



N.E. Scotland Fisheries
LocalActionGroup



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NESFLAG Programme Update – February 2018

North East Scotland Fisheries Local Action Group (NESFLAG) is a partnership of over 20 organisations from the public, private, community and fisheries sector. NESFLAG delivers the community-led local development elements of the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund 2014-2020.

The NESFLAG budget for the programme period is £1.437m which covers the Aberdeenshire and Angus coasts, encompassing most fishing communities and coastal settlements. Aberdeenshire Council administers the programme through a dedicated co-ordinator and part time support staff.

Since the EU Referendum, the deadline for grant commitment has been moved forward to December 2018. All projects must have completed and drawn down all grant by December 2020.

NESFLAG welcomes applications from community groups, third sector organisations, public bodies, private companies and other organisations. Projects can cover a wide range of activities but should address the following priorities which have been agreed by the FLAG:

- a) *adding value and promoting innovation at all stages of the fisheries and seafood supply chain*
- b) *creating jobs, attracting young people, encouraging lifelong learning and facilitating training in fisheries areas*
- c) *supporting diversification inside or outside commercial fisheries*
- d) *enhancing and capitalising on the environmental assets of the fisheries areas*
- e) *promoting social well-being, cultural heritage and community development in fisheries areas*

NESFLAG launched in March 2016 and the first application round was held during July - October 2016. Although initially the number of applications was lower than expected, interest has gradually increased and four applications were approved in October 2017. In the most recent application deadline (Round 6) seven applications have been received. These applications will be assessed in March 2018.

The NESFLAG Co-ordinator continues to work with potential applicants and it is expected that a number of applications will be received in the next application deadline on 22nd April.

Anyone with a potential project idea should first discuss it with Jamie Wilkinson (NESFLAG Co-ordinator) at nesflag@aberdeenshire.gov.uk or 01467 537377.



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The current approved projects are:

Applicant	Project	Grant	Summary
Buchanhaven Harbour	Buchanhaven Boat Shed	£28,568.90	Construction of a boatshed workshop and community space
Peterhead Port Authority	Port Henry Marina	£45,189.69	Extension of the pontoons in the Port Henry Basin to provide 15 new berths
PBP Services	Corrosion Protection Equipment	£36,346.76	Purchase of machinery for zinc spraying boat hulls and other equipment
Sandhaven & Pitullie Harbour	Sandhaven & Pitullie Harbour Redevelopment	£23,650.00	New pontoons at Sandhaven Harbour
Scottish Seafood Association	Seafood Training Centre	£60,808.25	Establishment of a new training centre for new entrants into the seafood processing sector
The Captain's Table Ltd	The Captain's Table	£10,149.38	Fitting out costs for a new seafood restaurant in Fraserburgh
Davidsons Painters	Coatings Removal Multi-worker	£67,582.70	Purchase of an innovative high speed canon system for removal of old paint from boat hulls.

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