



FINANCE & GRANTS COMMITTEE

2025 - 2026

APPROVED COMMITTEE CHARGES

CONTINUING CHARGES

FG_2026-1: Grant Cycle Process

For the purpose of reducing administrative time spent on the grant application and management process, produce best practice documents available for all states to use and reference when submitting grant applications, reports and required information to the USCG RBS State Program Grant Program. Work with the USCG to ensure all requirements are met. Assist in developing training opportunities around the grant application process. Work with the USCG to establish in-person opportunities for states to meet with USCG grant managers to review RBS grant narratives and applications (i.e., grant narrative, budget tool, equipment list, quarterly reports, PRPI, PRPII, registered vessel reporting).

Deliverable(s): Continue to promote the Crosswalk that was presented at the 2025 NASBLA Annual Conference.

FG_2026-2: Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund

Develop resources and marketing materials (i.e., Dashboards) to aid the States in promoting their RBS programs and the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund. Assist the states in understanding where the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund money comes from, where it goes and how it is working for the States. Provide resources that educate the states.

Deliverable(s): Continue developing an infographic-style rack card (PDF) that highlights key data sets funded through the Boating Trust Fund and demonstrates how state boating dollars are used.

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FG_2026-3: Training

Develop and facilitate virtual, in person, and on demand training for BLAs and financial and grant management staff on the RBS grant application process and how to maximize their federal and state dollars. Develop and launch an annual training survey to determine additional training needs. Due to various challenges, this charge was not successful in developing new training.

Deliverable(s): Continue advocating for in-person training opportunities from the U.S. Coast Guard related to the Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) Grant Program.

FG_2026-4: State Guide

Continue working with states and the U.S. Coast Guard to review the State Guide and identify suggested improvements through the ad hoc committee established by Joe McCullough in 2025. Additionally, determine and develop resources to support state personnel in understanding and implementing the State Guide.

Deliverable(s): The ad hoc committee established in 2025 will continue reviewing the State Guide to identify and develop resources that assist state personnel in understanding and implementing the requirements outlined for the Recreational Boating Safety State Grant Program. Recommendations will be provided to the U.S. Coast Guard.