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Section 107 – Navigation (Small Boat Harbors)

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What is it?

Section 107 gives the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers the authority to study, adopt, construct and maintain navigation projects. Section 107 projects typically focus on small boat harbors and related navigational channels.

Who can apply?

Any non-Federal government entity can serve as the Sponsor for a Section 107 project. In some cases, non-government agencies may serve as Sponsors. All it takes is a simple request to the local Corps office and a representative will discuss your problem with you and let you know if you qualify for the program.

What does it cost?

- The initial \$100,000 of any Section 107 Feasibility Study is paid 100% by the Federal Government.
- All additional feasibility expenditures are cost shared at a rate of 50% Federal, 50% Sponsor. The Sponsor may contribute 100% of their share as in-kind services.
- Plans and specifications costs and construction costs are cost shared at varying rates depending on the project depths but is typically 80% Federal, 20% Sponsor. Plans and specifications costs are recouped at the beginning of the construction period.
- There is a spending cap of \$4 million of initial Federal expenditure per Section 107 project. Additionally, the Federal share of initial costs plus capitalized future maintenance costs cannot be more than 2.25 times the initial Federal cost or more than \$4.5 million, whichever is greater.

How long does it take?

A typical Section 107 study has two main parts, the feasibility phase and the construction phase. The feasibility study includes all alternatives analysis, design work, NEPA compliance and benefit-cost analysis. From the beginning of the feasibility phase until project approval takes up to three years. Construction time varies depending on the project being implemented.