



Section 107: Navigation (Small Boat Harbors)

Section 107 of the 1960 River and Harbor Act gives the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers the authority to study, adopt, construct and maintain navigation projects for commercial purposes. Section 107 projects typically focus on small boat harbors and related navigational channels. Projects may include safe entrance channels protected by breakwaters or jetties; anchorage basins; turning basins; and a major access channels leading to the anchorage basins or locally provided berthing areas.

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. Project initiation requires letter to the District office requesting Corps assistance.

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 work in kind for their share.
- The Design and Implementation Phase cost share varies and is dependent on depth.
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- Annual Federal program limit is 62.5 million.
- All studies are subject to availability of Federal appropriations.

How long does it take?

CAP feasibility studies can take approximately 24 to 30 months and include two major milestones. The first is a Federal Interest Determination document to be accomplished with the first \$100,000. The second milestone is an Alternative Formulation Briefing (AFB) to discuss the selected alternatives for a potential construction project. The outcome of the AFB and the feasibility study will be a Detailed Project Report. The feasibility study includes all alternatives analysis, design work, NEPA compliance, and benefit-cost analysis. Construction time varies depending on the project being implemented.

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