

NDP 2007-2013 EUROPEAN FISHERIES FUND  
FLEET DEVELOPMENT & DIVERSIFICATION MEASURE

# FLEET SAFETY SCHEME

SAFETY EQUIPMENT GRANT AID SCHEME  
VERSION 2.0



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Department of  
**Agriculture,  
Food and the Marine**  
An Roinn  
**Talmhaíochta,  
Bia agus Mara**



Bord Iascaigh Mhara  
Irish Sea Fisheries Board

## Introduction

This scheme is provided under the Fleet Development and Diversification Measure of the National Development Plan 2007 – 2013 and is introduced pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No. 875/2007, Article 25 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 1198/2006 and Commission Regulation (EC) No. 736/2008. The rules of the European Fisheries Fund and its implementing and other regulations apply in every case.

This scheme continues the success of the Whitefish Fleet Renewal Programme (1998-2001) and Fleet Development Measure (2002-2009) and is intended to further improve the overall safety standards onboard Irish fishing vessels.

The scheme provides grant aid of up to 40% for the purchase and installation of safety items including statutory lifesaving, fire-fighting, navigation and communication equipment (see list of eligible equipment).

Grant aid rates are increased to 60% for vessels engaged in small-scale coastal fishing. Note: Council Regulation (EC) number 1198 of 2006 on the European Fisheries Fund defines small-scale coastal fishing as, *fishing carried out by fishing vessels of an overall length of less than 12 metres.*

To further enhance the safety profile of the fishing fleet, safety training programmes are available through BIM's Training Colleges in Greencastle, Co. Donegal; Castletownbere, Co. Cork; and BIM's Mobile Coastal Training Units.

## Terms & Conditions

Applicants should please note that terms and conditions will apply to all applications. These will include, but are not limited to, the following:

### General

- 1) The managing authority for the scheme is the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM).

The implementing agency for the scheme is Bord Iascaigh Mhara (BIM).

- 2) Funding for this scheme is subject to monies being available to BIM.

For its part, BIM will:

- Indicate clearly the final date by which claims must be received by the Board in respect of every approved grant. Failure to submit claims by the date set may render claims void for the purpose of grant aid.

- 3) Please be advised that expenditure incurred (including any work undertaken or receipts dated) prior to the commencement date of a project is ineligible for grant payment.

The Commencement date of a project is the date shown in the Letter of Acknowledgement, issued by BIM, following receipt of a completed application form.

- 4) This scheme is open to the owners of fishing vessels registered on the Irish Fishing Boat Register at time of grant payment.
- 5) Only applications submitted on the official application form will be considered for grant approval.

Acknowledgement of an application does not constitute any form of entitlement to any form of grant aid whatsoever nor should the applicant constitute any assistance given by officers of BIM as a form of indication that grant aid will become available.

- 6) The implementing authority reserves the right to alter or amend the conditions of this scheme and or to suspend the scheme or to substitute the scheme for a different scheme. In every case payment of grant aid is contingent on the availability of finance to BIM.
- 7) Under no circumstances will operations be financed where such aid leads, either directly or indirectly, to increased fishing effort or increases the ability of the vessel to catch fish.

Support will not, under any circumstances, cover costs related to exploratory fishing.

- 8) No minimum level of expenditure applies to this scheme however a maximum level applies in respect of each individual item and the grant as a whole.

The maximum grant aid available in a three year period up to the date of approval is the lesser of 40% of the total eligible costs (in this or any previous application within the 3-year cycle), or 60% for fishing vessels of an overall length of less than 12 metres, or the amounts indicated below:

- Vessels equal to or greater than 24 metres (LOA): Maximum grant €15,000.
  - Vessels equal to or greater than 18 metres (LOA) and less than 24 metres: Maximum grant €11,000.
  - Vessels equal to or greater than 15 metres (LOA) and less than 18 metres: Maximum grant €7,500.
  - Vessels less than 15 metres (LOA): Maximum grant €3,000.
- 9) Whereas more than one application may be made in respect of a vessel under the terms of this scheme, under no circumstances will grant aid be provided more than once for any given item in a three year period up to the date of approval. Under the terms of the Scheme, an exemption to this rule applies in respect of fitting float free, fully automatic, EPIRBs to registered vessels 15 metres or less (length overall).
- 10) All claims for payment for completed work must be received by BIM by the date outlined in the letter of approval.

## Applicant

- 11) The applicant must be the registered owner of the vessel at the time of grant payment.
- 12) The applicant must comply with Department of Finance tax clearance procedures at the time of grant payment.<sup>1</sup>

In the case of grant aid of €10,000 or more within any 12-month period, the grantee will be required to produce a valid tax clearance certificate.

In the case of grant aid less than €10,000 within any 12-month period, the grantee will be required to complete a tax compliance declaration.

- 13) The applicant must comply with the provisions of the Data Collection Regulation<sup>2</sup> at the time of grant payment.

