

GUIDANCE FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO SHORE-BASED FACILITIES

1. Introduction

Funding in this area will support developments in shore-based infrastructure across the supply chain, in control and traceability of products, and enhance the value chain through marketing and processing

Funding can be applied for under the following measures:

M16 Improving the value and quality of fisheries products

M28 Improving infrastructure across the supply chain

M29 Supporting innovation in the seafood sector

Details of eligible projects and monitoring requirements for each measure can be found in Section 2, Projects you can apply for.

Please note this information is for guidance only and is not exhaustive or binding. If you are unsure whether an item is eligible, please check the General Guidance and if you are still unsure contact the MMO.

2. Projects you can apply for

M16 Improving the value and quality of fisheries products

Projects can include:

- Investments that add value to fishery products;
- Investments that increase the quality, control and traceability of the products landed;

Projects excluded from funding

- Investments on-board vessels, these might be eligible under support for fishing activities.
- Projects that are unable to clearly demonstrate the improved quality or value added to fisheries products.

Results Indicators

FaSS result indicators have been designed to measure the benefits delivered by a project. Result indicators are specific to the type of project you are applying for. For projects under M16, Improving the value and quality of fisheries products, the following indicators are applicable:

M16 Improving the value and quality of fisheries products	
Indicator	Information you must provide
Change in net profits	<p>In your application please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current profit (£) • Expected profit (£) after the project • Company accounts for the last 3 years. <p><i>The expected and actual change in net profit will be used to determine the project's success.</i></p>

M16 Improving the value and quality of fisheries products	
Indicator	Information you must provide
Employment maintained (FTE) in the fisheries sector or complementary activities	<p>In your application please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of employees working in your business before the project. • Expected number of employees working in your business after the project. <p><i>The expected and actual change in number of employees will be used to determine the project's success.</i></p>

Not all FaSS result indicators will be applicable to your project. As part of the assessment of your project the most suitable indicator or indicators will be identified and used to form some of the targets and benefits of your project.

As part of ongoing project monitoring you will be required to provide further information on the progress you have made towards the expected benefits of your project. Once the project is complete you will be required to provide evidence as part of post project monitoring to show the actual benefits achieved by your project.

M28 Improving infrastructure across the supply chain

Projects can include:

- Investments that increase the quality, control and traceability of the products landed.
- Investments that increase energy efficiency
- Investments that contribute to environmental protection
- Improvements to safety and working conditions
- investments improving the infrastructure of fishing ports, auctions halls, landing sites and shelters
- investments in the construction or modernisation of shelters that improve the safety of fishermen (for the purposes of FaSS shelters are structures for the sheltering of fishing vessels)
- investments in the construction of purification plants or other processing facilities to enable adaptation to new trading conditions.

Projects excluded from funding

- Projects that do not fall into any of the eligible activities;
- Projects solely relating to maintenance or repair activities will not be eligible for funding;
- Support shall not cover the construction of new ports, new landing sites or new auction halls.

Results Indicators

FaSS result indicators have been designed to measure the benefits delivered by a project. Result indicators are specific to the type of project you are applying for. For projects under M28, Improving infrastructure across the supply chain, the following indicators are applicable:

M28 Improving infrastructure across the supply chain	
Indicator	Information you must provide
Change in net profits	<p>In your application please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current profit (£)

M28 Improving infrastructure across the supply chain	
Indicator	Information you must provide
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expected profit (£) after the project Company accounts for the last 3 years. <p><i>The expected and actual change in net profit will be used to determine the project's success.</i></p>
Employment maintained (FTE) in the fisheries sector or complementary activities	<p>In your application please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of employees working in your business before the project. Expected number of employees working in your business after the project. <p><i>The expected and actual change in number of employees will be used to determine the project's success.</i></p>

Not all FaSS result indicators will be applicable to your project. As part of the assessment of your project the most suitable indicator or indicators will be identified and used to form some of the targets and benefits of your project.

As part of ongoing project monitoring you will be required to provide further information on the progress you have made towards the expected benefits of your project. Once the project is complete you will be required to provide evidence as part of post project monitoring to show the actual benefits achieved by your project.

