

Get Fishing Fund Guidance Notes

The Get Fishing Fund has been established to support organisations deliver a programme of angling activities throughout 2021. These angling activities should aim to get more people into fishing and retain them within the sport.

We'll assess your application based on the need you have highlighted, the impact the project will have, your project plan and how you will look to continue the participants involvement in angling after the project has finished. We will also assess your budget and commitment from other funders through match funding obtained.

This Get Fishing Funding scheme is delivered through our partnership arrangement with the Environment Agency. The money comes from fishing licence sales so it provides a way for all anglers to invest in the future of their sport.

Who can apply?

- Angling Clubs, Fisheries, Organisations, Schools, Local Authorities or Charities based in England that want to increase the number of people being introduced to Angling.
- Activity that is delivered as a result of receiving funding must be delivered on freshwater fisheries where angling requires a fishing licence.

What can be funded?

- Equipment to help you run events, this includes any additional equipment to ensure your events are Covid-19 safe (PPE)
- Fishing equipment, terminal tackle and bait
- Contribution towards venue hire
- Coaching fees – For more information on coaching, course and training visit <https://anglingtrust.net/get-involved/coaching/>.
- Event resources e.g., Gazebo
- Promotional materials (this will need to recognise the input and involvement of the Angling Trust and the Environment Agency)
- Basic equipment storage facilities e.g., lock up shed

What we cannot fund?

- The purchase of fishing licences
- Facility improvements such as new pegs/fishing platforms, improving access, general building work. For these activities consider submitting a [Fisheries Improvement Programme](#) idea)
- The stocking of fish

How much can I apply for?

Organisations can apply for up to £2,500 to deliver their project.

Writing your application

Highlighting the need for the project

This is your opportunity to tell us why this project needs to happen? While this may be a simple answer, a strong application will provide some evidence to back up your answer. Can you show;

- Evidence of need from participants or parents. This may include information on fully booked sessions, requests for additional sessions, turning people away due to being fully booked.
- Requests from partners (Schools, Local Authorities or Charities), requesting additional or new sessions/events? For example a school getting in touch a requesting a new coaching programme.

Please feel free to include any supporting documents highlighting what you have discussed with your application. You can also direct us to relevant electronic information about your project or organisation via hyperlinks.

What difference will your project make?

Think about the impact your project will have on getting new people into fishing and stay within the sport. Use this question to describe the opportunities your project will provide. You may want to think about;

- How the project will help create more new opportunities to get into fishing and stay within the sport?
- How will the project extend and add to the activities that you usually do?
- How will you help create an angling habit within the participants rather than a one off angling experience?

How will you make the project happen?

Tell us how you planned the project and how you will deliver it. You may want to touch on;

- How will you access the new participants?
- Links or partnerships you will form to help you deliver the project
- Where will the sessions/events take place?
- Who will lead on the project? Are coaches/volunteers in place to deliver?

What will you do when the project ends?

This is your opportunity to tell us what will happen once the project has been completed. How will you work to keep the participants within angling after the project date has passed? We want to support projects that have a lasting impact. If you have established new links or partnerships as part of the project, how will you look to extend that partnership after the project ends?

Budget and Match Funding

Please list all your expected expenditure for the project, provide a breakdown to show exactly how you intend to spend the funding. Consider the points raised above regarding what this fund can and cannot support.

We will give priority to those projects that have secured match funding. It isn't a specific requirement although it will assist your application if you are able to secure additional investment into the project.

This is also your opportunity to highlight any in kind funding your project may have. This may include free venue hire, volunteer time, donations from a local tackle shop or free memberships from an angling club.

As a guide, we would suggest that the following figures are used as a guide to calculate match funding;

Level 2 Coach - £150 a day

Level 1 Coach - £75 a day

Volunteer - £50 a day

After you have applied

We aim to let you know our decision within three weeks of your application being submitted. If we require additional information, we may contact you for further detail.

If you are successful, we will be in touch via email to discuss next steps, terms and conditions of the grant and the monitoring and evaluating requirements.

Deadline for submission

The final deadline for submitting funding applications is Friday 7th May at 23.59pm.

Please be aware that we have limited funds available. We expect that the funds will be allocated before the deadline. Do not wait to submit your application!

