

## **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: 3320FAN112012  
Grant Title: Effectively Prosecuting Boating Under the Influence Cases: Enhanced Training for Courtroom Prep  
Period of Performance: 1 year grant

Award Amount: \$80,000.00

### **Summary:**

Alcohol abuse on our nation's waterways as well as our highways and other roadways remains at epidemic proportions. Alcohol use continues to be among the leading known contributing factors in fatal boating incidents with 254 incidents in 2018, ranking sixth out of 10 for primary contributing factors of incidents. In 2016, alcohol-impaired driving crashes accounted for 28% of all traffic-related deaths in the United States. In 2017, nearly 11,000 people died in a drunk driving crash. That equates to one death every 48 minutes and does not include alcohol-related fatalities on the water. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the societal costs of excessive alcohol use just related to law enforcement, criminal justice and motor vehicle crashes alone totals more than \$40 billion annually.

The National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) is seeking grant funding to collaborate with the National District Attorneys Association (NDAA) in the development of a training module. This training would enhance courtroom preparation for prosecutors of boating under the influence (BUI) cases brought forth by state and local officers. NASBLA, in partnership with the NDAA, intends to bridge the gap between successful and unsuccessful prosecution of BUI by assisting prosecutors in better preparing law enforcement officers for courtroom testimony. This training, in preparation for the adjudication of BUI cases, will strengthen officers' ability to successfully recall and communicate to a judge and jury the facts and informed opinions that resulted in the decision to arrest made by the officer. To accomplish this, NASBLA will collaborate with NDAA to create an integrated prosecution

training module (Courtroom Preparation Module) to supplement NASBLA's existing BUI training curriculum to improve outcomes nationwide in the effective prosecution of BUI cases.

As the voice of America's prosecutors, the NDAA and its National Traffic Law Center (NTLC) provide invaluable training, continuing education and professional development to the nation's prosecutors and law enforcement partners each year. Utilizing a nationwide network to deliver targeted training in multiple areas of criminal justice expertise, the NDAA helps local prosecutors bring the science of alcohol impairment, detection, and enforcement together in a classroom setting side-by-side with officers who will ultimately assist in the prosecution. Combined with NASBLA's decades-long program to teach BUI detection and enforcement to water patrol officers, this collaborative initiative will leverage the experience and expertise of both segments of the criminal justice system to achieve better outcomes in BUI prosecutions.

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