In the case of grant aid of €10,000 or more within any 12-month period, the grantee will be required to produce a completed economic assessment form (available from BIM) certified by their accountant.

In the case of grant aid less than €10,000 within any 12-month period, the grantee will be required to complete an economic assessment declaration.

## Vessel

- 14) With the exception of 'Survey Fees' (detailed in the application form), this scheme may only contribute to the financing of equipment in respect of fishing vessels of five years of age or more under the conditions of Article 25 of Regulation (EC) No 1198/2006 and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter III of Regulation (EC) 2371/2002.
- 15) The vessel must be registered on the Irish Fishing Boat Register at the time of grant payment.

<sup>1</sup> F49/236/06: Circular 44/2006: Tax clearance procedures. Grants, subsidies and similar type payments.

<sup>2</sup> Council Regulation (EC) 199 of 2008.

16) The vessel must be sound, sea-worthy and must otherwise comply with statutory lifesaving, fire-fighting, radio, and collision regulations. Applicants must submit a current declaration of compliance with the MSO Code of Practice for vessels less than 15 metres (LOA) or a certificate of compliance for the larger vessels as appropriate.

### Grant Aid

17) Application costs for grant purposes will only be considered in respect of equipment or work listed on the application form.

18) Work carried out directly or indirectly by the applicant or by a company, in which the applicant has an interest, will not be eligible for grant funding.

19) Applicants should note that in the event of approval they will be required to submit proof of payment such as copies of paid cheques or bank statements or bank drafts or credit card statements or other inter bank documentation etc.

20) Cash payments are not eligible for grant aid.

21) Costs not eligible for grant aid:

- Projects concerned with routine maintenance work or maintenance contracts.
- Project work leading to an increase in the vessel's capacity (tonnage or kW).
- Projects leading to an increase in fishing effort.
- Costs associated with the hiring of equipment.
- Costs associated with second-hand equipment.

22) Applicants should note that any outstanding charges in respect of the applicant due to BIM (Ice, Training Fees, etc) must be discharged in full at the time of grant payment.

### How to Apply

Complete the attached application form FLEET SAFETY SCHEME and return to:

Investment Services Section,  
BIM, PO Box 12,  
Crofton Road,  
Dun Laoghaire,  
Co Dublin.

Forms are available from BIM

Tel: +353 1 214 4100/214 4244/214 4245

Fax: +353 1 230 0564

Web: [www.bim.ie](http://www.bim.ie)

Email: [power@bim.ie](mailto:power@bim.ie)

[macgabhann@bim.ie](mailto:macgabhann@bim.ie)



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## Application Form for grant aid under the Fleet Safety Scheme

### APPLICANT DETAILS

Must be the registered owner of the vessel. If vessel owned by a company please give details.

Name:

Date of Birth:                    /           / 19

Male

Female

Address:

Tel No. (Home):

Tel No. (Vessel):

Fax No.:

Mob No.:

Email Address:

### VESSEL DETAILS

Name of Vessel:

Port Registration No.:

Year of Construction:

Fleet Registration No.:

Country of First Registry:

Date of First Registry:           /           /

Engine Make:

Length overall (m):

Home Port:

Engine kW:

No. of Crew:

Insured Value:

*\* Copies of Fishing Licence and Certificate of registry must be submitted.*

### PROPOSED FUNDING

Total Cost\*\* of items excluding VAT

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Own Funds

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Grant Sought (40% or 60% for boats <12m in overall length)

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*\*\* Suppliers quotations for each item to be attached.*

## Safety Equipment Eligible For Grant Aid Under the Scheme

Survival			
Item	Maximum Eligible Expenditure	Qty	Total €
Class C Boats	€6,500		
Coastal Pack - Mixed Flares	€200		
Cradle Strap, Senhouse Slip	€320		
Distress Flares - Hand	€13		
Distress Flares - Parachute	€32		
Distress Flares - Smoke	€26		
First Aid Kits	€1,100		
Float free, fully automatic, EPIRB	€1,200.00		
Hydrostatic Release Unit	€120		
Immersion Suits	€450		
Life Buoys	€70		
Life Jackets	€60		
Life Rafts - 4 Man	€2,800		
Life Rafts - 6 Man	€3,100		
Life Rafts - 8 Man	€3,500		
Life Rafts - 10 Man	€4,100		
Life Rafts - 12 Man	€4,400		
Life Rafts - 16 Man	€4,500		
Lifejacket Lights	€55		
Line Throwing Appliances	€1,400		
M.O.B. Light & Smoke Signals	€370		
M.O.B. Recovery Systems	€960		
Personal Flotation Devices (Individual non-integrated item)	€180		
Personal Locator Beacon (Individual non-integrated item)	€250.00		
Polly Bottles	€35		
Rescue Quoit	€20		

