



# FISHING INDUSTRY FUNDING GUIDE

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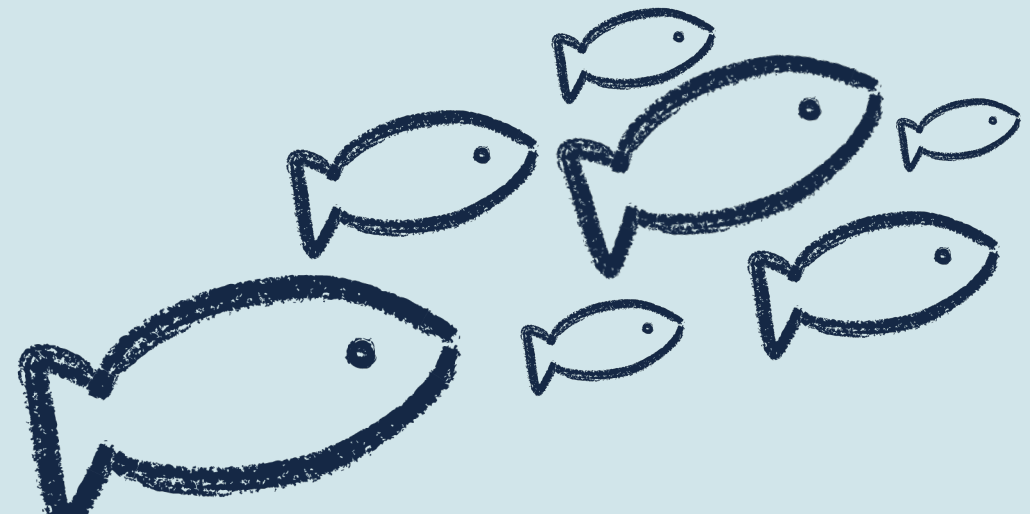
- Why funding exists
- What will/won't get funded?
- Who can help you!
- Tips for writing grant applications
- Where to look for funding opportunities
- More about the Fishing Industry Science Partnership



# WHY DOES FUNDING EXIST?

Funding fishing is in everyone's interest.  
It seeks to:

- 1** Improve management of the marine environment - a shared public asset
- 2** Provide access to healthy, sustainable seafood from a thriving local industry
- 3** Encourage growth and jobs in coastal communities





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# WHAT GETS FUNDED?

*~* SCIENCE AND DATA

**MODERN BUSINESS** EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND

SUSTAINABILITY AND CONSERVATION

# WHAT GETS FUNDED?

ADDING VALUE **COMPETENT WORKFORCE**

**TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION**

SELLING DIRECT AND ENGAGING LOCAL MARKETS

**SAFETY AND WELFARE** *~*





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# EXAMPLE PROJECTS

- Health and safety projects:
  - Safety rails, non-slip deck, bilge pumps, oilskins and PPE, improved wheelhouse, re-wiring
- Adding value projects:
  - Refrigerated vehicles, fish skinning machines, insulated tubs, processing equipment e.g. knives, stainless steel cutting table, ice machines
- Harbourside infrastructure:
  - Unloading davits, harbour ladders, ice facilities, tractor, forklift truck
- Energy efficiency:
  - LED lighting in processing areas, more fuel efficient propellers, converting engines to biodiesel.



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# WHAT WON'T GET FUNDED?

- Increasing fishing capacity and carbon footprint
- Ideas that are not supported by data or evidence.





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# GETTING HELP



## WHO WILL HELP YOU WITH YOUR FUNDING APPLICATION?

A variety of people and organisations work in the UK fishing sector and are prepared to support ideas, give free advice and point you in the right direction.

- **Reach out** to people in your community, local authorities, scientists, businesses and charitable organisations.  
**If you don't ask - you don't get!**
- **The Fishing Animateurs** offer **FREE** application support.
- **Local authorities**  
Does your local authority have business support?
- **Paid consultants** - Consider working with people who have different skills. Include them in your proposal for funding.





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# HOW CAN THE FISHING ANIMATEURS HELP YOU?

- They can check whether projects are eligible
- Act as an agent for writing funding applications and gathering documents
- They will give priority to projects supporting under10s and boats using static gear
- Contact them on [fishinganimateur.co.uk](http://fishinganimateur.co.uk)

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# GRANT VS LOAN

**Funding grants** are awarded for a specific project or purpose. You don't have to pay the funds back if you fulfill the terms of the grant. **A loan has to be repaid.**

- Most funds are not paid out until the project or purchase is completed. If you don't have the capital to cover initial costs a loan may be required. Commsave offer bespoke loans for fishers. Visit [their website](#) to find out more.
- In some cases grants require **match funding** (i.e. complementary funding from other sources). You might need to contribute private capital or collaborate with partner organisations.

