

Case study: PPS East

About the company

PPS East, formerly TFA Box Company, was established in Grimsby nearly 30 years ago. The company services the local fishing industry, providing returnable plastic crates, bins and boxes to hold fish both on ships and on shore.

PPS East collects the plastic crates, bins and boxes from the customer's premises, hygienically washes them and stores them for re-use, allowing seafood customers to get their product from sea to plate with reduced costs, lower carbon emissions and no packaging waste.

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Two projects were put forward for funding totalling £260,000.

A research and development grant of £140,000 from the Regional Growth Fund is helping to develop smaller 3kg and 5kg re-useable boxes for use by local companies who supply, process and retail fish fillets. PPS East are starting the initial designs of the small boxes, and the money from Regional Growth Fund will fund the tooling for box production and help support this £200,000 research and development programme to trial the new boxes within the seafood industry.

The company is also planning to expand its core business to include other food sectors in Lincolnshire, providing storage solutions for produce from field to factory and from factory to retail store. The second Regional Growth Fund grant of £120,000 will form part of a £400,000 project to purchase new equipment to expand into other food industries, outside of their existing fish processing customers.

Job creation

Through both of these exciting projects, an additional 12 jobs will be created at the company over the next three years, with five for the new food market areas, and seven in development and administration jobs for the new small fish box arena. A further two jobs will be safeguarded.



£260K

“These are very important grants for us, which will help us to expand and grow our business in different sectors. The service PPS East is now able to provide has relieved each individual local processing company from having to make their own major investment in a pool of crates/boxes, storage, managing and maintaining the hygienic standard of its own pool of products.”

PPS East Ltd are delivering financial and environmental benefits to food processors and hence, to the North East Lincolnshire region in general.”

Kate Williamson
Business Development Director