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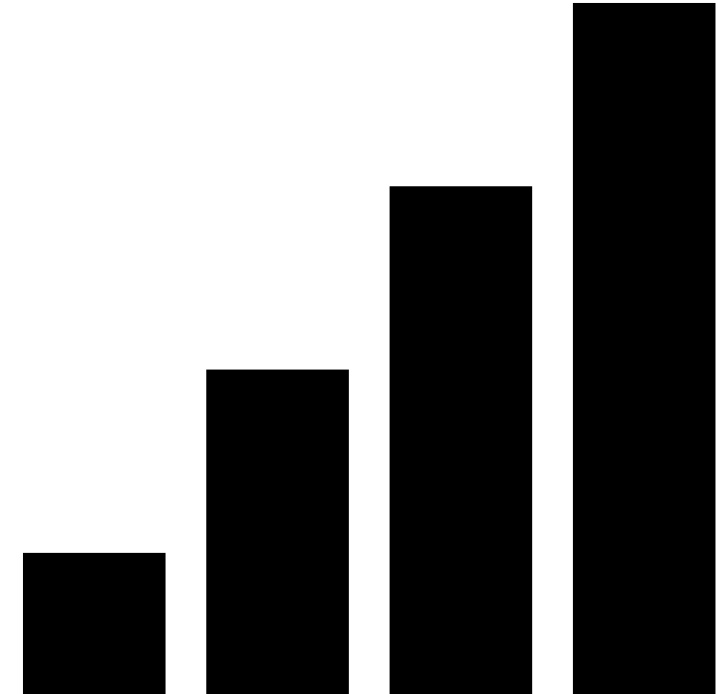
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Opinion poll

On a scale of 1 (low) to 5 (high)

How confident do you feel about
making an application to The
National Lottery Heritage Fund?





Heritage 2033

As the largest funder for the UK's heritage,
**our vision is for heritage to be valued,
cared for and sustained for everyone, now
and in the future.**



Our Approach



Open programmes for all types of heritage projects with the majority of decisions made at local level.



Strategic interventions to tackle issues at large and cross-territory scale.



Partnerships that combine resources and expertise to create investments with greater impact.



A focus on place, landscape and nature, heritage in need and responding to opportunities and emergencies.

Saving heritage

Conserving and valuing heritage, for now and the future.

Protecting the environment

Supporting nature recovery and environmental sustainability.

Organisational sustainability

Strengthening heritage to be adaptive and financially resilient, contributing to communities and economies.

Inclusion, access and participation

Supporting greater inclusion, diversity, access and participation in heritage.



Investment Principles

Saving heritage

Heritage at risk: We will commit funding to protect, conserve and revitalise heritage of all kinds that is in poor condition.

Invest in places: We will increase people's connection with the heritage of their local places through targeted investment in our historic and natural environment.

Revitalise and maintain: We will invite proposals to work with us to develop the skills, capacity and innovation to sustain and manage heritage. We will identify opportunities for revitalising diverse types of heritage.



Protecting the environment

Landscape: We will increase our support for strategic and landscape-scale projects that help habitats and species thrive.

Nature: We will invest through partnerships to help halt and reverse the loss and decline of habitats and species.

Environmental footprint: We will support heritage projects that reduce adverse environmental impacts and help heritage to adapt to our changing climate.

Mitigation: We will collaborate to bring stakeholders together to identify and mitigate climate risks to heritage and involve people in bringing about positive behaviour change.



Inclusion, access and participation

Involve a more diverse range of people in heritage, investing in volunteering, heritage careers, co-creating projects, leadership, governance and developing knowledge and skills.

Enable organisations to remove barriers to access and participation.

Support all communities to explore and share their heritage.

Accessible digital heritage resources: Support greater use of digital technology to make heritage more accessible and enjoyable, and promote better access to heritage information.



