

## **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: Sea Tow Foundation  
Grant Number: 3320FAN112020  
Grant Title: Flare Disposal Program  
Period of Performance: 1 year grant

Award Amount: \$125,000.00

### **Summary:**

No nationwide program to dispose of marine flares exists at this time. And, while this is not a legal issue, it is an issue of environmental safety and social responsibility. With most pyrotechnic flares expiring within 42 months of manufacturing, the number of flares needing to be disposed of at any one time across the country can be staggering as well as pose a serious environmental threat.

The Sea Tow Foundation seeks assistance from the U.S. Coast Guard to research the flare disposal needs in each of the states and territories and learn about any roadblocks that prevent a flare disposal program from being implemented in each location. This information will be collected through online surveys, phone calls and meetings with state/territory Boating Law Administrators (BLA), Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) staff, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) representatives, and Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) officials. The results of these surveys and data collection methods will be compiled and shared on a website ([www.flaredisposal.com](http://www.flaredisposal.com)) for boaters that contains information on what they should do with expired or unwanted flares in each state.

The goal of this project is to develop a nationwide flare disposal program for boaters, but this will likely entail a state-by-state approach as each entity will be different in their requirements and needs.

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