



ENGLISH HERITAGE

English Heritage Investment Funding Priorities for LONDON REGION 2009 – 2010

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 London Region are:

Buildings, Monuments and Designed Landscapes

Priority will be given to listed buildings, scheduled monuments and registered parks and gardens on our Heritage at Risk Register and where:

- there are no alternative sources of funding available;
- funding would provide a reasonable prospect of a long-term solution;

We also aim to support work to statues, monuments and other forms of public art within a public space and considered to be at risk.

Statutory Action

We will give priority to supporting local authorities in underwriting repairs notices and urgent works notices on buildings at risk, provided there is a reasonable prospect of a long-term solution.

Partnership working

We will work in partnership with local authorities to assist the development and support the funding of grant schemes in conservation areas. In particular, priority will be given to:

- Conservation areas which are at risk or likely to become so;
- areas with clear economic need;
- schemes with potential for attracting funding from other sources;
- schemes where the investment will be sustained by the Local Planning Authority's policies and actions for the area.

Capacity Building

We will give priority to proposals that increase the skill levels and ability of organisations to deliver positive change in the historic environment and in particular which have a focus on community engagement. We also aim to support strategic studies of historic assets at risk to enable us to target our resources effectively.

Management Agreements

Priority will be given to scheduled monuments at high risk on our Heritage at Risk register and where there is no alternative funding available.

Public Realm

Exemplary public realm improvements, including expanding our Campaign for London Squares, that contribute to London's historic environment and demonstrate the principles in our published guidance 'Streets for All'.

London 2012

Over the next three years we will give particular priority to:

- Improving conservation areas in east London, including support for High Street 2012
- The resolution of long-standing historic buildings at risk in east London;
- Contributions to the Cultural Olympiad in London.

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
- 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* and other jointly funded schemes.

Making an application

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

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London EC1N 2ST

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INVESTMENT FUNDING STRATEGY FOR LONDON

English Heritage's investment strategy is to target limited resources to those elements of the historic environment in most need. In London an additional priority is securing benefits for the historic environment associated with the London 2012 Olympics.

Our Heritage at Risk register identifies those assets that are at risk, and so helps us to plan and prioritise our resources effectively in order to secure sustainable solutions for their futures. We will continue to use the register as the principal guide for our investment strategy, focusing our funds and expertise towards those assets and owners with the greatest need for our help. The majority of English Heritage secular grant-aid in the region will therefore be targeted at:

Listed buildings and scheduled monuments at risk where repair costs clearly outstrip the resources of the owner and the end value of the repaired buildings, or those without an appropriate beneficial use that will secure their future, eg. follies.

Registered designed landscapes at risk whose historic significance is at risk. This may be due to neglect, different ownership or other issues which require management strategies to ensure their appropriate care for the future.

Statutory action; applications from local authorities for financial assistance to help with urgent works, and to help meet the potential irrecoverable costs in pursuing acquisition of listed buildings at risk, including the cost of serving and following up repairs notices and of any compulsory purchase.

Conservation Areas in economic decline where, by working with local authorities, additional funding for conservation and regeneration can be levered in.

In addition we will support **local and regional capacity building projects;** activities which further the aims and objectives of English Heritage in promoting the conservation, understanding and enjoyment of the historic environment and promoting EH objectives in partnership with the sector to increase knowledge and improve the management of change to the historic environment.

With resources in any given year unable to cover all possible priority cases, priority will be given to those where the **combination of circumstances** offers a particular opportunity to make progress. We are particularly keen to support schemes which enable redundant buildings to be brought back into beneficial use, and are willing to support project development work which will facilitate solutions.

While this list sets out national and regional priorities it is not intended to preclude applications which address any other aspects of the historic environment at risk. Please note that applications for **large grants (over £200,000)** may be assessed collectively against a national budget, which is severely constrained.