

Nonprofit Organization Grants:

Coast Guard Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety
Recreational Boating Safety

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Grant Title: Development of Technical Solutions & Surveillance Recommendations through the Injury Surveillance Workgroup (ISW) Process
Period of Performance: 1 year grant

Award Amount: \$85,000.00

Summary:

The National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) is seeking a grant from the U.S. Coast Guard for development of a “Development of Technical Solutions & Surveillance Recommendations through the Injury Surveillance Workgroup (ISW) Process: Tier 2 of a Three-Tiered Approach to Improve Boat Occupant Injury Surveillance Practices” (a.k.a. Boating Safety Occupant Strategy). This application will serve to kick-off the second tier of a three-tiered initiative focused on using a public health approach to enhance boat occupant injury surveillance and prevent occupant injuries and enhance safety.

Development of Boating Safety Occupant Strategy addresses a need recognized in the National Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) Program 2017-2021 Strategic Plan which states: “While operator education seems fundamental to increasing boating safety, building a safety culture for all boaters, including passengers, will most effectively reduce casualties.”

Tier 1 of this effort was completed through support by USCG Grant #1182.13. The Safe States Alliance and NASBLA convened a two-day roundtable of boating safety and public health injury surveillance experts to discuss efforts to improve boating-related injury data collection and analysis; examine data sources that can be used to monitor the at-risk population, including non-fatal or near-drownings at the national, state and local jurisdictional levels; identified key limitations and barriers in the collection and use of such data; shared innovative approaches used in states and communities to address barriers; and identified key opportunities for improving and

standardizing surveillance in this area. See [The Recreational Boat Occupant Injury Surveillance Roundtable report](#).

In the proposed Tier 2 of the project, an [Injury Surveillance Workgroups \(ISW\)](#) organized by the Safe States Alliance will discuss, investigate, and research the issues identified as needs for boating-related injury surveillance and offer technical solutions. These may include: creating data definitions and standards across data sources; determining recommended data sources to monitor recreational boating-related injuries; utilizing existing data sources and geographical mapping tools to obtain a complete picture of fatal and non-fatal recreational boating-related injuries; addressing key limitations and barriers in the collection and use of surveillance data; and identifying opportunities for improving and standardizing public health surveillance of boat occupant-related injuries. The result of this effort – upon completion of the entire Tier 2 - will be publication of an ISW report consisting of expert consensus-based recommendations to improve occupant safety through enhanced surveillance and monitoring

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