



ENGLISH HERITAGE

English Heritage Investment Funding Priorities for SOUTH EAST 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 South East Region are:

Buildings, monuments and designed landscapes

Priority will be given to:

- Structures on the *at Risk Register*, where funding would provide a reasonable prospect of a long-term solution;
- Structures with the potential to contribute to key local and regional strategies;
- Historic landscapes with the potential to contribute to key local and regional strategies;
- Conservation management planning.

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 *Heritage at Risk Register*, provided there is a reasonable prospect of a long term solution.

Capacity building

Priority will be given to proposals that increase skill levels, and the ability of external organisations to deliver positive change in the historic environment.

Priority will also be given to strategic studies of historic assets at risk to enable us to target our resources effectively.

Partnership working

Priority will be given to area-based schemes delivering heritage-led regeneration, where the potential exists for working with stakeholders, producing measurable results or linkage with regional and local government strategies.

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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SELECTION OF INVESTMENT FUNDING PRIORITIES FOR THE SOUTH EAST

Our Heritage At Risk register identifies those assets that are agreed, between ourselves and their owners, to be 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:

- 1. Grade I and II* buildings and Scheduled Monuments** at risk where repair costs clearly outstrip the resources of the owner and the end value of the repaired building, or those without an appropriate economic use that will secure their future, and on registered **Designed Landscapes** at risk.
- 2. 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.
3. New **area schemes** where, by working with partners, additional funding for conservation and regeneration can be levered in. Coastal towns, in particular, remain as a priority for partnership investment.

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. Examples of this are schemes such as Building in Context, *Streets for All*, and pilot cultural schemes.

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. This will especially be the case where there is a large funding gap to be met from a variety of sources and where the timing of the combination is frequently not in the control of English Heritage.

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)** will be assessed collectively against a national budget, which is severely constrained.