

Newsletter

Summer 2019



Highland & Moray
**FISHERIES
LOCAL
ACTION
GROUP**

The Highland & Moray FLAG held their 9th funding round in April and the tally now stands at 26 projects approved. To be successful for funding each of these projects had to demonstrate how they deliver on the FLAG Local Development Strategy. The Highland & Moray FLAG has three funding themes which underpin the Development Strategy and each theme has its own target outputs and outcomes.

Theme 1: Stronger and more resilient fishing communities

Under this theme we look to build fisheries community capacity by supporting local development initiatives and co-operation between partners, alongside protecting fishing communities from further decline by investing in infrastructure that will allow communities to respond positively to challenges and opportunities.

The FLAG have approved over £450k funding to projects meeting this theme, supporting 31 harbour infrastructure improvements, including increased berthing space and improved access to services like fuel, ice and chill facilities.



Theme 2: A sustained, growing and diversified marine, coastal and aquaculture economy

This theme is aimed at strengthening local economies by providing support for new and existing businesses to target profitable and growing markets and stimulate job creation. Including adding value to local fisheries and aquaculture products and giving communities the opportunity to diversify outwith fisheries and explore other marine related incomes.

The FLAG has invested £400k in projects on track to create 26 jobs, 7 initiatives to add value to fisheries and aquaculture products and 9 harbour infrastructure improvements to support diversification.

Theme 3: Improved understanding of marine environment and management of resources

This theme focuses on promoting initiatives that may conserve or enhance the marine environment with a view of long term sustainability, and reducing the environmental impact of the fisheries and aquaculture sectors through individual and co-operative action.

Two projects have been approved under this theme with over £27k funding committed to deliver on initiatives to tackle marine litter and to further our understanding of the marine environment through citizen science.

Check out page 2 to find our more about FLAG funded projects

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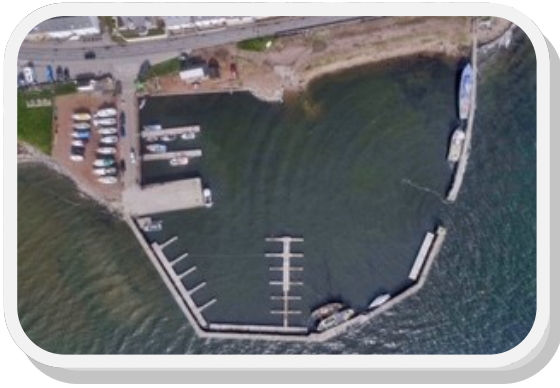
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More FLAG Funded Projects

Avoch Harbour Trust



Avoch Harbour Trust applied to the FLAG to upgrade essential harbour berthing facilities for the local community. The harbour has been deepened to allow additional pontoons to be installed which will provide 18 new berthing spaces. The middle pier has also been upgraded so fishermen can now berth alongside to land their catch.

Total Project Costs: £55,885.00

FLAG Funding: £41,913.75

Scottish Wildlife Trust, Ullapool

To further the fantastic work being done by the Scottish Wildlife Trust Living Seas project SWT applied to the FLAG for funding to purchase a new accessible RIB vessel. The boat will have three primary uses: 1) As part of their West Coast Snorkel Trail to encourage people to experience and learn about life below the surface; 2) To assist the removal of marine litter from remote island locations; 3) To carry out citizen science research on the Wester Ross Marine Protected Area.



Total Project Costs: £26,922.63 **FLAG Funding: £15,126.07**

Balintore Harbour Users Group/Highland Council

A lack of essential services can make life difficult for a fisherman, returning from a day at sea and no means to preserve their catch until the next market is certainly one of them. Balintore Harbour Users Group in partnership with Highland Council applied to the FLAG to install a chiller and ice making facilities to allow fishermen to ice and store their catch to ensure it is in pristine condition before being sold at market. This will help fishermen achieve the maximum price for their catch and operate their business efficiently.

Total Project Costs: £17,495.40 **FLAG Funding: £13,159.05**

Elgin & Lossiemouth Harbour Company, Lossiemouth

With FLAG funding support, work is now under way at Lossiemouth Harbour to complete a new vessel laydown area with dedicated creel storage area, and to install a new pontoon access ramp ensuring easier, safer access for fishermen & other vessel owners.



Total Project Costs: £59,374.00 **FLAG Funding: £29,374.00**

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