

Fisheries Improvement Programme (Round 2 2026/27) FAQ's

July 2026

When does the fund open?

The fund will open at 9am on Monday 3rd August 2026

When will the fund close?

The fund will close at 5pm on Friday 28th August 2026

When will I receive notification of the result?

Once the application window has closed, all bids will be reviewed and evaluated. The Environment Agency will contact you directly to inform you of the outcome or, if required, to discuss your proposal further. We expect applicants to be contacted by 30th September 2026, although in some cases this may be as late as 31st October 2026.

Who do I contact if I wish to talk through my project proposal before submitting?

Please contact your local area Environment Agency Officer, if you are unsure who this is you can contact the EA on: 03708 506 506

How do I know if my project is eligible?

You must first read the Guidance for Applicants document which is located on the funding page of the Angling Trust Website: [Here](#)

How do I apply for the fund?

You can only apply by using our online application portal, the link to which is found on the funding page of the Angling Trust website: [Here](#). If you haven't applied for a grant before you must first register on the portal, by using this link: <https://grants.anglingtrust.net/>

Do I need my Angling Trust membership details in order to log in?

No. The portal is separate to the Angling Trust website and you therefore do not need these details in order to apply

My organisation is not showing in the dropdown menu, what do I do?

If your organisation does not appear in the drop-down list, it is likely that it has not yet been registered on the portal. Select "Create a new one" to register your organisation before continuing with your application.

Will I need to provide a quote for the costs of the project?

Yes, you will need to obtain any relevant quotes and cost estimates before submitting your application. These should be uploaded as part of your application for any items you are requesting grant funding for, such as materials or contractor costs

When can I start work on the project?

Once the Environment Agency has agreed to support your project a signed agreement needs to be put in place. All projects must be completed by 31 March 2027

When is the next opportunity to submit proposals?

If you are not quite ready to bid this time, or are not confident the work can be completed by 31st March 2027 (or if your bid was rejected and needs reworking), then the portal is expected to reopen in December 2026 for projects to be delivered from the 1st April 2027 onwards.