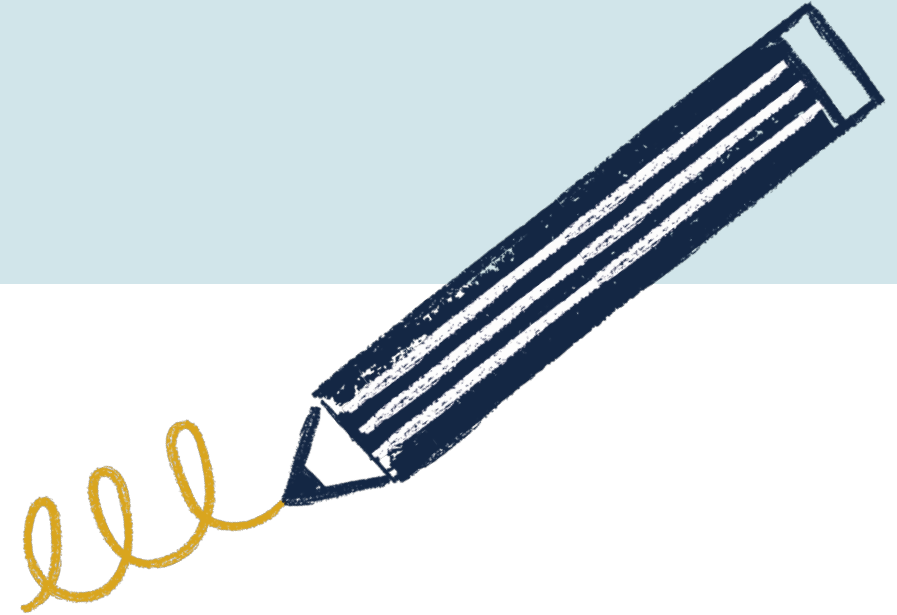


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# TIPS FOR GRANT APPS

- ✓ Have a clear vision
- ✓ Be realistic
- ✓ Does it fit?
- ✓ Check the requirements
- ✓ Language
- ✓ Contacting the funders
- ✓ Be specific
- ✓ Bigger picture
- ✓ Forward thinking

- ✓ Second opinion
- ✓ Keep focused



## Commsave Credit Union offers financial support to people in the fishing industry

They provide loans to bridge the gap between receiving an offer letter and receiving the money. This means you can get started on your project with upfront capital, and when you receive the grant money you can repay your loan.





**MORE TIPS AND TRICKS FORM  
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# WHERE TO LOOK

### Government:

[Fisheries and Seafood Scheme \(FaSS\)](#)

[Fishing Industry Science Partnerships \(FISP\)](#)

[Seafood Innovation Fund \(SIF\)](#)

[Scottish Enterprise Business Grants](#)

[Coastal Communities Alliance \(England\)](#)

[Local Enterprise Partnership Network \(England\)](#)

[Marine and Fisheries Grants \(Scotland\)](#)

[Scotland's Centre for Regional Inclusive Growth \(Scotland\)](#)

[Marine and Fisheries Grants \(Northern Ireland\)](#)

[Sea Fisheries Grants and Support \(Wales\)](#)

### Charitable:

[Fishermen's Mission](#)

[Seafarers' Charity](#)

[The Fishmongers' Company](#)

[Marine Stewardship Council](#)

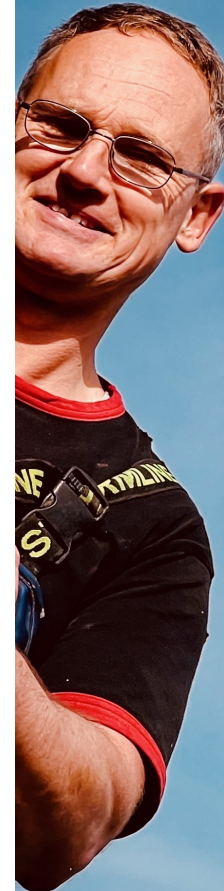
[Scottish Fishermen's Trust \(Scotland\)](#)

[Fisheries Innovation Scotland](#)

**Fishing animateurs** support the industry by providing funding application assistance.

They have previously unlocked large sums of government & charitable funding to support harbour infrastructure, vessel safety, business improvements and building partnerships.

*Updated information on available funding for the UK seafood industry is available on the [Seafish website](#).*



**THE FISHING ANIMATEURS  
CAN NOTIFY YOU WHEN  
NEW FUNDING BECOMES  
AVAILABLE.**

Feel free to add your email address to the chat function if you would like to be added to our mailing list

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# FISHING INDUSTRY SCIENCE PARTNERSHIP (FISP)



Step 1

Call the Fishing  
Animateurs



Step 2

Link with a scientist



Step 3

The Fishing Animateurs  
write an application to  
FISP



Step 4

Write a collaborative  
research proposal

**CONTACT INFO :** Text 07534 580450 or email [fishing@cornwallrcc.org.uk](mailto:fishing@cornwallrcc.org.uk) for more details.



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# FISP – IDEAS FOR FUNDING?

Do you have any ideas for scientific research in the following areas?

- Fish stocks, e.g. stock assessment, life cycle study, ecological processes
- Fishing gear, e.g. trialling improved selectivity
- Environmental impacts of aquaculture





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# UPCOMING FUNDING

- FaSS
- FISP
- Infrastructure Fund
- UK Innovation Fund
- Seafarers' Hospital Society
- Training funding





# THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME



## Fishing into the Future would also like to thank:

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