M29 Supporting innovation in the seafood sector

Projects can include:

- New or improved management and organisation systems to adapt to new ways of working and new/changing markets;

Projects above must be carried out by, or in collaboration with, a scientific or technical body, recognised by MMO. The scientific or technical body must validate the results of your project.

Projects excluded from funding

- Any projects not carried out by, or in collaboration with a scientific or technical body recognised by MMO, or where the results of the project will not be validated by the recognised scientific or technical body.

Results Indicators

FaSS result indicators have been designed to measure the benefits delivered by a project. Result indicators are specific to the type of project you are applying for. For projects under M29, Supporting innovation in the seafood sector, the indicators on page 7 are applicable:

M29 Supporting innovation in the seafood sector	
FaSS Indicator	Information you must provide
Change (tonnage) from exports to domestic sales	<p>In your application please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual tonnes of product exported before the project. • Expected tonnes of product exported after the project. • Annual tonnes of product sold domestically before the project. • Expected tonnes of product sold domestically after the project. <p><i>The expected and actual change in product sold domestically or exported will be used to determine the project's success.</i></p>
Change in net profits	<p>In your application please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current profit (£) • Expected profit (£) after the project • Company accounts for the last 3 years. <p><i>The expected and actual change in net profit will be used to determine the project's success.</i></p>

Not all FaSS result indicators will be applicable to your project. As part of the assessment of your project the most suitable indicator or indicators will be identified and used to form some of the targets and benefits of your project.

As part of ongoing project monitoring you will be required to provide further information on the progress you have made towards the expected benefits of your project. Once the project is complete you will be required to provide evidence as part of post project monitoring to show the actual benefits achieved by your project.

Evaluation Indicators

FaSS evaluation indicators have been designed to measure the wider benefits delivered by the FaSS programme. Evaluation indicators are specific to the type of project you are applying for but will not be used to assess the eligibility of your project. For projects under M29, Supporting innovation in the seafood sector, the

following indicators are applicable:

M29, Supporting innovation in the seafood sector	
Indicator	Information you must provide
Number of enterprises supported by system change	<p>In your application please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current number of enterprises supported by the system. • Expected number of enterprises supported by the system after the project. <p><i>The expected and actual change in number of enterprises will be used to inform the evaluation of the FaSS.</i></p>
Number of new markets accessible	<p>In your application please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current number of markets accessed by your business. • Expected number of markets accessed by your business after the project. <p><i>The expected and actual change in markets access will be used to inform the evaluation of the FaSS.</i></p>

Not all FaSS evaluation indicators will be applicable to your project. For those which are relevant to your project you must provide the information listed above.

3. Funding available

The minimum and maximum funding available for measures relating to shore-based facilities are outlined below:

Limits of Funding Available in FaSS Measures		
FaSS Measure	Minimum Grant Value Available (£)	Maximum Grant Value Available (£)
M28 Improving infrastructure across the supply chain	500	150,000
M29 Supporting innovation in the seafood sector	1,000	200,000
M16 Improving the value and quality of fisheries products	500	70,000

4. Funding required by you

It is your responsibility to source and provide match funding, such as business loans or cash resources. You must state the source of funding when applying. Before committing any private resources, we recommend you seek independent financial advice.

The amount of money you can apply for will depend on your business or organisation type. There are maximum allocations allowed for each applicant are outlined below:

Funding Rates for Eligible Applicants in FaSS				
Applicant Type	Funding Rates as Percentages of Eligible Costs			
	FaSS %	Other national funding %	Total public money %	Private %
Public	75	25	100	0
Private (SME)	50	0	50	50
Private (Non-SME)	30	0	30	70
Private (SSCF)	80	0	80	20
Private (Fishermen's associations)	75	0	75	25
Private (POs)	75	0	75	25

Grant Rates Key; SSCF Small scale coastal fishing – vessels under 12m and not using towed gear; PO Producer Organisation; SME Micro, small and medium enterprises; Other national funding – funding from other public funds – see General Guidance note for further advice.