

## **FS21AS00153 MARYLAND CLEAN VESSEL ACT (CVA) PROJECT SUMMARY**

**Time Frame:** July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2023

**Total CVA Funds Requested:** \$871,422

**Background:** Maryland is seeking Clean Vessel Act funding to continue and expand its partnership with private marinas and recreational boaters to provide reliable pumpout service across the state, removing millions of gallons of vessel sewage annually. There are over 350 grant funded pumpouts and three pumpout vessels operating in the state—many of which rely upon grant funding for operations and maintenance. There are also marinas that need a first-time pumpout station. Maryland is one of the few states that provides matching funds to the marinas and requires marinas of a certain size to have pumpouts. The program enjoys support from the Marine Trades Association of Maryland and works together with the Maryland Clean Marina Initiative and Maryland Natural Resources Police to promote best practices for marinas and boaters and inspections of boat heads.

**Installations:** Maryland is requesting \$273,750 in CVA funds for installations of pumpout units. *Objective 1*—Replace or upgrades approximately 20 pumpouts utilizing \$240,000 in CVA funds. Maryland’s objective is to encourage marina owners to offer reliable pumpout service and to assist them with repairs and replacements.

*Objective 2*—Install three new or ‘first time’ pumpouts at marinas using \$33,750 CVA funds.

**Operations and Maintenance (O&M):** Maryland is requesting \$391,500 CVA funds towards O&M over two boating seasons. *Objective*—to provide reimbursement for operations and maintenance expenses to approximately 100 marinas and 3 pumpout boat operators each year for two years. O&M grants help ensure reliable pumpout service to recreational boaters and extends the life of the units formerly purchased with CVA funds.

**Education:** *Objective—to promote the use of pumpouts and to inform marinas about the grant program.* Maryland is requesting \$22,500 for boater outreach and education efforts. Funds will be used to promote use of pumpouts in regional publications, print promotional pumpout items, purchase pumpout signs and inspection decals, and for staff travel and conference costs (e.g., SOBA). Promotional items and advertisements will direct boaters to our well designed website that offers an interactive GIS map of CVA funded pumpout locations.

**Salary and Indirect:** Maryland requests \$183,672 for one full time grant administrator and the estimated indirect rate (for approximately a two year timeframe). *Objectives of the administrator will be to assist grant applicants, inspect projects, process payments and represent the department in dealings with USFWS regional office.*