

ESSENTIAL ADVICE FOR COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FORM

The Angling Improvement Fund, which is administered by the Angling Trust, is funded by the Environment Agency from the sale of fishing licences. Offers of match funding are very important as it allows the money to go further.

To have the best chance of your application being successful, it is important that you ensure the answers you provide are relevant and accurate. The judging panel will be scoring more applications than there is money to award. Therefore, it is unavoidable that some applicants will be unsuccessful.

Once registered, you will be able to open a new application. Keep a note of your login and password. Note: **This is NOT your Angling Trust Membership Number and Login.**

Make sure that every box is filled out and that you pay attention to what is being asked of you. You will not be able to move on to the next section until you have clicked 'save and continue'. Remember you can still come back to questions to complete them at a later stage, up to the closing date and time.

When you are finished and happy with your answers, click submit. You can still login to update and amend your answers right up to the closing date and time. Any application that has not been submitted by the closing date will be deleted and not considered.

Section 1: Address and details of your project venue

This section gives us information about your organisation and the venue(s) where you plan to spend the money (if awarded). Ensure that you fill out all parts accurately. Some of the information may not be immediately available to you, but remember, you have until the closing date to source the answers.

Section 2: Project details

This is a chance for you to convey what your project is aiming to achieve and the benefits that it will bring to your organisation. The Angling Trust needs to ensure the money is being spent wisely so you need to demonstrate there is a genuine need. We suggest you try to use **at least 100 words** in your description. Be concise but give enough detail that the decision makers can understand why your project merits an award from fishing licence income.

Section 3 Expert advice

The Fishery Management Advisors (Jake Davoile and Richard Bamforth) will be very busy when the fund is open. **Contact them as soon as possible rather than ringing them in the last week** and expecting them to be available to visit, as many do. If you are having difficulty making contact with either of them please ring 07945 433626.

Section 4 Delivery Management and Maintenance

It is essential that you have permission to carry out the project. You may be required to provide proof of this before an award is made.

Every year, several projects are cancelled, delayed, or fail to deliver what is described on their application and money is not paid out. We want to hear about well-developed projects that are ready to go, approvals are in place, quotes for materials or contractors have been received. An idea in your head that hasn't been discussed or approved by the committee is little more than a pipedream.

Therefore, this section is closely scrutinised by the judges and accounts for a large proportion of the overall score. Do not assume that the reader will know your previous experience or that they recognise you will be able to manage the project installation and ongoing maintenance.



Section 5 Budget

The Angling Improvement Fund is funded from anglers buying a rod licence. It is therefore expected that every penny is spent prudently. This section is very important and scores highly as a result.

Do your figures add up?

Have you asked for more than the maximum amount? (as many applicants do each year) You **must** attach a quote for work and or materials.

Your non-financial contributions **must** be calculated using figures from the table below. If you do not use these and make up your own figures, your score will be adversely affected.

General, unskilled	Skilled, trained	Specialist	Professional services
labour	labour	services	
Per hour £10.42	Per hour £29.44	Per hour £49.67	Per hour £78.94
Per day £77.10	Per day £217.85	Per day £363.10	Per day £584.10
Supervised scrub clearance, ditch-digging, planting, basic administrative support	Operations for which certificated training is a requirement, such as operating dangerous equipment, driving offroad vehicles, using chemicals	Supervising, training labour teams, surveys, counts, trapping, ringing, diving, printing, designing, photography	Consultants, lawyers, planners, engineers, accountants, auditors

Points to remember

- Ensure that you have uploaded all the documentation requested
- The judges can only judge the information you provide on your application form
- You must click submit for your application to be considered
- Applications will not be considered after the closing date of 1700 on the 17th May 2024
- By applying, you are committing to completing your project, and providing photos and receipts by 31st December 2024. You will not be paid without this



Budget Page example

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