

Nonprofit Organization Grants:

Coast Guard Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety
Recreational Boating Safety

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Summary:

The National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) is seeking a grant from the U.S. Coast Guard to build on the ongoing development of Technical Solutions & Surveillance Recommendations through the Injury Surveillance Workgroup (ISW) Process (a.k.a. Boat Occupant Injury Surveillance). This application will serve to build on the two prior tiers and commence the final tier of a three-tiered initiative focused on using a public health approach to enhance boat occupant injury surveillance and prevent occupant injuries and enhance safety. Development of Technical Solutions & Surveillance Recommendations through the ISW Process addresses a recognized need that “While operator education seems fundamental to increasing boating safety, building a safety culture for all boaters, including passengers, will most effectively reduce casualties.”

In Tier 1 of this effort, the Safe States Alliance and NASBLA convened a roundtable of boating safety and public health injury surveillance experts to discuss efforts to improve boating-related injury data collection and analysis; examine data sources that can be used to monitor the at-risk population, including nonfatal drownings at the national, state and local jurisdictional levels; identified key limitations and barriers in the collection and use of such data; shared innovative approaches used in states and communities to address barriers; and identified key opportunities for improving and standardizing surveillance in this area.

Tier 2 of this project, an ongoing two-year effort that commenced in July 2020, consists of an Injury Surveillance Workgroup (ISW) that is discussing, investigating, and researching the issues identified as needs for boating-related injury surveillance and offering technical solutions. These

include: creating data definitions and standards across data sources; determining recommended data sources to monitor recreational boating-related injuries; utilizing existing data sources and geographical mapping tools to obtain a complete picture of fatal and non-fatal recreational boating-related injuries; addressing key limitations and barriers in the collection and use of surveillance data; and identifying opportunities for improving and standardizing public health surveillance of boat occupant-related injuries. The result of this effort – upon completion in Fall 2022 - will be publication of an ISW report consisting of expert consensus-based recommendations to improve occupant safety through enhanced surveillance and monitoring. This report will also serve as an instructional manual for states and jurisdictions for conducting recreational boating injury surveillance in a systematic way using existing surveillance datasets inclusive of but not limited to the Boating Accident Report Database (BARD).

Tier 3 of this effort – proposed in this application – is to pilot test the recommendations contained in the report in the field. The pilot test will focus on three key areas: data access, data linkages, and partnerships. Working with key state partners, Safe States and NASBLA will then evaluate the pilot test and refine the recommendations for broad usage in the field

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