Fire Safety			
Item	Maximum Eligible Expenditure	Qty	Total €
Breathing Apparatus	€390		
Engine Room Fire Fighting Systems	€5,000		
Fire & Smoke Detector	€30		
Fire and Smoke Alarm Systems	€3,000		
Fire Axe	€50		
Fire Blankets	€40		
Fire Buckets	€30		
Fire Extinguishers - 35kg CO <sub>2</sub>	€460		
Fire Extinguishers - 5kg CO <sub>2</sub>	€200		
Fire Extinguishers - 5kg Dry Powder	€90		
Fire Extinguishers - 9 lt. Foam	€110		
Fire Extinguishers (Generic)	€500		
Fire Hoses & Nozzles	€500		
Fire Pumps	€3,000		
Gas Alarm Systems	€3,000		
Gas Detector	€445		
Production of Fire & Safety Plans	€1,000		
Remote Fuel Tank/ Shut-Off Valve	€1,000		
Electronics			
Item	Maximum Eligible Expenditure	Qty	Total €
Emergency Power Source	€2,000		
Fixed VHF	€640		
Fixed VHF DSC	€1,900		
Hand Held VHF	€550		
Hand Held VHF DSC	€1,300		
Inmarsat S.E.S.	€700		
M.F./H.F. Radio (D.S.C.)	€5,000		
Miscellaneous (electronics)	€2,000		
Navtex Broadcast Receiver	€1,530		
Remote, wireless, engine cut-off	€350.00		
S.A.R.T.	€800		

## Safety Equipment Eligible For Grant Aid Under the Scheme

Navigation			
Item	Maximum Eligible Expenditure	Qty	Total €
AIS (Automatic Identification System)	€2,000		
Autopilot	€5,000		
Autopilot Alarms	€1,500		
Charts & Nautical Publications	€1,000		
Echo Sounder	€2,000		
Emergency Steering/ tiller unit	€2,000		
G.P.S. Navigator	€800		
Horns	€260		
Magnetic & Electronic Compass	€1,000		
Navigation Lights (per unit)	€110		
Radar	€5,000		
Radar Reflector	€200		
Shapes & Signals	€65		
Ships Bell	€260		
Structural			
Item	Maximum Eligible Expenditure	Qty	Total €
Bilge Alarms	€3,000		
Bilge Pumps	€3,000		
Fire Prot. Bulkheads & Doors	€5,000		
Fitting Emergency Escapes	€5,000		
Fitting of Fire Rated Doors	€5,000		
Gangways & Access Ladders	€5,000		
Guards on Machinery	€3,000		
Handrails & Bulwark Rails	€5,000		
Sanitary Facilities	€3,000		
Watertight Bulkheads	€5,000		
Watertight Hatches/ Doors	€5,000		
Windows/Portlights	€5,000		

Survey Fees			
Item	Maximum Eligible Expenditure	Qty	Total €
Survey Fees Vessel < 6 metres LOA	€750		
Survey Fees Vessel ≤ 44 metres LOA	€6,725		
Survey Fees Vessel 12 ≤ LOA < 15	€1,500		
Survey Fees Vessel 12 ≤ LOA < 15	€2,300		
Survey Fees Vessel 23 ≤ LOA < 44	€3,900		
Survey Fees Vessel 6 ≤ LOA < 12	€1,125		
Miscellaneous			
Item	Maximum Eligible Expenditure	Qty	Total €
Anchor & Warp	€250		
Approved Stability Books	€3,000		
Emergency Signs	€1,000		
Installation costs	€5,000		
Lighting/Search/Deck/ Emer. Lighting	€3,000		
Oars	€150		
Rope Cutter	€200		
Safety Cameras & Monitors	€3,000		
Safety Statements/ Manuals	€1,000		
Signalling Light	€150		
Signalling Whistle	€15		
Waterproof Torch	€50		



## Checklist of documents to be submitted with the application

- Suppliers itemised quotations
- Copy of fishing licence
- Copy of certificate of registry
- Copy of declaration of compliance with the Code of Practice for vessels less than 15 metres (LOA) or Certificate of Compliance for larger vessels.

## Checklist of documents to be submitted with claim for payment

- Proof of payment (copy paid cheques, copy bank drafts etc.)
- In the case of grant aid of €10,000 or more within any 12-month period, a valid tax clearance certificate.
- In the case of grant aid of €10,000 or more within any 12-month period, a completed economic assessment from certified by an accountant.
- In the case of grant aid less than €10,000 within any 12-month period, a tax compliance declaration.
- In the case of grant aid less than €10,000 within any 12-month period, an economic assessment declaration.

## DECLARATION

"I declare that I am the registered owner of the aforementioned vessel, and that the information I have provided in this application including, documentation, licence, certificates, declarations, copy paid cheques, copy bank drafts, etc are, to the best of my knowledge true and accurate".

## How BIM will use your information

Information including PPSNs and other tax numbers used in the processing of this grant application will also be used in the processing of BIM's end of year returns and disclosed to Revenue as set out in the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies (Department of Finance 2009).

Signature:	Date:
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