

## **Nonprofit Organization Grants:**

Coast Guard Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety  
Recreational Boating Safety

Federal Grant Title:	National Non-Profit Organization Grant Program
Federal Agency:	United States Coast Guard
Funding Opportunity Number:	DHS-USCG-2020-001
Type of Funding:	Cooperative Agreement
CFDA Numbers:	97.012
CFDA Descriptions:	Boating Safety Financial Assistance

Grantee: National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA)  
Grant Number: 3320FAN112010  
Grant Title: Development of Boating Accident Standards of Investigation  
Period of Performance: 1 year grant

Award Amount: \$88,500.00

### **Summary:**

NASBLA is seeking grant assistance and Coast Guard support to codify boating accident investigation standards. This project will directly address Area of Interest 4, Development of Boating Accident Standards of Investigation. While recreational boating data is collected via many sources, the most critical data is collected through the Boating Accident Report Database (BARD) system. BARD collects data from every reportable boating accident in the United States and that data is collected by boat accident investigators trained mostly by NASBLA.

NASBLA has been accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) as a Standards Developer (SDO).

For FY21, NASBLA is seeking funding to develop Boating Accident Standards of Investigation following the ANSI Standards Development process. NASBLA plans to follow the ANSI Essential Requirements to develop the standard in hopes of submitting it in the future as a new American National Standard (ANS). Formalizing the methods and processes of boating accident investigation and the resulting boat accident reports will ensure correct, concise information is being reported across all reporting agencies.

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**RE: NASBLA FINAL Grant Report – Development of Boating Incident Standards of Investigation  
- Grant No. 1120.10**

Please accept this as the final grant report for the NASBLA - Coast Guard Grant Agreement 1120.10.

As you are aware, the final consensus vote/ballot to adopt the new standard was held in August 2022 and the final draft of the standard was presented to the NASBLA annual conference in Manchester, NH in September 2022. These two activities resolved the remaining two project tasks thus completing the grant requirements and the initiative to develop Incident Investigation Standards.

The final, approved NASBLA national IIS standard may be found at:

<https://www.nasbla.org/training/trainingstandards>

Thank you for your assistance throughout the project including your participation in the final project presentation in New Hampshire in September. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 859-225-9487.

Sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer  
National Association of State Boating Law Administrators