



ENGLISH HERITAGE

English Heritage Investment Funding Priorities for NORTH EAST REGION 2006 – 2007

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 East Region are:

Buildings, monuments and designed landscapes

Priority will be given to grade I & II* listed buildings and structural scheduled monuments on our *Buildings at Risk Register*. Funding will be offered for urgent repair works where no significant alternative source of funding can be found. In 2006/07 priority will also be given to buildings and monuments that represent the industrial heritage of the North East, followed in 2007/08 by defensible buildings and monuments such as bastles, castles and coastal batteries.

Capacity Building

We will give priority to helping Local Planning Authorities, National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty to promote the conservation, understanding and enjoyment of the historic environment and build capacity in the North East by providing for specialist conservation posts where provision is inadequate in relation to heritage responsibilities or where a new post will clearly strengthen the ability of the region to manage the historic environment. Applications

must demonstrate a firm commitment to establishing the post on a permanent basis, and a financial need where no alternative source of funding can be found and where the post is not already a statutory responsibility.

Project Development

We will help towards the preparation of project development documentation including conservation management plans and statements, character appraisals, condition surveys, feasibility studies, land management plans, building and monument recording and preparation of major repair schemes, including specialist reports.

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Local Authority Partnership Schemes

We will give priority to continuing and completing existing area-based schemes that we have set up in partnership with local planning authorities. We will establish a limited number of new local authority partnership schemes in conservation areas where the local authority has developed and prepared the partnership scheme in consultation with us. We will only look at new schemes that can deliver conservation-led regeneration benefits, particularly in areas that have not benefitted from area-based schemes in the past and where the local authority can clearly demonstrate a commitment towards conservation across the full spectrum of their work.

Management Agreements

We will consider management agreements for scheduled monuments where there are no alternative sources of funding for management and repair works or where we can provide the funding for developing a project in anticipation of further funding by others. Priority will be given to monuments identified by our Scheduled Monuments at Risk survey or where the applicant can demonstrate that the site is at serious risk of decay from insufficient management.

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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