



## MEMORANDUM

To: All Interested Parties

From: Bill Taylor, Management/Budget Analyst

Date: January 5, 2009

Subject: Marine Advisory Committee (MAC) Florida Boater Improvement FY 09/10 Funding Request

The Charlotte County Budget Office is preparing to incorporate any requests for funding assistance from Florida Boater Improvement revenues into the FY09/10 budget. This funding will be available from the Florida Boater Improvement (BIF) revenues, as well as from the West Coast Inland Navigation District (WCIND).

It is important that we receive all requests for utilization of this funding in time to be considered by the Marine Advisory Committee (MAC) at their March 12, 2009 meeting. In addition, these requests will be recommended to the Board of County Commissioners during the County's budget process. In order to prepare the agenda for these presentations, all requests for funding must be submitted to the County's Budget Office, Attn: Bill Taylor, Management/Budget Analyst, Charlotte County Budget Office, 18500 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte, FL 33948 by February 6, 2009. This will allow the Budget Office sufficient time to prepare all requests for distribution at the Marine Advisory Committee's March meeting.

Please use the following application for your request. Application for funding: [PDF](#) - [Microsoft Word](#)

Completed applications must be submitted in hard copy. E-mails and FAXES will not be accepted.

**COUNTY DEPARTMENTS INITIATING A CIP REQUEST ON BEHALF OF A DISTRICT, ETC:**  
Please fill out the funding request application and a CIP form, showing total project costs and associated revenue sources.

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COUNTY DEPARTMENTS INITIATING A REQUEST ON BEHALF OF THEIR DEPARTMENTS:  
An example of this would be a request to fund pamphlets, etc. Please fill out the funding request application outlining the purpose of the request along with estimated costs as well as other revenue sources you propose to utilize in assisting with funding.

CIVIL AIR PATROL AND CHEC: Please fill out the funding request application outlining the program showing history, current program statistics, etc., as well as what is planned to be accomplished with the requested monies in the upcoming fiscal year.

MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS KNOWING OF AN AGENCY THAT WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST FUNDING: Please have them submit the same information as is requested of the Civil Air Patrol and CHEC. Also, please remember that all requests made from any City Department need to come from the City Manager's Office. No request for funding on behalf of the City will be considered if not approved by the City Manager.

All agencies submitting a supplemental funding request should be prepared to appear in front of the Marine Advisory Committee to present their request and answer any questions. Please remember the Marine Advisory Committee Meeting at which the funding requests will be considered is scheduled for March 12, 2009 at 9:30 AM in Room 119 of the County Administration Complex, 18500 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte.

**The restrictive funds and their uses are as below:**

The BIF Regular is (Chapter 328.72.15) :

- 1) Recreational channel marking and other uniform waterway markers
- 2) Public boat ramps, lifts and hoists, marine railways and other public launching facilities
- 3) Derelict vessel removal and removal of vessels and floating structures deemed a hazard to facilities, derelict vessel removal, and removal of vessels and floating structures deemed a hazard to public safety and health for failure to comply with s.327.53

The BIF Local is (Chapter 328.66.1) :

1. Patrol, regulation, and maintenance of the lakes, rivers, and waters
2. Other boating-related activities of such municipality or county.

WCIND FUNDS :

- Must apply directly to waters of the District
- Can not be used for pre-construction surveys, studies, permitting, etc.

Law Enforcement (no matching funds – but limited to 20% of annual WCIND funds)

- Waterway Law Enforcement
- Major repairs/overhaul of marine law enforcement vehicles
- NO general operation/maintenance

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Navigation Improvement (no matching funds required)

- Channel marking
- Hazard removal
- Regulatory signage

Environmental Education (no matching funds – but limited to 25% annual WCIND)

- In-house or field trip curriculum

Boating Safety/Education (50% matching funds – NO operation/maintenance)

- Classroom equipment for safety education only
- Boat equipment
- Signage @ public boat ramps
- Fire/rescue equipment (on water use only)

Boating Recreation (50% matching funds)

- Construct/rehabilitate public boat ramps
- Marine education parks
- Spoil islands/restoration for boater use

If you should have any questions regarding the process or application, please do not hesitate to contact me at 743-1540.

Thank you.

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