Local Authority Marine Infrastructure Scheme 2022-2023 Webinar Q&A

Applications

Will this replace current DAFM Scheme?
Yes, this is the only Local Authority (LA) program DAFM will be running for 2022 and 2023.

Can more than one Harbour get funding in the LA?
Yes, the LA can make as many applications as they wish. However it is important that an individual application form is submitted for each project as per the previous scheme.

Is there a limit on the number of applications an LA can submit?
There is no limit to the number of applications a LA can submit.

Can several small projects, E.g., small scale safety measures, be combined to reduce the number of applications?
Each project will require a separate application. Where a number of small-scale elements constitute one overall project these may be combined into one application. However, the elements must be itemised and budgeted individually.

Will there be further rounds of this programme post 2023?
Under this scheme, funding for projects will only be available in 2022 and 2023. Brexit Adjustment Reserve (BAR) is a special one-off emergency instrument.

Can larger projects be phased beyond 2023?
No further funding will be available under this Scheme after 2023. Projects should be completed by the end of 2023.

Funding

Can grant money be transferred between projects?
Funding is not transferable between projects, once approved for a particular project funding may only be used for the project approved.

Types of work

Is replacement/upgrade of Navigational Aids supported?
Yes, these are allowable under the Scheme.

Will the scheme cover dredging operations?
Yes, dredging works will be allowable.

Are consultancy fees eligible for funding under BALAMI?
No, as in previous years, the LA will be responsible for consultancy fees. Funding provided under the Scheme is for the purpose of eligible capital works only. Funding for studies, surveys, planning and permit processes, consultants and/or design fees, etc. are not allowable as project costs under this Scheme.

Consents

If consents are currently with DAFM or DHLGH, will said departments expediate (to best of ability) to close out same to enable construction commencement?

It is the responsibility of the Local Authority to ensure that all consents are in place prior to the commencement of the project. All projects must secure appropriate consents under applicable legislation (including environmental assessment, planning, foreshore, etc).

Further comment on consents that may run on after 23

Funding will only be available for works carried out and completed in 2022 and 2023. Any works required to be carried out after this time will be the responsibility of the LA. Please note that only works completed and paid for before the deadline in 2023 can be considered for grant payment.

Climate Action Plan

What is DAFM's expectation in respect of level of response in relation Climate Action Plan compliance?

The LA will be required to demonstrate how the project will comply with the objectives of the Government's Climate Action Plan including having regard to the vulnerability of seafood and marine infrastructure to climate change impacts. Please contact your local Engineer (details below) if you have any further queries in relation to this.

Further information can be found at.

https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/23a24b21-16d0-11ec-b4fe-01aa75ed71a1/language-en

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