

THE HISTORIC ENGLAND FOUNDATION

Registered Charity number 1178368

Grant-Making Policy

The Trustees will support projects which best achieve the objects of the Historic England Foundation. Specifically, we support projects which, for the benefit of the public:

- promote the conservation, protection and improvement of Heritage Assets situated in England;
- advance education by promoting research into, and furthering the public's knowledge and enjoyment of, Heritage Assets situated in England and their conservation;
- further other exclusively charitable purposes incidental to the above objects as the Trustees see fit.

What we mean by 'Heritage Asset'

In the Foundation's Articles of Association, 'Heritage Asset' means a building, monument, site, place, area or landscape having significance because of its heritage interest, whether designated by law or not.

Grant making principles:

- The trustees will only fund work that demonstrates heritage merit and applicants are expected to provide evidence that the heritage asset(s) that are the subject of the application are of sufficient historical or architectural significance to merit preservation or advancement of education for the public benefit.
 - The trustees may on occasion fund applications for preservation or advancement of education of heritage assets that have a connection with a particular person or event, where that person or event is of sufficient educational, historical or significant interest or where a significant part of the surviving fabric relates to the period during which the person occupied it or in which the event took place.
 - The trustees will only fund the work of organisations operating in England.
 - The trustees prefer to contribute to specific appeals and projects rather than to contribute to general running costs or expenditure of an organisation or charity.
 - The trustees will not normally approve any grant without seeing the most recently published annual report and accounts of the organisation that they intend to benefit.
 - Grants from the Foundation are restricted funds and may only be used towards the project and costs outlined in the submitted application, or as subsequently agreed in writing.
 - Grants from the Foundation must advance the education of the public and applicants are expected to demonstrate how this will be achieved.
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We do not normally fund:

- general appeals from national charities;
- individuals;
- animal charities;
- religious organisations;
- organisations where the project being delivered is outside of England.

Size of grants

The size of grants awarded is at the absolute discretion of the Trustees and will be notified to the recipient.

How to apply

- Applications must be submitted in writing. Applicants will be required to provide:
- a covering letter, detailing the project to be supported;
- a completed application form;
- evidence that the building or site to which the proposal relates is a Heritage Asset; and/or
- evidence as to how the proposed project will advance the education of the public in relation to a Heritage Asset and the steps the applicant proposes to take to ensure that there is sufficient public access and that any private benefit is no more than incidental;
- confirmation that the applicant will provide the Foundation with such further information as it shall require, to allow the Foundation to properly consider the application and/or to allow it to monitor the impact of the grant; and
- any other supporting material the applicant wishes to include (optional).

Applications should be sent or delivered to:

Address: The Engine House, Fire Fly Avenue, Swindon, SN2 2EH

Email: historicenglandfoundation@gmail.com

Unsolicited and unsuccessful applications

It is not currently the Foundation's policy to consider unsolicited applications or to explain why any particular application has not been successful.

Monitoring

The Foundation will require grant recipients to submit written reports detailing how the funds have been spent and how they have furthered the purposes of the Foundation. By accepting the grant, the recipient agrees to comply with such requests.

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Terms and Conditions

The grant may be used only for the purposes outlined in the application form. If the grant recipient does not use this grant for the specific purpose intended, they will be required to repay the grant in full, unless changes have been agreed in advance with the Foundation.

The grant must be spent on the purpose for which it was awarded within the time limit specified, unless an extension is agreed with the Foundation. If timelines are delayed, the grant recipient must contact the Foundation to request an extension.

The Foundation will issue a letter of grant which will set out in greater detail the terms and conditions attached to the grant. The grant recipient will be required to sign the letter of grant to acknowledge that it will adhere to its terms.
