

## **Nonprofit Organization Grants:**

Coast Guard Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety  
Recreational Boating Safety

Federal Grant Title:	National Non-Profit Organization Grant Program
Federal Agency:	United States Coast Guard
Funding Opportunity Number:	DHS-USCG-2022-001
Type of Funding:	Cooperative Agreement
CFDA Numbers:	97.012
CFDA Descriptions:	Boating Safety Financial Assistance

Grantee: National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA)  
Grant Number: 70Z02322MO0005079  
Grant Title: Operation Dry Water  
Period of Performance: 3 year grant

Award Amount: \$250,000.00

### **Summary:**

In 2023, 2024 and 2025, the national Operation Dry Water campaign will be led and coordinated by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) and will result in a national crackdown on alcohol- and drug-related boating under the influence and an expansive year-round public outreach and awareness campaign addressing the dangers and risks associated with boating under the influence. The campaign will take place across all regions, in every U.S. state and territory with participation from local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. Participation will also include stakeholders that serve the boating safety public within the recreational boating safety community.

Through the work of the national Operation Dry Water campaign and the year-round efforts of the hundreds of agencies and partners that participate, hundreds of thousands of recreational boaters will be contacted and educated at the local level across all regions on the danger and negative impact of boating impaired. As a result of the three-day heightened enforcement weekend, hundreds of impaired operators will be removed from the waterways, boating under the influence laws will be reinforced, and thousands of boaters will be educated on an individual level about safe boating practices. The campaign will also attract local, regional and national media coverage through the communications and media relations efforts of NASBLA and the participating agencies and partners.

The Operation Dry Water campaign addresses boating under the influence of alcohol (BUI) and drugs (BUI-D). This campaign will reduce the number of accidents, injuries and deaths on America's waterways due to boating under the influence and assist in providing a safe, enjoyable experience for the boating public. This campaign coordinates partnerships nationally that

facilitate uniformity in boating safety efforts, increase enforcement of boating under the influence laws, and positively impacts the boating culture surrounding boating under the influence.

In 2020, U.S. Coast Guard recreational boating statistics indicated that alcohol use is the leading known contributing factor in fatal boating accidents. Alcohol use is also one of the top contributing factors in the number of recreational boating accidents. These facts highlight the necessity of a year-round, national alcohol- and drug-related BUI enforcement and public awareness campaign that addresses this issue at the local, state and federal levels.

Operation Dry Water will help unify boating enforcement efforts across all regions and increase boating safety enforcement with a targeted focus on boating under the influence. The campaign will increase knowledge and communications with the law enforcement and the judicial community about BUI enforcement and establish partnerships to move toward unifying the relationship between boating under the influence (BUI) and driving under the influence (DUI).

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