

Fleet Development (De Minimis)

Marine Tourism Vessel Safety Scheme



Introduction

The scheme is complementary to the national objectives of , Seafood Development Operational Programme 2014 -2020 and is introduced pursuant to: COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 875/2007 on the application of *de minimis* aid in the fisheries sector Regulation EU 508 / 2014 on the European Maritime Fisheries Fund (EMFF) Article 32 (1) and (4) and the related COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 2015/531 Article 3 excepting the requirement for grant aid to be limited to items that are beyond legislative requirements. The scheme may cover items in addition to those listed in COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 2015/531 Article 3. The scheme is limited to grant aiding the items listed in the brochure. BIM reserves the right to amend the terms and conditions of the scheme and the list of items eligible items without prior notice and at any time during the lifetime of the Operational Programme 2014-2020.

The Scheme continues on the success of the Fleet Development and Diversification Measure 2007-2014 and is intended to improve the overall safety standards on board Irish marine tourism 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) for licensed marine tourism vessels up to 15 metres in length overall.

To further enhance the safety profile of the marine tourism sector, 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 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 on a yearly basis through the Estimates process and the Board will not approve or pay grants beyond the budget that has been allocated to a project in a given year.

In consequence,

- Applicants must, in every case, indicate clearly the single calendar year to which their application applies.
- Multi-annual applications and/or any application which seeks to create, or might be construed as creating, an expectation beyond a single year will be deemed not to have met the Mandatory Criteria of the Scheme and will be returned forthwith.

For its part, BIM will:

- Indicate clearly the single calendar year to which every approval applies.
 - 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.
 - Provide a framework wherein applications may be made to the Board in a timely manner mindful of the above constraints on funding.
- 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 licenced marine tourism vessels less than or equal to 15.00 metres in length overall which operate in Irish coastal waters.

- 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 grant aid be given to a vessel which is engaged in commercial 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 grant aid available in respect of any vessel is 40% of the total eligible costs, subject to the cumulative grant not exceeding €6,000 for this or any previous application in the three years up to the date of approval of this application.
- 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.
- 10) All claims for payment for completed work must be received by BIM by the date as outlined in the letter of approval.

Applicant

- 11) The applicant must be the legal owner of the vessel at the time of grant payment.
- 12) Participants may, in every case, be required to participate in an economic analysis of the Sea-angling/Marine Tourism sector. If selected for the study applicants will be required to complete an economic assessment form prior to receiving their grant.
- 13) The applicant must comply with Department of Finance tax clearance procedures¹ 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.

Vessel

- 14) The vessel must be licensed as a passenger boat at the time of grant payment.
- 15) The vessel must be:
 - Not more than 15.00 metres (LOA).
 - Solely used for sea angling and/or marine tourism related activities.
 - Must **not** be engaged as a dedicated ferry.
 - Must **not** be engaged in commercial fishing.
 - Have a P1, P2, P3,P5 or P6 licence.
In the case of P1 and P2 licences grant aid is limited to vessels operating in 'smooth waters' as defined in Appendix 1 of Marine Notice 24 of 2004 and excluding any freshwater or inland waters including though not limited to Lough Gill and Lough Corrib.
- 16) The vessel must be sound, sea-worthy and must otherwise comply with statutory life-saving, fire- fighting, radio, and collision regulations.

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

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.
 - 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 application form titled 'Marine Tourism Vessel Safety Scheme' included in this document. Application forms are also available from:

Bord Iascaigh Mhara,
Fisheries Development Division PO Box 12,
Crofton Road,
Dun Laoghaire,
Co Dublin.

Tel: 01-2144100
Fax: 01-2300564
E-mail: fids@bim.ie
Web: www.bim.ie and from BIM Area Officers.

Please include price quotations for safety equipment with your application form.

BIM,
P.O. Box 12,
Crofton Road,
Dun Laoghaire,
Co. Dublin,
Ireland.

