

## Get Fishing Fund Small Grant Guidance Note

The Get Fishing Small Grant Fund provides grants of up to £750 to assist organisations to deliver activities that introduce new people to fishing. The simple application process is ideal for new organisations that have not run these types of fishing events before.

To access the application form, you will first need to contact your Regional Angling Development Officer (RADO) to establish whether your project is suitable. To find out who your RADO is, [click here](#).

The Get Fishing Fund is delivered through our partnership arrangement with the Environment Agency. The money is reinvested from fishing licence sales, thus helping to protect the future of our sport.

### Who can apply?

- You must be based in England
- Angling Clubs, Commercial angling venues, Schools, Local Authorities, Community organisations or CICs looking to increase the number of people being introduced to Angling.
- **Organisations must have a bank account in the name of the organisation applying.** We will not make payment to personal bank accounts.
- Projects must be aligned to the Get Fishing Awards or CAST Award delivery programmes (more information on these programme can be found by contacting your local [Regional Angling Development Officer](#)).
- Organisations that have previously been awarded Grants from the Get Fishing Fund can still apply. However, they will need to evidence that their project will; deliver more events, engage more people or focus on a different audience.

### What can be funded?

- Fishing equipment and terminal tackle
- Promotional materials such as banners or feather flags  
(These will need to recognise the of the contribution of the Angling Trust and the Environment Agency)
- Peg fees/venue hire. The fund will cover up to 50% of the cost of peg fees and venue hire for the project.
- Volunteer expenses to a maximum of £100 total

### What cannot be funded?

- Staff and salary costs (for example payment of a coach)
- Fishery facility improvements
- Fish stocking
- The purchase of fishing licences (Attendees should be made aware of the requirement to hold a current fishing licence. Anyone aged 13-16 years is free)
- Coaching Courses. There are bursaries available separately. Please contact your local [Regional Angling Development Officer](#) for more information.

### How much can be applied for?

Organisations can apply for up to £750 to deliver their project.

### Payments to approved projects

**Payment will be made upon submission of receipts and a completed end of project report. You will not be paid up front for your project.**

### Writing your application

This is your opportunity to describe the value of your project.

- Explain why you want to deliver this project. Is there demand and interest from the local community?

- How will you deliver your project? Where will sessions take place? Will the project be delivered by Licenced Level 2 angling coaches? Will you be running Get Fishing Awards or CAST Awards?
- How many sessions are you planning to run?
- How will you ensure that your project is sustainable and can therefore run in future years without relying on repeat funding?

Please add any additional evidence, testimonials or partnerships with local schools or groups, to help showcase your project.

Please note: All projects will be required to supply data on participants progressing through their events to the Angling Trust. **All projects will be required to complete an end of project report.**

**All communications will be with the main contact person as detailed on the form.** Successful applicants will be required to complete and sign an Applicant Declaration Form.

### **Budget and Match Funding**

Please provide a full list of the items you intend to purchase. Small items such as terminal tackle can be grouped together (rather than listing every packet of hooks for example).

The budget section must be accompanied with a quote for the items. This could be a screenshot from a website or the screenshot of an online basket listing numerous items. **You will not be able to apply without uploading this.**

Priority will be given to projects that have secured match funding. It is not a specific requirement. However, judges will look to support projects that have secured additional investment, therefore not relying solely on rod licence income.

Please also list any in kind funding for your project. This refers to any donations, volunteer time, free venue use, free memberships and discounts from a local tackle shop.

When assessing the costs of voluntary labour, the budget section of the application form has prepopulated rates based on national minimum wage. This gives uniformity to applications. Applicants, therefore, only need to input the number of days or part days contributed from the following categories.

- Volunteers
- Level 1 Coach / Event Support Volunteer
- Level 2 Coach

### **Notification of your result**

Applicants will receive notification on the result of their application within 4 weeks of submission. If we require additional information, we will contact you for further details.

If you are successful, we will contact you by email with the necessary paperwork to complete and return.

### **Closing date**

The fund has a rolling deadline and will close once all funds have been allocated.

