

## Grant(s) FAQs

**1. Question:** What was the intent of establishing the Fishing Safety Research and Training Grant(s)?

a. The Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010 (P.L. 111-281), as amended by the Howard Coble Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2014 (P.L. 113-281), directed the Secretary to establish a Fishing Safety Training Grant Program. This program, as authorized, was intended to provide funding to municipalities, port authorities, other appropriate public entities, not-for-profit organizations, and other qualified persons to conduct commercial fishing vessel safety training for vessel operators and crewmembers, and for the purchase of safety equipment and training aids for use in those commercial fishing vessel safety training programs.

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**2. Question:** What is the intended award amount for the Fishing Safety Training & Research Grant Programs?

Fishing Safety Training: \$3,000,000

Fishing Safety Research: \$3,000,000

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**3. Question:** What is the goal of the fishing safety training grant program?

a. The goal of the fishing safety training grant program is to enhance the quality and availability of safety training for United States commercial fishermen. As a result, the Coast Guard and NIOSH invite applications to support the development and implementation of training and education programs that:

- Develop and deliver training which addresses the needs of commercial fishermen in the United States,
  - Provide qualified marine safety instructors, or otherwise accepted by the National Maritime Center instructors and faculty to conduct the training,
  - Evaluate the effectiveness and impact of the training program on reducing injuries among commercial fishermen
  - Coordinate with existing training programs and partnerships with industry, fishermen, and agencies, and
  - Conform to 46 U.S.C. § 4502 (i) Safety Standards for commercial fishing safety training
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**4. Question:** What is the goal of the fishing safety research grant program?

a. Proposed goals and objectives should be clearly stated in the application and directly linked to the occupational health and safety burdens being addressed. Applicants are expected to justify their proposal by describing the burden of the problem, the need for the proposed research or activity, and the potential for impact or likelihood of success.

Applicants should provide data to support their selection of proposed work, such as morbidity or mortality rates, indicators of the size of the population at risk including estimates of the target population's potential risk of exposure to the hazard, frequency of exposure, or sociodemographic factors such as age, gender, and race/ethnicity. Similarly, applicants may provide qualitative data that describe exposures, the magnitude of the problem, and potential benefits and impacts of addressing the issue.

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**5. Question:** Where can I find details on the Fishing Training and Research grant(s) prescribed regulations?

a. 46 US Code 4502(a)

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**6. Question:** Where can I find detailed information regarding Grant phases?

a. You can find details of the grant phases by going to: Commercial Fishing Safety Training Grant Program Fiscal Year 2017 Report to Congress

<https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/USCG%20-%20Commercial%20Fishing%20Safety%20Training%20Grant%20Program.pdf>

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**7. Question:** When a grant package is received and satisfies the application criteria, how will it be reviewed?

a. All applications that are responsive to the criteria in the announcement and accepted for peer review will be discussed and assigned an overall impact score. All applicants will receive a written critique.

Following initial peer review, a joint NIOSH – US Coast Guard Secondary Review Committee (SRC) will provide a second level of review for programmatic relevance, priority, and balance.

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**8. Question:** How will Training and Research Grant packages be scored by the review panel(s)??

a. Reviewers will provide an overall impact score to reflect their assessment of the likelihood for the project(s) to exert a sustained influence (as met by pre-established criteria). Reviewers will consider each of the review criteria in the determination of merit, and give a separate score for each. An application does not need to be strong in all categories to be judged likely to have major impact. For example, a project that by its nature is not innovative may be essential to advance the field.

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**9. Question:** How will available grant funds be distributed to awardees?

a. Applications submitted in response to funding opportunities will compete for available funds with all other recommended applications. The following will be considered in making funding decisions:

- Scientific, technical, and educational merit of the proposed research as determined by initial peer review,
  - Relevance of the proposed training or research submittal(s) to NIOSH - US Coast Guard program priorities,
  - Contribution toward development of guidelines or best practices for improved commercial fishing vessel safety,
  - Contribution to advance occupational safety and health aspects of commercial fishing vessel operations,
  - Commitment of the applicant institution to collaborative efforts,
  - Adequacy of resource-sharing plan, and
  - Availability of funds.
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**10. Question:** Where can I find Commercial Fishing Industry related topics that highlight training, outreach, and federal policy standards?

a. Commercial Fishing related information is listed on the Coast Guards Fishing Vessel Safety Division home page at: <https://www.dco.uscg.mil/FishSafe>

or at: [www.fishsafewest.info](http://www.fishsafewest.info)

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**11. Question:** Where can I access and view available Fishing Research and Fishing Training grant opportunities:

a. Available Fishing Research and Fishing Training grant opportunities are located at: [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)

Fishing Safety Research Grant Opportunity Number: RFA-OH-19-004

Fishing Safety Training Grant Opportunity Number: RFA-OH-19-005

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**12. Question:** Who do I contact if I have a particular question related to applying for either the Fishing Safety Training or Fishing Safety Research Grants?

a. Fishing Safety Training or Fishing Safety Research Grant related questions can be directed to:

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