Tel: +353 1 214 4100
Fax: +353 1 230 0564
Web: www.bim.ie
Email: info@bim.ie



Application Form

Applicant Details	
Must be the legal owner of the vessel. If vessel owned by a company please give details.	
Name:	
Date of Birth: / / 19	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Address:	
Tel No. (Home):	Tel No. (Vessel):
Fax No.:	Mobile No.:
Email Address:	

Vessel Details	
Name of Vessel:	
Engine Make:	Year of Construction:
Home Port:	Length overall (m):
No. of Crew:	Engine kW:
Insured Value:	
Licence held: P1 <input type="checkbox"/> P2 <input type="checkbox"/> P3 <input type="checkbox"/> P5 <input type="checkbox"/> P6 <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>* Copy of Licence must be submitted along with documentary proof of legal ownership and overall vessel length.</i>	

To be completed if the vessel holds a P1 or P2 licence.

I, the applicant, confirm that the vessel which is the subject of this grant application will operate only in 'smooth waters' as defined in Appendix 1 of Marine Notice 24 of 2004 and excluding any freshwater or inland waters including though not limited to Lough Gill and Lough Corrib.

Proposed Funding	
Total Cost** of items excluding VAT	€
Own Funds	€
Grant Sought (40% or max allowed)	€
<i>** Suppliers quotations or Invoices for each item to be attached. One quote for items with a Maximum Eligible Expenditure of €5000 or less. Three quotes for items with a Maximum Eligible Expenditure of over €5000.</i>	

Ref. No.	Item	Maximum Eligible Expenditure	Qty	Total €
1a	Life rafts - 4 Man	€2,800		
1b	Life Rafts - 6 Man	€3,100		
1c	Life Rafts - 8 Man	€3,500		
1d	Life Rafts - 10 Man	€4,100		
1e	Life Rafts - 12 Man	€4,400		
1f	Life Rafts - 16 Man	€4,500		
2	Class C Boats	€6,500		
3a	Hydrostatic Release Unit	€120		
3b	Cradle Strap, Senhouse Slip	€320		
4	Life Buoys	€70		
5	M.O.B. Light & Smoke Signals	€370		
6a	Life Jackets	€60		
6b	Lifejacket Lights	€55		
7	Personal Flotation Devices	€180		
8	Immersion Suits	€450		
9a	Distress Flares - Parachute	€32		
9b	Distress Flares - Hand	€13		
9c	Distress Flares - Smoke	€30		
9d	Coastal Pack - Mixed Flares	€200		
10	Polly Bottles	€35		
11	Line Throwing Appliances	€1,400		
11a	Rescue Quoit	€30		
12	First Aid Kits	€1,100		
13	M.O.B. Recovery Systems	€960		

Ref. No.	Item	Maximum Eligible Expenditure	Qty	Total €
14	Fire Pumps	€3,000		
15	Fire Hoses & Nozzles	€500		
16	Fire Extinguishers (Generic)	€500		
16a	Fire Extinguishers - 9 lt. Foam	€110		
16b	Fire Extinguishers - 5kg Dry Powder	€90		
16c	Fire Extinguishers - 5kg CO ₂	€200		
16d	Fire Extinguishers - 35kg CO ₂	€460		
17	Engine Room Fire Fighting Systems	€5,000		
18	Fire Buckets	€30		
19	Fire Blankets	€40		
20	Fire Axe	€50		
21	Fire & Smoke Detector	€30		
21a	Fire and Smoke Alarm Systems	€3,000		
22	Remote Fuel Tank/ Shut-Off Valve	€1,000		
23	Breathing Apparatus	€390		
24	Gas Detector	€445		
24a	Gas Alarm Systems	€3,000		
25	E.P.I.R.B.	€1,200		
26a	Fixed VHF DSC	€1,900		
26b	Fixed VHF	€640		
26c	Hand Held VHF DSC	€1,300		
26d	Hand Held VHF	€550		
27	M.F. / H.F. Radio (D.S.C.)	€5,000		
28	Inmarsat S.E.S.	€700		

