



ACCESSIBLE BOATING FUND



Individuals with Disabilities and Service-Disabled Veterans Boating Fund (SB 199)

Administered by the Maryland Department of Disabilities (MDOD), the Boating Fund provides grants to eligible nonprofits delivering sailing, boating, kayaking, canoeing, paddleboarding, and surfing opportunities for individuals with disabilities, service-disabled veterans, and their companions (accompanying family members or direct support professionals).



Important Dates

 **Target Application Period:**
July 8 - August 7, 2026

 **Q&A Webinar Date:**
July 13, 2026 - 11:00 a.m.

[Webinar Link](#)

 **Grant Project Period:**
October 1, 2026 –
September 30, 2027

Award funds may be used retroactively to cover expenses between July 1 and October 1, 2026.

Funding & Award Terms

- Grant Amount: Up to \$40,000.
- Award funds may be used for any training, operations or equipment costs.

Statutory Eligibility Requirements

To qualify for a grant, your organization must strictly meet the following legislative criteria:

- Tax Status: Must be a registered 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit and a registered charity in Good Standing with the State of Maryland.
- Operational Longevity: Must have been continuously operating for at least three years.
- Track Record: Must have actively engaged individuals with disabilities or service-disabled veterans in boating/water activities on Maryland waters at least 25 times in each of the past three years

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