

## **English Heritage Investment Funding Priorities for YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER 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/or**
- **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, including whether there is a lack of alternative public or charitable funding;
- 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 Yorkshire and the Humber are:**

#### **Heritage at Risk**

We will focus on those elements of the historic environment most at risk, as identified by our Heritage At Risk Register. Investment will be available for both conservation planning and repair projects.

#### **Our priorities include:**

- Industrial and farm buildings at risk;
- Vulnerable grade I and II\* Registered Parks and Gardens (RPGs) and grade II RPGs in Conservation Areas;
- Urban buildings (including grade II buildings in Conservation Areas) and

monuments with significant regeneration potential.

#### **Capability building**

We will give priority to proposals that increase the skill levels and ability of organisations, particularly in the voluntary sector, to deliver sustainable change in the historic environment, with a particular focus on:

- Strategic studies of vulnerable, landscape-scale historic assets to target resources effectively;
- Enhancing building craft skills and use of local materials;

- Initiatives which support English Heritage's 'Inspired' campaign for places of worship.

### **Conservation Areas**

We will give priority to schemes for repair and regeneration in conservation areas, in partnership with local authorities, where there are opportunities for having a significant impact on heritage at risk and for combining our funding with that of other funding bodies.

### **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
- Management Agreements for Scheduled Ancient Monuments
- 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](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/grants)**

The website 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:

**English Heritage Yorkshire and the Humber Regional Office**  
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**York**  
**YO1 6WP**

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**Email: [yorkshire@english-heritage.org.uk](mailto:yorkshire@english-heritage.org.uk)**

### **Archaeological Monuments**

We will give priority to proposals to improve the management of archaeological monuments that are deteriorating as a result of insufficient management and where other funding is not available.

### **Statutory action**

We will give priority to underwriting repairs notices and urgent works notices issued by a local authority, including any associated compulsory purchase, provided there is a reasonable prospect of a long-term solution.

## **SELECTION OF INVESTMENT FUNDING PRIORITIES**

Our regional priorities have been set following the collation and assessment of information relating to all types of heritage assets, whether they are buildings, monuments, landscapes or conservation areas. With that information to hand, we aim to support the most significant aspects of our historic environment that are at risk, and also pay attention to the particular special characteristics of this region such as industrial and farm buildings.

Within our urban centres, we will use the information collected to best assist those areas which have a significant regeneration potential and partnership funding to secure a long-term future for the wider heritage benefit.

We will prioritise grants to improve the condition of archaeological monuments which are not eligible for DEFRA Stewardship grants. We are giving priority to all statutory action by local authorities to encourage the active management of the historic environment using the full range of mechanisms