



## **CVAP (Clean Vessel Assistance Program)**

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### **O&M (Operations and Maintenance)**

#### **GENERAL GUIDANCE**

The CVAP O&M is intended for routine replacement items and costs incurred annually and not for major repairs. For replacement or major upgrade of a facility, apply through the CVAP Construction/Upgrade Grant Program.

O&M is a reimbursement grant program. Funding is available for up to 75% of eligible costs with a maximum annual grant amount of \$5,000 for pumpout boats and \$2,000 for all other pumpout facilities. Marinas with stationary pumpouts that provide services to pumpout boats are eligible for up to an additional \$2,250 in funding for expenses incurred for Pumpout Boat Support.

#### TERMS

CVAP O&M Cost Year: The time period during which costs may be incurred for consideration of annual O&M reimbursement payments. **Annually from January 1 – December 31.**

Letter of Intent: A one-page document that indicates your interest in applying for costs incurred for pumpout O&M during the year.

Reimbursement Request Period: The time period that annual reimbursement requests for O&M funding should be submitted to EFC, annually once all costs are fully documented for the current season.

#### PUMPOUT USER FEES CHARGED

Facilities that charge for pumpout use will be required to account for the funds that are collected. The total amount of user fees collected must be subtracted from the costs claimed prior to determining the 75% level of funding.

Studies conducted indicate that boater compliance with regulations relating to No Discharge Zones, Coast Guard Regulations regarding the use of Marine Sanitation Devices, and pumpout usage in general, is significantly greater when there is no cost involved. It is hoped that the additional operation and maintenance funds provided through this grant program will encourage applicants who currently charge a user fee for pumpout use to either reduce their fee or offer pumpout services for free.