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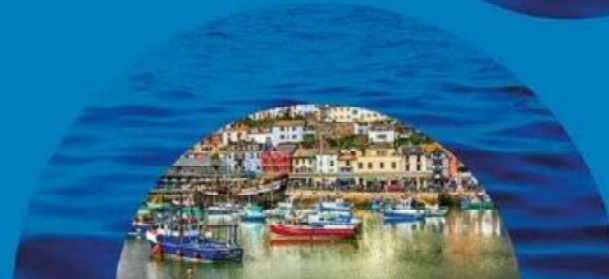


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# MMO Grant Schemes

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- **MMO investment**
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- Total MMO grant scheme value: **£215m**
- Total Payments 2016 – date: **£123m**



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## **European & Maritime Fisheries Fund (EMFF): £85m**

- January 2016 - December 2023
- Supporting fisheries, aquaculture, training, processing and communities
- £80m+ awarded to over 1,500 projects
- Data Collection Framework and Control activities supported

## **Maritime & Fisheries Fund (MFF): £16m**

- October 2019 - March 2021
- Additional sector support for EU exit/transition
- £10m awarded to 410 projects
- £6m re-purposed to support MMO's covid-19 response



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## Compensation schemes

- Fisheries Response Fund (FRF)
  - Part of MMO's Covid-19 response activity
  - March 2020
  - Over £8m awarded to over 1,200 fisheries & aquaculture businesses
- Domestic Seafood Supply Scheme (DSSS)
  - Increase the supply of local seafood to domestic markets
  - May 2020
  - £1m awarded to support 20 projects
- Seafood Response Fund (SRF)
  - UK wide delivery
  - EU Exit 2021/22
  - £16m transition payments to over 2,400 UK businesses



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## Fisheries & Seafood Scheme (FaSS)

### Phase 1

- One year scheme, launched April 2021
- £8.5m awarded to over 500 projects
- Expected to deliver:
  - 371 FTEs safeguarded/created
  - £3.2m increase in net profits
  - 155 training days
  - 1,000+ Tonnes increase in production from sustainable aquaculture

### Phase 2

- Due to success of phase 1, a three-year programme was launched
- Over £20m available until March 2025
- Quarterly panels for projects valued over £150,000



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## UK Seafood Fund (UKSF)

- Infrastructure Pillar
  - £65m programme
  - Improved capability, economic welfare of communities, fleet modernisation and recreational seafishing
  - Round 1: £16m awarded to six projects in October 2022
  - Round 2: £40m (max.) to be awarded June 2023
  - Round 3: £2m(+), launched early 2023
  - Round 4: £1m, launched spring 2023



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## SAGB Grant Funded Projects

SAGB awarded funding for several projects in FaSS and EMFF including:

### EMFF

- £60k awarded to promote UK Shellfish Trade

### FaSS

- £93k to lead industry in action for cleaner waters
- £64k to promote shellfish consumption in England

SAGB involvement with projects delivered by other industry bodies, including Seafish to:

- Establish best practice guidance for handling of crustacea
- Assess risks around shellfish contamination in detecting Norovirus
- Develop a code of practice for optimal crustacea welfare

Currently partnering with The Rivers Trust to develop quality assurance scheme to predict optimal shellfish harvesting times

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## FaSS LBM Funding Round

- Dedicated funding round for LBM projects opened in September to November 2021
- Eligible funding round projects were supported with an enhanced funding rate of 80%, and advanced payments
- 13 successful projects awarded, with a combined value of £748k
- Total FaSS funding value of £558k
- Projects awarded under “M3 Enhancing quality or adding value to aquaculture products”
- M3 remains open for applications from aquaculture producers as part of BAU under FaSS2



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# Where we are now

**Fisheries and Seafood Fund**  
**UK Seafood Fund – Infrastructure Pillar**

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Through UKSF, MMO aims to:

