



Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) Funding Fact Sheet

PURPOSE:

Provide grant funding to construct, renovate, or maintain facilities for eligible vessels¹ twenty-six feet or more in length. *(see description of eligible vessels below)*

COST-SHARING REQUIREMENTS:

- BIG grants can cover up to 75% of the project costs, *requiring a 25% non-federal match from the project partner* (i.e. city, municipality, borough, etc.)

EXAMPLES OF ELIGIBLE PROJECTS:

- Construction/renovation of transient vessel moorage dock space in an existing harbor
- Improvements to existing transient moorage docks to provide better utilities to transient vessels
- Construction/renovation of remote refuge dock to provide safe moorage for recreational vessels transiting through the region

SPECIAL NOTES:

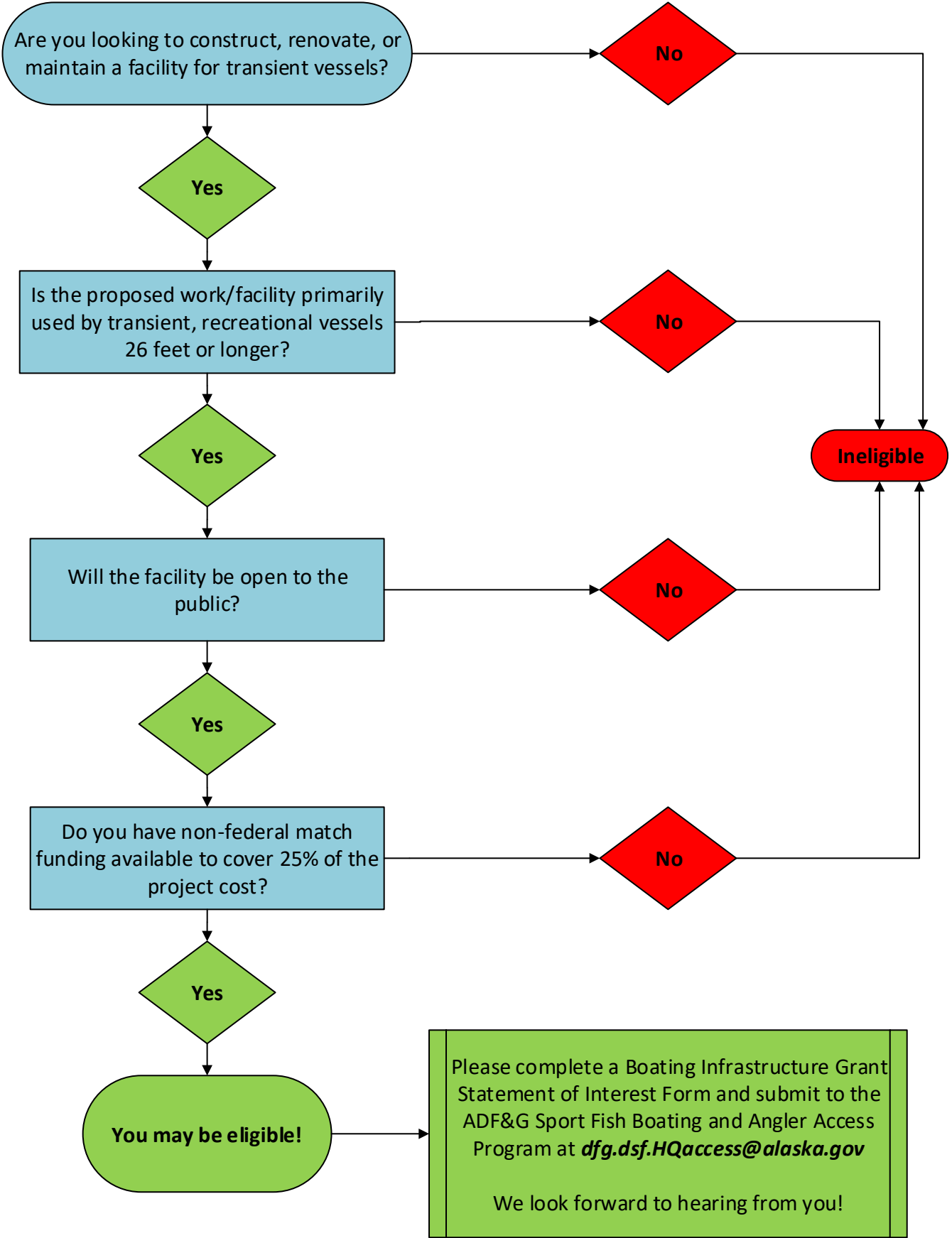
- Facilities constructed, operated, or maintained with BIG funding must offer reasonable access for all transient recreational vessels for the full period of their useful life
- Facilities must be open to the public during reasonable time periods
- Although fees may be charged to use the facility, fees must be comparable to the prevailing fees in the area
- New constructions and renovations must be designed to last throughout the useful life

SOURCE OF FUNDS:

- BIG funding from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Conservation Investment is awarded to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Investment and distributed to project partners through reimbursable agreements.
- Funding includes revenues from:
 - Excise taxes on sport fishing equipment and electric motors
 - Import duties on fishing tackle, yachts, and pleasure craft
 - Portion of gasoline tax attributable to motorboats and small engines
 - Interest earned on the Sport Fish Restoration & Boating Trust Fund

¹ Eligible vessel means a transient recreational vessel at least 26 feet long. The term includes vessels that are owned, loaned, rented, or chartered. The term does not include commercial vessels, vessels that dock or operate permanently from the facility where a BIG-funded project is located, or vessels that receive payment to routinely transport passengers on a prescribed route, such as cruise ships, dive boats, and ferries.

Are You Eligible for Boating Infrastructure Grant Funding?



Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Division of Sport Fish

Boating & Angler Access Program



Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) Project Statement of Interest

The Borough/Municipality/City/Village/Agency (circle one) of _____ is interested in obtaining Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) funding from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish for a boating infrastructure project to benefit transient recreational vessels in our area. The following is a brief description of the project.

Project Description: *(Existing site conditions including photos, summary of proposed work, design drawings if available, expected costs and project timing, etc...if attached in separate document, simply state "see attached")*

Who will be responsible for the facility maintenance for the entirety of its useful life?

Total estimated cost: \$ _____

Do you have non-federal matching funds available? Yes/No (circle one)

NOTE: The Borough/Municipality/City/Village/Agency must provide at least 25% of this amount from a non-federal source as match.

How many boats do you anticipate will use the facility per year?

Recreational ¹	
Charter	
Commercial Fishing	
Tour Boats	
Other	
Total Estimated Annual Users	

Do you intend to charge a user fee? No Yes

NOTE: User fees are limited to \$5 per use for private recreational boats unless a higher fee is approved by the USFWS.

Local Contact Information:

Name	
Mailing Address	
Email Address	
Phone Number	

¹A recreational boat is a privately owned vessel, operated for the pleasure of those on board. This includes bare-boat charters/rental boats.