



ENGLISH HERITAGE

English Heritage Investment Funding Priorities for NORTH WEST REGION 2007 – 2008

Applications for investment funding under the schemes listed overleaf will be assessed against scheme criteria and in the light of our national and regional priorities stated below.

Our national priorities for funding are:

- Significant elements of the historic environment at risk; and
- Proposals that seek to strengthen the ability of the sector to manage the historic environment.

If your project meets one of our national priorities, we will assess it to establish whether:

- There is a financial need for grant;
- The work that needs to be done is required within two years;
- There will be long-term viability of the historic asset.

We will also take account of any wider benefits your project will provide. Such benefits can include:

- Economic regeneration;
- Training and skills development;
- Visitor access and interpretation;
- Social and educational benefits for the wider community;
- Partnership with other funding sources.

Within these national priorities our regional priorities for the North West Region are:

Buildings, monuments and designed landscapes

We will give priority to grade I and II* listed buildings and structural scheduled monuments included on our *Buildings At Risk Register*. In considering applications for management agreements, we will give priority to privately owned scheduled monuments.

Statutory action

We will give priority to underwriting repairs notices and urgent works notices issued by a local authority, in respect of properties on our *Buildings at Risk Register*, provided there is a reasonable prospect of a long term solution.

Project development work

Priority will be given to enabling work, such as the preparation of conservation and management plans and conservation surveys.

Capability building

Priority will be given to strategic studies of particular building and monument types to enable us to target our resources on the most important structures.

Priority will also be given to projects that relate to the following:

- Carlisle
- East Lancashire
- Heritage skills craft training
- Making it Count Agenda
- World Heritage Sites

where funding can help build the capacity of external organisations to manage the historic environment.

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Partnership working

Priority will be given to area based schemes in conservation areas in partnership with local authorities, focussing on:

- Former urban industrial areas, where the conversion of historic buildings to new uses can help to drive regeneration;
- Housing market renewal pathfinders;
- Market towns where regeneration is needed to support a currently weak local rural economy;
- Coastal resorts seeking to re-invigorate the tourist economy; where the projects are in line with regional strategies.

English Heritage Funding Schemes

The priorities above apply to the following English Heritage funded investment schemes:

- Historic Buildings, Monuments and Designed Landscapes
- Partnership Schemes in Conservation Areas
- Regional Capacity Building for the Voluntary Sector
- Grants to local authorities to underwrite urgent works notices
- Acquisition grants to local authorities to underwrite Repairs Notices

More information can be found on our website at the following address:

www.english-heritage.org.uk/grants

The website also has information on *Repair Grants for Places of Worship in England* and other jointly funded schemes.

Making an application

You are strongly advised to contact the English Heritage Regional Office to discuss any potential application for funding:

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