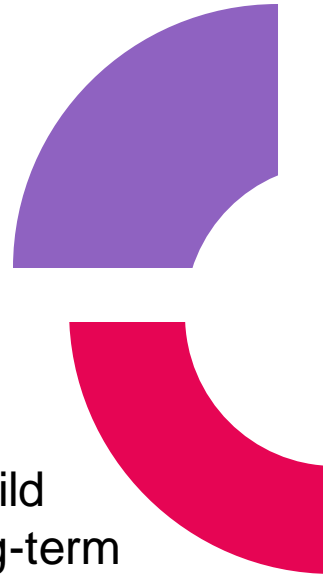
Organisational sustainability

Support financial sustainability: Funding to build resilience, capacity and expertise to develop long-term organisational and financial plans.

Support heritage skills development: Collaboration with partners to identify opportunities to build capacity, skills and expertise in heritage.

Provide flexible funding: Offer flexible financial support in the early planning stages of projects for preparatory analysis and activities.

New finance and investment: We will champion the use of more diverse income sources such as green finance and commercial approaches.



Who can apply?



We fund not-for-profit organisations, including:

- Registered charities
- Community Interest Companies
- Charitable Incorporated Organisations
- Local authorities
- Schools and educational institutions
- Community/voluntary groups

Also:

- Private owners of physical heritage (up to £250k – where public benefit outweighs any private gain)
- Partnerships

National Lottery Heritage Grants



£10,000 to £250,000

- Project Enquiry Form service available
- Single-round application
- No deadlines to apply
- 8-week assessment
- Maximum 5 years
- No mandatory match funding
- Respond to Investment Principles

National Lottery Heritage Grants



£250,000 to £10million

- Mandatory Expression of Interest Form
- Two-round application: Development and Delivery
- 3-month assessment for each application
- Quarterly deadlines to apply
- Minimum 5% match funding for grant up to £1million and 10% for over £1million
- Respond to Investment Principles

Top tips...

- all four investment principles
- evidence your need and demand
- attach supporting documents
- talk to us! – use plain language
- word count – there for a reason
- keep a separate draft
- take breaks – walk / eat biscuits!
- share the load with critical friends



Heritage In Need: Places of Worship Strategic Initiative

We will invest a minimum of £15million in places of worship projects that have a strategic impact at a regional or national level.

We want to help places of worship across the UK tackle heritage challenges. We want to see them become more sustainable, share their heritage and welcome people from all backgrounds, including those who rarely visit.

Rich in culture and collections, places of worship tell the story of the religious, social and economic changes of the people of the UK. We recognise the scale of the challenges facing places of worship and those who care for them, and we are committed to supporting them through that change.



St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh



Garnethill synagogue, Glasgow

St Mark's Portobello

Awarded almost £135,000 in July 2024 – total cost £681,000

Applied for under £250,000

Vision: improvement of a much-used building which will create opportunities to engage new groups and increase organisational sustainability

Stand out – they are doing the project in phases – this is phase 2



Responding to investment principles

Saving heritage: project will repair, renovate and renew Georgian B listed St Mark's church, which was built in 1826

Protecting the environment: using local contractors and traditional materials. Building will be better insulated, and LED lighting will be installed

Inclusion, access and participation: expand the types of groups and events currently on offer. Create a safer and more accessible space for users.

Organisational sustainability: hope to charge rent for use of the space, upgrading the building will give the organisation and renewed space that is fit for purpose.

St Conan's Kirk

Awarded over £906,000 in May 2023
– currently in development phase
(grant of nearly £94,000)

Vision: to engage many more people
with this exceptional building

Stand out: responding to identified
need to address wellbeing and
loneliness in this rural community

Previous experience of successfully
delivering a repair project



St Conan's Kirk, Loch Awe, Argyll



Responding to investment principles

Saving heritage: conservation repairs, alterations and services improvements

Protecting the environment: energy performance of the building will improve through new heating and lighting solutions, encourage use of public transport, provision of nesting boxes, removing rhododendrons, co-created activities to improve biodiversity on the site.

Inclusion, access and participation: An activity programme will help to tackle rural isolation, especially for their core target audiences of young people, older people and people with additional support needs.

Organisational sustainability: realising the potential of this exceptional building, broadening audience base and maximising visitor income to support ongoing maintenance.



Thank you!