

2007-2013 National Development Plan
Sea Fisheries Development Programme
Fleet Development Measure



FLEET SAFETY SCHEME

Introduction

This scheme is provided under the Fleet Development Measure of the National Development Plan 2007 – 2013 and is introduced pursuant to Article 25 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1198/2006. 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).

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, Fisheries and Food (DAFF).

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

- 2) The operative date for this scheme is 1st January 2010. Only expenditure incurred after this date is eligible for grant aid.
- 3) This scheme is open to the owners of fishing vessels registered on the Irish Fishing Boat Register at the time of application.

- 4) 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.

- 5) 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.

- 6) 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.

- 7) 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 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.

- 8) Whereas more than¹ 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.
- 9) Offers of grant aid automatically expire 12 months from the date of approval or on the 31st December 2013 whichever date comes sooner.

Applicant

- 10) The applicant must be the registered owner of the vessel at the time of grant payment.
- 11) The applicant must comply with Department of Finance tax clearance procedures 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 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.

- 12) The applicant must comply with the provisions of the Data Collection Regulation² 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

- 13) With the exception of items 115-120 (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.

- 14) The vessel must be registered on the Irish Fishing Boat Register at the time of grant payment.
- 15) The vessel must be sound, sea-worthy and must otherwise comply with statutory life-saving, 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

- 16) Application costs for grant purposes will only be considered in respect of equipment or work listed on the application form.
- 17) 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.
- 18) 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.
- 19) Cash payments are not eligible for grant aid.
- 20) 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.
- 21) 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.

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

² Council Regulation (EC) 199 of 2008.

How to Apply

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

Fleet Development Section,
PO Box 12, BIM,
Crofton Road,
Dun Laoghaire,
Co Dublin.

Forms are available from BIM Tel: 01 214 4100, Fax: 01 230 0564, Email: fleet@bim.ie
or from BIM local officers.

Forms can also be downloaded from the BIM website <http://www//bim.ie>



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Application Form

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.:

EU 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:

Fleet segment: Polyvalent Potting RSW Pelagic Beam Trawl Specific

** 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 max allowed)

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*** Suppliers quotations or Invoices for each item to be attached.*

Ref. No.	Item	Maximum Eligible Expenditure	Qty	Total €	Ref. No.	Item	Maximum Eligible Expenditure	Qty	Total €
1a	Life rafts - 4 Man	€2,800			14	Fire Pumps	€3,000		
1b	Life Rafts - 6 Man	€3,100			15	Fire Hoses & Nozzles	€500		
1c	Life Rafts - 8 Man	€3,500			16	Fire Extinguishers (Generic)	€500		
1d	Life Rafts - 10 Man	€4,100			16a	Fire Extinguishers - 9 lt. Foam	€110		
1e	Life Rafts - 12 Man	€4,400			16b	Fire Extinguishers - 5kg Dry Powder	€90		
1f	Life Rafts - 16 Man	€4,500			16c	Fire Extinguishers - 5kg CO ₂	€200		
2	Class C Boats	€6,500			16d	Fire Extinguishers - 35kg CO ₂	€460		
3a	Hydrostatic Release Unit	€120			17	Engine Room Fire Fighting Systems	€5,000		
3b	Cradle Strap, Senhouse Slip	€320			18	Fire Buckets	€30		
4	Life Buoys	€70			19	Fire Blankets	€40		
5	M.O.B. Light & Smoke Signals	€370			20	Fire Axe	€50		
6a	Life Jackets	€60			21	Fire & Smoke Detector	€30		
6b	Lifejacket Lights	€55			21a	Fire and Smoke Alarm Systems	€3,000		
7	Personal Flotation Devices	€180			22	Remote Fuel Tank/ Shut-Off Valve	€1,000		
8	Immersion Suits	€450			23	Breathing Apparatus	€390		
9a	Distress Flares - Parachute	€32			24	Gas Detector	€445		
9b	Distress Flares - Hand	€13			24a	Gas Alarm Systems	€3,000		
9c	Distress Flares - Smoke	€26			25	E.P.I.R.B.	€1,200		
9d	Coastal Pack - Mixed Flares	€200			26a	Fixed VHF DSC	€1,900		
10	Polly Bottles	€35			26b	Fixed VHF	€640		
11	Line Throwing Appliances	€1,400			26c	Hand Held VHF DSC	€1,300		
11a	Rescue Quoit	€20			26d	Hand Held VHF	€550		
12	First Aid Kits	€1,100			27	M.F. / H.F. Radio (D.S.C.)	€5,000		
13	M.O.B. Recovery Systems	€960			28	Inmarsat S.E.S.	€700		

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29	S.A.R.T.	€800			51	Guards on Machinery	€3,000		
30	Navtex Broadcast Receiver	€1,530			53	Gangways & Access Ladders	€5,000		
31	Emergency Power Source	€2,000			54	Emergency Signs	€1,000		
32	Miscellaneous (electronics)	€2,000			55	Sanitary Facilities	€3,000		
33	G.P.S. Navigator	€800			56	Lighting/Search/Deck/Emer. Lighting	€3,000		
34	Magnetic & Electronic Compass	€1,000			90	Radar	€5,000		
35	Charts & Nautical Publications	€1,000			91	Autopilot	€5,000		
36	Navigation Lights (per unit)	€110			92	AIS (Automatic Identification System)	€2,000		
37	Shapes & Signals	€65			93	Emergency Steering / tiller unit	€2,000		
38	Ships Bell	€260			94	Echo Sounder	€2,000		
39	Horns	€260			95	Safety Cameras & Monitors	€3,000		
40	Watertight Bulkheads	€5,000			110	Waterproof Torch	€50		
41	Watertight Hatches/Doors	€5,000			111	Signalling Light	€150		
42	Windows/Portlights	€5,000			112	Signalling Whistle	€15		
43	Bilge Pumps	€3,000			113	Radar Reflector	€200		
44	Bilge Alarms	€3,000			114	Anchor & Warp	€250		
45	Fire Prot. Bulkheads & Doors	€5,000			77	Installation costs	€5,000		
46	Fitting of Fire Rated Doors	€5,000			115	Survey Fees Vessel < 6 metres LOA	€750		
47	Fitting Emergency Escapes	€5,000			116	Survey Fees Vessel 6 ≤ LOA < 12	€1,125		
48	Production of Fire & Safety Plans	€1,000			117	Survey Fees Vessel 12 ≤ LOA < 15	€1,500		
49	Approved Stability Books	€3,000			118	Survey Fees Vessel 15 ≤ LOA < 23	€2,300		
50	Safety Statements/Manuals	€1,000			119	Survey Fees Vessel 23 ≤ LOA < 44	€3,900		
52	Handrails & Bulwark Rails	€5,000			120	Survey Fees Vessel ≥ 44 metres LOA	€6,725		

Checklist of documents to be submitted with the application

- Suppliers quotations or invoices
- 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

If claim for payment is being made at the same time as the application, then the following should also be included with your application.

- 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"

Signature:

Date: