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Division of Boating and Waterways Offers Grants to Help Keep California's Waterways Clean

\$840,000 available for the deployment of floating restrooms

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) is now accepting grant applications from public government entities for the purchase/deployment and maintenance of floating restrooms across California's waterways. Interested entities should review the grant guidelines and submit the grant applications to DBW's office by 5 p.m. PST Nov. 15, 2018.

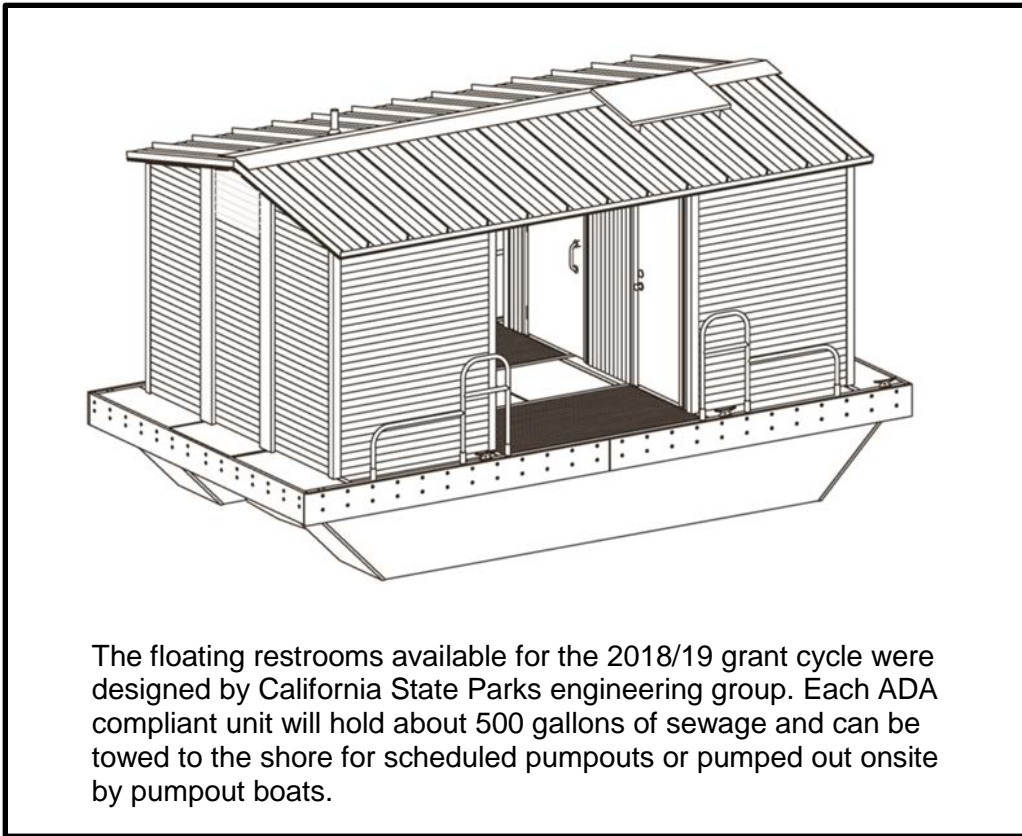
The Floating Restroom Grant Program helps reduce pollution from recreational boater sewage by providing floating public restrooms in areas with limited landside access. Over one million gallons of sewage are kept out of California's waterways each year with the use of floating restrooms. Solar-powered, the holding tanks of these facilities capture about 500 gallons of sewage. Earlier engineering designs of floating restrooms were known as S.S. Relief Stations. California State Parks engineering group re-designed the restrooms for this 2019 grant cycle to be ADA compliant.

For this year, a total of \$840,000 in federal and state funding is available for the purchase and deployment of approximately nine DBW-designed and developed ADA-compliant floating restrooms. Grants are also available to offset ongoing operation and maintenance costs of these units. To be eligible for funding, grant applicants must operate a California lake or reservoir that is open to the public.

DBW staff will rank the competitive grant applications according to need, as well as the ability to operate and maintain the floating restrooms for at least 10 years. The division expects to announce grant recipients early in 2019.

The Floating Restroom Grant Program is available through the Clean Vessel Act, which is funded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife, Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program and the Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund. More than 260 floating restrooms have been placed on California lakes and reservoirs through this grant program since 1972. About 160 restrooms are currently deployed.

General information on the grant requirements and online application can be found on DBW's [Floating Restroom Grant webpage](#).



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DBW is a division of California State Parks. The division enhances public access to California's waterways and promotes on-the-water safety to California's more than four million motorized and non-motorized boaters through programs funded by vessel registration fees, boating fuel tax dollars and boating facility construction loan payments.

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