



SEF = Seafarers' Emergency Fund

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This fund is managed by ISWAN to provide **immediate, essential aid** to **seafarers** and their families, who are **directly involved** in **sudden** and **unforeseen** crises.

Criteria for applications

Only organisations applying on behalf of the seafarer are able to apply for grants for the following:

- ❌ Immediate hardship needs for a seafarer (food / emergency accommodation max. of 5 nights)
- ❌ Emergency medical expenses for a seafarer or their spouse / partner or children
- ❌ Repatriation (only in exceptional cases where all other possibilities have been exhausted)

The Emergency fund is NOT eligible...

- ❌ **not for long-term** support, not to fund private enterprises, **not when alternatives** for relief are **available**
- ❌ Applications from seafarers who had **not been employed as a seafarer in the previous 12 months**
- ❌ Long-term or **ongoing health issues, permanent disability**, palliative care or with limited recovery chances
- ❌ **Further requests** to the fund from the same individual seafarer **until 12 months has elapsed**

Grant size

- ❌ SEF grants can be applied for a minimum of USD250 up to a maximum of USD5,000 per application.

How to apply

- ❌ You must apply through a **recognised seafarers' welfare organisation**
- ❌ They need to apply online **scan the QR code to your right >>>**
- ❌ Applying welfare organisations **must purchase goods and/or services** for the seafarer and **not hand over cash** (except medical emergency)
- ❌ **Funds** must be **spent fully & directly to service provider** (food, shelter)
- ❌ The **applying organisation must confirm alternative** funding is **not available** locally or from other legally responsible parties (e.g. ship owners, owners rep, flag states, employment/ managing company or similar resources)
- ❌ Applying organisations **must pass on full value** of the grant **to benefit seafarer**
- ❌ **Organisations must submit** a simple **report** on what the grant was spent on (if required with receipts)

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Notes

- ❌ ISWAN and the SEF-panel will ensure that the applying organisation should be informed of the grant **decision within 72 hours of the receipt of all the required information**. The **decision** of the panel is **final**.
- ❌ When a grant is agreed the applying organisation will be asked for their **bank details** and to **accept** the grant **terms**. Then the **funds** will be **transferred** to the applying organisation **asap**.
- ❌ If there the grant can be recouped from other legally responsible party (ship owners, flag states, employer), then the Applying Organisation will use its best efforts to recoup such funds, through its own facilities or through similar organisation incl. ISWAN. **Any funds so recouped shall be returned to ISWAN and credited back to the SEF.**