

**NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 451 of 1994**

**324.78115 Public boating access sites grant program.**

Sec. 78115.

(1) The department shall establish a public boating access sites grant program. The grant program shall provide funding with money in the waterways account to local units of government and public colleges or universities for all or a portion of the cost of either or both of the following:

- (a) The acquisition of land for the establishment of a public boating access site.
- (b) The cost of developing a public boating access site.

(2) A grant under subsection (1)(a) may be used as the required match by a local unit of government or a public college or university under part 19 or another state or federal program.

(3) A local unit of government or a public college or university receiving a grant under subsection (1)(b) must agree to operate the public boating access site in accordance with the department's operational requirements. The operational requirements shall be included within a grant agreement that is entered into by the grant recipient and the department. The grant agreement may contain, but need not be limited to, 1 or more of the following provisions as required by the department:

(a) Any net revenues accruing from the operation of the public boating access site shall be separately accounted for and reserved in a restricted fund by the grantee for the future maintenance or expansion of the public boating access site or, with the approval of the department, the construction of other recreational boating facilities. Unless otherwise provided in the grant agreement or otherwise authorized in writing by the department, if a fee is charged for the use of the public boating access site, the fee shall be the same as the fee rates set by the department.

(b) Unless otherwise provided in the grant agreement or otherwise authorized in writing by the department, the public boating access site and any facilities constructed for use in conjunction with the public boating access site shall be reserved by the grantee exclusively for the use or rental, on a daily basis, of recreational watercraft.

(c) Unless otherwise provided in the grant agreement or otherwise authorized in writing by the department, commercial operations of any type shall not be permitted to regularly use the public boating access site or any of the facilities constructed for use in conjunction with the public boating access site.

(d) The public boating access site and any facilities constructed for use in conjunction with that public boating access site shall be open to the public at all times on equal and reasonable terms.

(4) A local unit of government or a public college or university that wishes to be considered for a grant under this section shall submit an application to the department in a manner prescribed by the department and containing the information required by the department.

**History:** Add. 1998, Act 210, Imd. Eff. July 1, 1998 ;-- Am. 2003, Act 19, Imd. Eff. June 18, 2003 ;-- Am. 2004, Act 587, Eff. Dec. 23, 2006

**Compiler's Notes:** Enacting section 2 of Act 587 of 2004 provides: "Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect unless House Joint Resolution Z of the 92nd Legislature becomes a part of the state constitution of 1963 as provided in section 1 of article XII of the state constitution of 1963."

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