

Townscape Heritage – Key facts

- The Townscape Heritage programme is for schemes which help communities improve the built historic environment of conservation areas in need of investment across the UK. Applications for grant range from £100,000 to £2million.
- A Townscape Heritage scheme is made up of a balanced portfolio of projects that together have the potential to regenerate and transform conservation areas in need of investment. These schemes should aim to halt and reverse the decline of historic townscapes by creating attractive vibrant and interesting places where in the future people will want to live, work and invest. This will be achieved by funding physical works to repair and enhance the historic area in order to encourage business confidence, by providing local people with the opportunity to learn new skills and by inspiring the local community to take an interest in and get involved with their townscape heritage
- “Townscape” - an area where there is a mixture of buildings and uses, and which may include residential or retail or other business uses. It will be part of a designated conservation area or a clear and convincing intention to secure designation before the delivery phase begins will be demonstrated.

Funding can be provided for works that include:

- Carrying out structural and external repairs to buildings;
- Repairing or reinstating elements of architectural detail such as shop fronts
- Work to bring vacant buildings back into use.
- Improvements to the public realm and the authentic restoration of features;
- Good quality and sympathetic development in gap site, where these do not form the main focus of the scheme.
- Activity programme – engaging people with their heritage.

Grant Amounts

- If the total grant request is less than £1 million, the partnership must contribute at least 5% of the costs of your development phase and 5% of the costs of your delivery phase.
- If the total grant request is £1million or more the partnership must contribute at least 10% of the costs of your development phase and 10% of the costs of your delivery phase.
- (The current THI consists of £1million funding from BCKLWN and £1million from HLF.)

First Round Application need to include the following information:

Activities

- Who is the scheme likely to involve
- The nature and range of activities that will engage people with heritage.

Capital Work Proposals

- A conservation area appraisal.
- An Outline Scheme Plan identifying high, medium priority and reserve target projects, and any public realm, or gap sites.
- An initial breakdown of the capital work that is planned to be delivered.
- Outline proposals for architectural elements
- Outline proposals for no-architectural elements such as the interpretation or digital outputs.
- Project Outcomes
- Outline information about the outcomes your scheme might achieve.

Project Management

- Detailed information about the work you will do during your development phase.
- Detailed information about how you will manage your development phase, including briefs for work to be undertaken by consultants and new job descriptions.
- Detailed timetable for your development phase
- Outline information about you will manage your delivery phase.
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After the Project Ends

- Outline information about how you will sustain the outcomes of your scheme after HLF funding has ended, including meeting additional running costs.
- Costs
- Detailed costs for your development phase
- Outline costs for your delivery phase
- Possible sources of partnership funding for your delivery phase and/or a fundraising strategy for your development phase.

Key questions to consider:

- What is the heritage your project focuses on?
- Describe what the project will do
- Explain what need and opportunity your project will address
- What difference will your project make for heritage?
- What difference will your project make for people?
- What difference will your project make for communities?