

# OUR NEW HERITAGE & PLACE PROGRAMME

The Heritage & Place Programme launches for expressions of interest on 30 March 2022. Please read on for a brief overview of the new programme and how to make an application under our first funding round. Full guidance on how to apply will be published on 30 March.

## Overview

Historic Environment Scotland's Heritage & Place Programme is an area-based funding programme that aims to contribute to the development of vibrant and sustainable places in Scotland, through community-led regeneration of the historic environment. The programme supports the development and delivery of heritage-focused schemes within conservation areas, or alternatively distinctive heritage areas with local authority recognition.

Successful Heritage & Place Schemes will be based upon the formation of Area Partnerships of local, regional and national interests with a shared vision for the place. Community participation should be integral in design and delivery of the Scheme.

The programme supports a combination of activities, including the repair and re-use of historic environment assets, training to strengthen local traditional skills, and building capacity within communities to value and look after the historic environment in the longer term.

The Heritage & Place Programme builds on the success of our Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS). Between 2007 and 2020, Historic Environment Scotland (HES) awarded over £52m to 73 schemes in 69 conservation areas across Scotland, contributing to the repair of over 1200 historic buildings and supporting the delivery of wider outcomes relating to traditional skills training and community engagement.

A review of the CARS programme in 2020 has resulted in a number of important changes to the programme including:

- Introduction of a two-stage application process with a match-funded Development Phase to enable the development of more strategic, higher-quality schemes with more meaningful community involvement.
- The removal of the requirement for schemes to be solely in conservation areas so that heritage assets in distinct historic areas can be included.
- A strengthening of requirements for traditional skills training and materials audits so that training is better targeted to meet local needs and supports the long-term management and maintenance of historic assets.
- Revised conditions for third-party grants to ensure that requirements are proportionate and do not present barriers to participation.
- A stronger focus on ongoing management and maintenance on completion of the scheme through strengthened reporting and strategies.
- The introduction of an online application process, requiring applicants to submit an Expression of Interest form to determine eligibility and suitability of applicants to be invited to apply for funding, thus allowing greater opportunities for feedback and support from HES.
- Amendments in timetabling and design of the area grants programme to allow for the increased potential for development and delivery in conjunction with other place-based funding programmes such as the National Lottery Heritage Fund's Area Based Scheme.
- Production of comprehensive updated guidance and resources to assist applicants in improved submissions

## [Summary report of the CARS review](#)

To be eligible for funding, you must:

- Have selected a defined area of the historic environment with heritage significance.
- Demonstrate how your scheme fits the local authority's strategic framework for Place and Regeneration.
- Demonstrate that there is need for repair and regeneration of the historic environment.

- Have identified demand within the local community for a range of projects and activities within the historic environment that will focus on its repair and resilience, traditional skills training and materials, community heritage engagement and future management and maintenance.
- Attract match funding from your local authority and preferably other funding partners, such as the National Lottery Heritage Fund.
- Tell us how your scheme will deliver outcomes against HES Grants Priorities.

Applications to the Heritage & Place Programme can be accepted from local authorities, national park authorities and not-for-profit organisations based in Scotland. Where the lead applicant is a not-for-profit organisation, they must have a Joint Delivery Agreement with the relevant local authority or national park authority. Whilst there is no set value that can be applied for, it is anticipated that Delivery Phase grants will typically range between £750,000 and £1.5m, depending on match funding. To maximise their funding opportunities, applicants will also be encouraged to apply for area-based funding under the National Lottery Heritage Fund's Grants for Heritage programme

The application process for the Heritage & Place Programme is in two phases: the Development Phase (takes up to 12 months) and the Delivery Phase (maximum 5 years from commencement of scheme). Once the scheme is completed, you will need to ensure that there are processes in place to deliver ongoing monitoring of the grant aided works.

### How to apply

The first round of the Heritage & Place Programme opens for Expressions of Interest (EOI) on **30 March 2022**. If successful at the EOI stage, you will be invited to make a Development Phase application. The application timetable for this funding round is outlined below:

		<b>Decision timeframe</b>
<b>Open for Expressions of Interest</b>	30 March to 30 June 2022	Response within 4 weeks
<b>Development Phase application deadline</b>	Due by 15 December 2022	Decision within 3-4 months
<b>Development Phase</b>	Takes up to 12 months	N/A
<b>Delivery Phase application deadline</b>	To be submitted within 12 months of date of Development Award	Decision within 3-4 months

Full programme guidance and information about application process will be published on our website on 30 March 2022. Please be advised that applicants will be required to register on our new grants management system in order to make an application. If you have any questions about the Heritage & Place Programme, please contact us [grants@hes.scot](mailto:grants@hes.scot)