

Reimbursement of Stranding Expenditures

A fund has been established by the HBOI Protect Wild Dolphin program to provide supplemental support, on an annual basis, for expenditures related to stranding of dolphin in Florida. Allocations are not intended for emergencies since the NOAA Fisheries provide monies for that purpose.

Requests for remuneration must meet the following conditions.

- A. The applicant must have a NOAA Fisheries "Letter of Authorization" (or be listed as a NOAA Fisheries designee) to hold live animals for rehabilitation or dead animals for analysis.
- B. The applicant must meet/exceed USDA regulations for housing marine mammals
- C. The applicant must fully comply with Animal Welfare Act regulations for treatment and care of marine mammals.
- D. The request must be for expenditures that provided care, assistance, or response to a dolphin species stranded in Florida. Please note that reimbursement for food, gas, salary, or lodging will not be considered.
- E. The application must be limited to requests for the following:
 - 1) Live Animals-Animal Food, Medicine, Special Diagnostics (e.g., ultrasound and endoscopic procedures), Laboratory Analysis, Transport, Release, and /or Post Release Monitoring;
 - OR,
 - 2) Dead Animals-Transport, Preservation and Processing of Tissues for Analysis.
- F. Reimbursement is limited to \$10,000 per request. All related receipts must accompany the application. The applicant should provide a signed statement that indicates the request for reimbursement has not been submitted to another agency. Further, the applicant should indicate the extent to which its stranding expenses are being supported by other sources.

Procedures for Remuneration

All applications for reimbursement of stranding expenditures must be submitted by **the last Friday in November**. A panel of experts will review the applications. The panel will include the following persons or their designated representatives: NOAA Fisheries Veterinary Medicine Officer, NOAA Fisheries Regional Stranding Coordinator, State Stranding Coordinator(s), and HBOI PWD Fund Administrators. Predicated on the above criteria, the panel will meet annually in **January** to act on any requests. If all receipts are in order and the applicant meets all the requirements, then the HBOI PWD will issue a check to reimburse the Institution. Any request is limited to one (1) per Institution annually.

Application should be mailed to:

PWD Specialty License Plate Stranding Panel
c/o HARBOR BRANCH Oceanographic Institution, Inc
Attn: Controllers Office
5600 U.S. 1 North
Fort Pierce, Fl. 34946

Stranding Reimbursement Application

I. Applicant Name

Name/Address of Institution

Email Address _____

Tel _____

Fax _____

II. License/Permit Requirements

Please provide proof of the appropriate license/permits.

III. Purpose of Funding (Receipts must be included with this form.)

Describe the intended purpose of the funding request. (Attach additional sheets as necessary)

Live Animal Expenses

Dead Animal Expenses

IV. Total reimbursement requested:

This request for reimbursement has not been submitted to any other source.

Signature and Title of Institutional Representative