

I, as the applicant, declare that I have read and understood the Fisheries and Sea Food Scheme (FaSS) guidance and application form.

I declare that the information given in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

If an agent or someone acting on my behalf has completed this application or submitted documents in support of the application, I can confirm that I have checked the information provided in the application form and its supporting documents and I am satisfied that it is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I confirm that all the quotes for work that accompany this application have been supplied by the parties concerned and have been provided independently and as part of a genuine competitive tendering process. If any quotes have been obtained through a third party such as a project manager, I confirm that I am satisfied that they have been supplied in this manner.

I declare that I have the permission from any other partner(s) in the project to sign the application on their behalf.

I understand that all FaSS funding awards are discretionary and there is no automatic entitlement to any funds.

I know of no reason why I should not be granted FaSS funding.

I confirm that neither I nor a close relative has any financial or other material interest in the companies that will supply goods and services to my project. If that is not the case I confirm that I have explained this within the application form.

I undertake to inform the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) in writing of any change in circumstances which may affect the accuracy of the information given whilst this application is being considered by the MMO.

I understand the FaSS funding may be withheld or any paid monies recovered if it is found to have been obtained by the provision of false, untrue or inaccurate information, was not used for the purpose for which it was granted or if any condition of fisheries funding was not complied with.

If my application relates to investments on board my vessel, I confirm that the proposed investment detailed in this application will not increase the ability of my vessel to catch fish. I understand that responsibility for ensuring that the project which is the subject of this application is technically viable, complies with all relevant health and safety legislation and any other project specific safety requirements, is my responsibility and not the responsibility of the MMO.

I understand that the information given by me will be treated in confidence, but may be submitted for checking against records held by other government departments, other agencies, local authorities and the police, for the purposes of assessing my eligibility for fisheries funding or for the purposes of the prevention and detection of crime.

I authorise HM Revenue and Customs to provide the MMO with any information relevant to this application, and with any information needed to check the information I have provided if necessary.

I understand that any information provided to the HM Revenue and Customs in connection with this application may be used by them for the purpose of their statutory functions.

I understand that when examining any claims for grant related to this application, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) and/or the MMO may have to ask HM Revenue and Customs about my VAT registration status and I have no objection to any such enquiry.

Where applicable for vessel owners/skippers, I confirm that:

- I have not been convicted of fraud under any other fisheries scheme
- I have not committed a serious violation of conservation or management measures in the 12 months before applying;
- I have not been convicted of Illegal Unreported Unregulated (IUU) fishing by any UK fisheries administration, the flag State of the vessel, for activities by vessels flying its flag; a coastal Member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreement on Fishing Subsidies for activities in areas under its jurisdiction; or the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) or a relevant Regional Fisheries Management Organization or Arrangement (RFMO/A) in accordance with the rules and procedures of the relevant UK fisheries administration, flag State, coastal Member, RFMO/A, and relevant international law
- I have not been convicted of an offence that the MMO considers to be a 'serious infringement' or fraud in the 12 months before applying
- I, or any other partner(s) in the project (or their organisation) has been convicted of fraud or a serious infringement any time up to five years from the date of receiving the final instalment of the grant

Withholding, Suspending or Repayment of Grant Funding for Prohibited Subsidies

Without prejudice to MMOs other rights and remedies, MMO may at its discretion reduce, withhold or suspend payment of the Grant Funding and/or require repayment of all or part of the above events have occurred in the 12 months prior to applying, or during the life time of the project.

Grounds for exclusion

I understand that if my application is successful, I will be required to confirm if I or my organisation have been convicted anywhere in the world of:

- mandatory exclusion for public procurement within the last 5 years
- discretionary exclusions for public procurement within the last 3 years

Include links to mandatory and discretionary exclusion and also include statement that says something like :

If, within the past 5 years, I or my organisation have been convicted anywhere in the world of any mandatory exclusion, I will provide a brief description of the exclusion including the date of conviction with my application.

If, within the past 3 years, I or my organisation have been convicted anywhere in the world of any discretionary exclusion, I am required to provide a brief description of the exclusion including the date of conviction with my application.

Compliance requirements

By accepting an offer of funding, I agree:

- to comply with the Modern Slavery Act 2015, which if I have an annual turnover of £36 million or more requires me to provide a Modern Slavery statement and a Modern Slavery policy, if I have one
- that I have insurance that complies with current legislation to deliver my proposed project
- that I have a Health and Safety Policy that complies with current legislation and that staff understand and adhere to

Monitoring and reporting

I confirm that:

The Grant Recipient shall closely monitor the delivery and success of the Approved Project throughout the Grant Period to ensure that the aims and objectives of the Approved Project are being met and that the Agreement is being adhered to.

Where the Grant Recipient has obtained funding from a third party for its delivery of part of the Approved Project, the Grant Recipient shall include the amount of such funding in its financial reports together with details of what that funding has been used for.

The Grant Recipient shall on request provide the Authority with such further information, explanations and documents as the Authority may require in order for it to establish that the Grant Funding has been used properly in accordance with the Agreement.

The Grant Recipient shall permit any person authorised by the Authority access to its employees, agents, premises, facilities and records, for the purpose of discussing, monitoring and evaluating the Grant Recipient's fulfilment of the conditions of this Agreement and shall, if so required, provide appropriate oral or written explanations from them as required during the Grant Period and for so long as any Grant Funding remains unspent.

On reasonable notice, the Grant Recipient shall permit and facilitate any person authorised by the Authority for that purpose to visit the Grant Recipient to monitor the delivery of the Approved Project.

The Grant Recipient shall agree to participate in relevant economic and scientific surveys, including but not limited to the annual [Seafish Fishing Fleet Survey](#) and consent to the sharing of vessel-level identifiable information with the Authority, the Grant Administrator, the Risk and Policy Analysts and the Seafish Industry Authority.

The Grant Recipient shall notify the Authority with a written statement within 28 calendar days following the end of Grant Period which shall confirm whether the Approved Project has been successfully and properly completed. The Authority may at its discretion provide the Grant Recipient with feedback on the adequacy of the statement and may also require the Grant Recipient to re-submit the written statement, having taken into account any issues raised in the Authority's feedback.

I confirm that by declaring that I accept my offer of grant electronically on the FaSS Application and Claims Management System I understand and accept that:

1. I will be required to comply with the above terms and conditions, and
2. I will be liable for any penalty or sanction applied if I fail to comply with these terms and conditions.