



ENGLISH HERITAGE

English Heritage Investment Funding Priorities for SOUTH WEST 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/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;
- 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 West are:

Buildings, monuments and designed landscapes

We will give priority to listed buildings and scheduled monuments appearing on our *Buildings at Risk Register*.

Statutory action

We will support the underwriting of repairs notices and urgent work notices issued by a local authority, including associated compulsory purchase, provided there is a reasonable prospect of a long term solution. Priority will normally be given to buildings on the English Heritage or Local Authority *Buildings at Risk Register* and those that meet national and regional priorities.

Capacity building

We will give priority to proposals that increase the skill levels and ability of key regional partners to deliver positive change in the historic environment. We will consider a wide range of projects which help to deliver national and regional

priorities and for the effective management and conservation of the historic environment. Exceptionally, we will consider research and survey work to fill knowledge gaps and to inform and guide the management of the Historic Environment where national funding criteria are not met.

Partnership working

We will give priority to projects with local partners to implement area-based regeneration schemes where particular need can be demonstrated and which form part of a co-ordinated approach at local level. These schemes will be exceptional and should produce measurable results and comply with regional and local government historic environment strategies.

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We will also give priority to Monument Management Schemes, where packages of works are funded in partnership with local authorities for the repair of monuments identified by county archaeology teams as being most at risk.

Management Agreements

Priority will be given to scheduled monuments at risk where there is no alternative funding available.

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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