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# European Grants

The European Grants Team administer the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) scheme in England. The EMFF supports fisheries, inland waters, aquaculture and maritime sectors. The fund provides €92m to support sustainable development within these sectors and conservation of the marine environment, alongside growth and jobs in coastal communities in England.

## What we do:

- help fishermen in the transition to sustainable fishing
- administer EMFF scheme to ensure maximum uptake of budgets
- support coastal communities in diversifying their economies
- finance projects that create new jobs and improve quality of life along England's coasts
- make it easier for applicants to access financing

## Why we do it:

We aim to ensure that funding is spent in a way that promotes competitive, innovative and resource efficient fishing and aquaculture industries, for the benefit of our coastal communities.

## Key achievements:

We have approved over 735 EMFF projects since the scheme opened for applications in January 2016, with a grant value of £26.6 million.

We have awarded over £1.3m to improve health and safety on board fishing vessels in England

We have committed the entire £5m budget for the processing of fisheries and aquaculture products within two years of the scheme opening.

The training projects that we have approved have delivered over 1,100 training places to enhance knowledge, skills and safety within the fishing industry.

## Facts:

Small scale coastal fishers can benefit from grant funding as high as 80% of their total project costs.

EMFF applicants can create their own registered account on the EMFF E-System, which allows them to track and monitor the progress of their application from submission to payment of claims.

We operate a dedicated helpline and mailbox through which prospective applicants can speak to Grants Officers to discuss and receive professional advice on their proposals.