- Contribute to national agendas
  - Levelling Up
  - Strengthening the Union
- Reduce carbon emissions throughout supply chain
- Invest in infrastructure across the industry
- Improve economic resilience through diversification opportunities
- Support current workforce adapt to new markets
- Attract new entrants to the industry



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# Scheme objectives

## FaSS will also:

- Continue to support economic recovery from Covid-19, prioritising jobs and skills
- Level up economic opportunity by investing in infrastructure, people and innovation
- Lead the development of technologies to support national net zero ambitions



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# Delivering impact: Case studies

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## UK Seafood Fund (Infrastructure Scheme): Denholm Seafoods

Project value: £10m | Awarded: £3m

### The project

Denholm Seafoods, based in Scotland, processes pelagic fish caught from sustainable fisheries. A phased £30 million strategic development plan will allow the business to substantially increase production and freezing throughput of premium quality mackerel and herring landed at Peterhead.

MMO awarded £3m to support phase 4, enabling:

- Installation of six state-of-the-art automatic plate freezers
- 5 packing machines and related equipment
- Identification of future export market demand for premium quality Scottish pelagic fish.

### By March 2025

- Increased processing and production capacity of mackerel
- Increase freezing and packing capability by 74%
- Increase its on-site cold storage to stop the transfer of fish to Dundee, removing a total of 11,322 transport miles and energy wastage of 10,972 kwh.

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## Fisheries and Seafood Scheme: Larry's Fishcakes

Project value: £300,000 | Awarded: £150,000

### The project

Family run Larry's Fishcakes, is an established fishcake manufacturer in North Shields. The company was heavily reliant on the wholesale market and faced logistical challenges in 2020/21 due to hospitality industry closures, and transport issues.

MMO awarded £150,000 to Larry's Fishcakes to reduce their reliance on the wholesale market and adhere to retail regulations allowing them to diversify fully into the retail sector. This investment implemented three projects relating to processing, marketing & logistics enabled by:

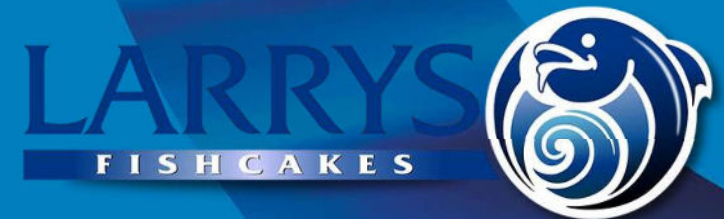
- A suite of processing equipment
- Refrigerated vehicle
- Promotional activity

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### By March 2025:

- 3 FTE created (delivered)
- 9 FTE safeguarded (delivered)
- Increased resilience
- Net profit increase of £80,000
- Improved market share by establishing a new customer base

“The reality is, that without FaSS assistance, Larry's would be in a dark place - if indeed not here at all. The MMO Grants Team has been incredibly helpful from day one” **Craig Foster, Larry's Fishcakes**







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## H&S Projects

Fishing is the most dangerous peacetime profession in the UK. Commercial fishers are six times more likely to die than workers in other sectors, with 10 lives lost in 2021.

MMO has awarded approx. £5m to more than 800 Health & Safety related projects. This investment has enabled:

- H&S Equipment or PPE – Life raft, Bouyancy suits
- Vessel modifications – Lighting, Bilge pumps, Safety Rails, Wheelhouse, Bulbous bow
- Partnered with Seafish, MCA, RNLI, NFFO, FISG courses including Safety at Sea, Stability Awareness, Navigation, Radio Comms, New Entrants

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**Health & Safety: Various**  
**Project value: £7m | Awarded: £5m**

### **Saving lives**

The 23m vessel *Emilia Jayne* fishing out of Brixham. Crew man overboard in 80 mph winds 20ft high waves off the coast of Devon. No souls were lost thanks to FaSS funded Health & Safety equipment:

- Lifejackets
- **Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRBs)**
- Man Overboard Ladders





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