match Requirements:
50% of non-federal expenses

Awards Announced: October (Spring applications) & May (Fall applications)

Project Length: 2 years, with 1 year extension.

Project Starts: Upon grantee receipt of a fully-executed contract (signed by DEQ and grantee).

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Recreation Trails Program (RTP)

Who can apply: Governmental Agencies and Non-profit Organizations

Application Deadline: TBD
Pre-Application:
Final Application:

Project Types:
Off-Highway trails of all types. OHV, Equestrian, Bike, Hike, Greenways, Paddle Trails, multi-use. ALSO Safety and Education Trail Grants are awarded with a percentage of the funds.

Available Funding:
Approximately \$1.49 million

Request Limit:
\$10,000 - \$250,000

Local Match Requirements:
Reimbursement grant with a 80/20 split (must provide 25% of the total RTP Funds).

Awards Announced:
Summer (After NC Trails Committee meeting)

Project Length: 2 years

Project Starts:
Variable and flexible

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Boating Infrastructure Grant Program (BIG P)

Who can apply: Only State agencies can apply for and receive grants from this program. However, local governments, NGOs, private marinas, and others can apply as subgrantees and cooperators.

Application Deadline:
Varies, but typically mid-August.

Project Types: Construction, renovation, and maintenance of boating infrastructure facilities for transient recreational vessels at least 26 feet long that are operated, leased, rented, or chartered primarily for pleasure.

Request Limit:
Tier 1: \$200,000
Tier 2: \$200,000 up to \$1.5M

Local Match Requirements:
25% of the project cost

Awards Announced:
Spring of the year after the RFP is submitted

Project Length: 3 years

Project Starts: Start date is variable and dependent on all compliance being met, and a fully executed contract in place.
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N.C. Clean Vessel Act Program

Who can apply: Marinas, private, commercial, residential and municipal, gas/service docks, fish houses and other boat docking facilities in the 20 Coastal counties

Application Deadline: No Deadline, can apply any time as long as money is still available.

Project Types: Construction, renovation, planning and engineering for pumpout stations, including systems damaged during storms and necessary piping to connect to the marina sewage system.

Available Funding:
Varies

Request Limit:
\$20,000

Local Match Requirements:
25% of the project cost

Awards Announced:
Applicant would receive an award letter after the application was approved.

Project Length:
Variable and flexible

Project Starts:
Variable and flexible, after a fully executed contract has been received.

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