Ref. No.	Item	Maximum Eligible Expenditure	Qty	Total €
29	S.A.R.T.	€800		
30	Navtex Broadcast Receiver	€1,530		
31	Emergency Power Source	€2,000		
32	Miscellaneous (electronics)	€2,000		
33	G.P.S. Navigator	€1,000		
34	Magnetic & Electronic Compass	€1,000		
35	Charts & Nautical Publications	€1,000		
36	Navigation Lights (per unit)	€110		
37	Shapes & Signals	€65		
38	Ships Bell	€260		
39	Horns	€260		
40	Watertight Bulkheads	€5,000		
41	Watertight Hatches/ Doors	€5,000		
42	Windows/Portlights	€5,000		
43	Bilge Pumps	€3,000		
44	Bilge Alarms	€3,000		
45	Fire Prot. Bulkheads & Doors	€5,000		
46	Fitting of Fire Rated Doors	€5,000		
47	Fitting Emergency Escapes	€5,000		
48	Production of Fire & Safety Plans	€1,000		
49	Approved Stability Books	€3,000		
50	Safety Statements/ Manuals	€1,000		

Ref. No.	Item	Maximum Eligible Expenditure	Qty	Total €
51	Guards on Machinery	€3,000		
52	Handrails & Bulwark Rails	€5,000		
53	Gangways & Access Ladders	€5,000		
54	Emergency Signs	€1,000		
55	Sanitary Facilities	€3,000		
56	Lighting/Search/ Deck/Emer. Lighting	€3,000		
57	Rope Cutter	€200		
90	Radar	€5,000		
91	Autopilot	€5,000		
92	AIS (Automatic Identification System)	€2,000		
93	Emergency Steering/Tiller Unit	€2,000		
94	Echo Sounder	€2,000		
95	Safety Cameras & Monitors	€3,000		
110	Waterproof Torch	€50		
111	Signalling Light	€150		
112	Signalling Whistle	€15		
113	Radar Reflector	€200		
114	Anchor & Warp	€250		
77	Installation costs	€5,000		
115	Survey Fees Vessel < 6 metres LOA	€750		
116	Survey Fees Vessel 6 ≤ LOA < 12	€1,125		
117	Survey Fees Vessel 12 ≤ LOA < 15	€1,500		

Checklist of documents to be submitted with the application

- Suppliers quotations.
- Copy of passenger boat licence.
- Documentary proof of vessel ownership. Document to show name and address of vessel legal owner.
- Documentary proof of vessel length (LOA).

Checklist of documents to be submitted with claim for payment

- Proof of payment (copy paid cheques, copy bank drafts etc.) and invoices.
- 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 less than €10,000 within any 12-month period, a tax compliance declaration.

DECLARATION

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

I confirm that I am /company is, at the time of application and throughout the lifetime of any grant aid awarded, fully compliant with all regulations governing grant aid and the operation of any enterprise in receipt of said grant aid.

Signature:

Date:

How BIM will use your information

Any personal data you provide to Bord Iascaigh Mhara (“BIM”) will be retained and processed by us for solely the purpose described in this form and as described in further detail in the BIM Data Protection Policy. Our Policy describes in detail how BIM, as a State Agency, is required to collect, process and transfer personal data for the purposes set out in various Irish and EU fisheries and marine legislation. These purposes include the administration of grants, conducting surveys and performing services for those working in the marine sector, for example, training, education and ice services. Your personal data may be disclosed to third parties where it is necessary and relevant to those purposes, for example, national or EU agencies with responsibility for the marine, grant administration or training awards or accreditation. While BIM does not engage in unsolicited direct marketing, BIM or its agents may contact you in relation to relevant events or initiatives and you can unsubscribe from such communications at any time. You have a right to access and rectify your personal data which can be exercised by writing to the Data Protection Officer, BIM, Crofton Road, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. The BIM Data Protection Policy is available on the BIM.ie website www.bim.ie.



