

Clean Boats, Clean Waters (CBCW) is an outreach program designed to educate and engage water recreational users in behaviors that will limit or prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS) in Michigan. CBCW grants provide funding to organizations communicating AIS prevention information through printed outreach materials and in-person events to boaters. Applicants are highly encouraged to partner with other conservation organizations and to conduct boater outreach on a regional scale. This funding opportunity is noncompetitive, and **complete applications that meet eligibility requirements will be funded in the order that they are received if project funds are available.**

Organizations qualified for Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program (MISGP) funds (e.g., CISMAs) are highly encouraged to pursue MISGP funds to perform boater outreach activities. CBCW is a joint effort between Michigan State University Extension and the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy. Funding for CBCW and this grant opportunity is provided by the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

Eligible Expenditures

- Producing existing state approved AIS outreach materials (e.g., printed materials, banners, flags, signage, floating key chains and towels) and/or designing and producing new materials with approved messaging consistent with outreach campaigns in use in Michigan. Outreach materials will be reviewed within 30 days of submittal to grant administrators. Please contact Kevin Walters (waltersk3@michigan.gov) with EGLE for examples of existing approved materials.
- AIS removal supplies such as plant removal tools, sponges, wrenches for removing drain plugs, towels and plastic scrapers.
- Event supplies including tables, chairs and tents.
- Clean Boats, Clean Waters volunteer recognition apparel items (i.e., lanyards, shirts, aprons, hats).
- Staff time to perform watercraft inspections, demonstration of boat cleaning techniques and/or outreach to boaters.
- Shipping and handling for the distribution of materials.
- Outreach activities can take place at various locations including but not limited to bait and tackle shops, county fairs, public and private boat launches and waterbodies that do and do not have public access.

NOTE: Ineligible expenditures include but are not limited to the partial purchase, upkeep and/or the maintenance of a mechanical boat washing station (i.e., boat cleaning systems using high pressured water, waterless decontamination systems) and indirect costs and fringe for staffing.

Examples of CBCW Eligible Projects

- Interpretive signage at a county or township park, nature center or boat launch about proper cleaning techniques to prevent AIS.
- Boater education station with plant removal tools, sponges and signage.
- Educational booth during weekends at a popular boat launch or community event.
- Educational presentations to anglers participating in a fishing tournament.

NOTE: Permission of boat launch owners and/or managers needs to be obtained prior to any project implementation. For example, Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Parks and Recreation Division may require a use permit for any events held at DNR owned/managed boating access sites.

Eligible Organizations

- Local or tribal units of government
- Lake associations/watershed protection groups
- Non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations

Funding Amount

- The grant request amount should range from \$1,000 to \$3,000 per grantee. A maximum of \$20,000 total will be distributed in 2021.
- There is no match or cost sharing requirement.
- Funds will be distributed via a one-time reimbursement of eligible expenses.

Required Grant Activities

All of the following activities are required to receive grant funding:

- A minimum of three in-person (or virtual) outreach events must be held with CBCW outreach materials.
- Grantee and/or volunteers are required to review CBCW training materials (approximately 1 hour of reading/viewing).
- Grantee and/or volunteers must collect and report data on the number of boaters reached, volunteer hours (if applicable), number of outreach materials distributed, and locations (minimum of waterbody name, county, and township) of outreach materials/events.
- A year end narrative report of activities and expenditures. Requires a minimum of five photos of products and/or outreach conducted. Narrative report is due December 31, 2021.
- All grant activities must comply with current orders regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

Grant Timeline

- The grant application period is open, and applications will be accepted until February 19, 2021 or until \$20,000 has been allocated, whichever comes first. This funding opportunity is noncompetitive, and complete and eligible applications will be funded in the order that they are received if project funds are available.
- Applicants will be informed by March 1, 2021 of grant decisions.
- Grant activities must be completed by December 31, 2021 to be eligible for reimbursement.

Application and Submission Process

- Incomplete applications are ineligible.
- Funding will only be granted to applicants with complete and eligible applications at the time it is received.
- Applications should be completed via the PDF grant application form found on the CBCW website (www.micbcw.org) and submitted to Paige Filice (filicepa@msu.edu) and Kevin Walters (waltersk3@michigan.gov).

