MARYLAND PUMPOUT PROGRAM







The Clean Vessel Act (CVA) of 1992 addresses pollution from recreational vessels.

Sanitary disposal of boat waste is vital for healthy waterways and shellfish beds.

Maryland has 163,000 registered and 6,778 documented boaters in Maryland and we estimate 30,000 have toilets on board.







Governing Legislation

MD Natural Resources Article 8-741 and the Clean
Water Act prohibit discharge of sewage from vessels

MD Annotated Code 9-333

A pumpout is required for:

- Any marina with 50 slips or more
- Any established marina that expands to 10 or more slips
- Any new marina with 10 or more slips



State Agency Roles

DNR Role

- Administers grants, assesses facilities, monitors usage rates
- Natural Resources Police is responsible for investigating complaints of discharges from boats

MDE Role

Enforces marina compliance with Maryland law





Maryland Grant Program

Funding Information

- 75% Federal CVA Funds
- + 25% Maryland Waterway Improvement Funds
- Maryland is one of few states to provide the 25% matching; marinas pay this in other states.

Grants are used for:



- 1. Pumpout purchase/installation
- 2. Pumpout operations and maintenance.



1. Pumpout Purchases

New /First Time Projects

- Pumpouts–fixed or portable units
- Dump stations (serve portable toilets)

Replacements/Upgrades

- Replacing old units beyond repair
- Additional permanent pumpouts
- Additional pedestals or stanchions
- Portable pumpout
- Dump stations or portable toilet wands





Pumpout Purchase Grant Process

Required Documents/Forms

- Proposal Letter
 - Outlines the project and costs
- Signed Grant Application/Terms & Conditions
- Estimates for equipment
- Competitive bids for electrical/plumbing work
- Map of marina and pumpout location
- Coordinated Environmental Review Form
- Risk Assessment Survey





Pumpout Grant Schedule

Rolling submission - submit an application as needed

- DNR must receive County/local health department and MDE approval
- Do not begin work until award letter is issued - approx 3-4 weeks





2. PumpoutOperations &Maintenance





Eligible Expenses (Highlights)

- Commissioning & winterization
- Repairing or replacing equipment/parts
- Holding tank sewage hauling
- Staff time to perform pumpouts
- Log keeping

Ineligible Expenses (Highlights)

- Owner's time
- Any costs over \$2,000 that are not preauthorized
- Costs without proof of payment

Pumpout O&M Grant Schedule

- Apply for O&M grant in March
- Save receipts, invoices, and proof of payments during the boating season
- Submit to DNR for reimbursement
 Nov Jan



Terms & Conditions: Highlights

- Reimbursement program only
- Applicant will not incur costs until grant is awarded
- Pumpout Purchases: Maintain the pumpout in operating condition for as long as it is needed a minimum of ten years
 - Pumpout available to the general public during reasonable hours





Terms & Conditions: Highlights

- Charge no more than \$5 per pumpout (first 50 gallons)
 - Periodic inspections of equipment by DNR staff
- DNR to provide Pumpout sign that must be posted in conspicuous location by marina staff
 - Cannot discriminate against any group with protected status





Build America, Buy America Act (BABAA)

Established in 2021, the act requires ... <u>all the iron, steel, manufactured</u> <u>products and construction materials used in the project must be manufactured in the United States.</u>







Buy America Act (BABAA)

Applies to:

- All iron and steel.
- All manufactured products (i.e., pumpouts)
- All construction materials (i.e., plumbing, lumber)
- Minor exemptions (5% of project costs)





Reimbursement and Direct Deposit

- Final inspection by DNR for new pumpout purchases
- Submit Invoice Form provided by DNR, along with proof of payment to vendors
- Sign-up for direct deposit for faster receipt of funds. Faster and more secure than sending checks
- ~30 days to receive funds



Thank You!



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