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Our Heritage

grants of £10,000 to £100,000

The **Our Heritage** grant programme can support a wide variety of heritage projects and offers grants of between £10,000 and £100,000.

Applications take 8 weeks to assess and you can apply at anytime.

When we say project, we mean work or activity that:

- has not yet started;
- has a time limit for when it should be carried out; and
- will contribute to our 'outcomes' (described below)

Our goal is to make a lasting difference for heritage and people. In assessing projects we will take account of the broad range of benefits that projects may deliver; we call these 'outcomes'. Outcomes fall into three categories; *heritage*, *people* and *communities*. There are 14 outcomes in total; we give extra weight to the outcomes that we value most, such as learning about heritage.

You don't have to meet all 14 outcomes! As a minimum, an applicant to *Our Heritage* will need to achieve one outcome for *heritage* and one for *people*.

The project 14 outcomes are listed in full in the application form. Below we have *broadly* described what we look for from each category; more detail is in the application pack.

Outcomes for heritage

These outcomes relate to looking after anything we have inherited from the past and want to hand on to the future. We can support a variety of conservation which can include working with historic buildings or landscapes, wildlife and natural heritage, restoring an existing war memorial, digitising museum and archive collections and recording local culture, traditions and memories.

Think about what your project will achieve for heritage.

Outcomes for people

This is about getting people involved! This could be researching an archive or running guided tours; it could be learning how to identify a species of wildlife or writing an interpretation board. It could be putting on a display or an exhibition; it may also be running taster sessions on heritage skills such as weaving or coppicing.

Think about what the benefits will be for people taking part in your project.

Outcomes for communities

We encourage projects to find active ways for a range of people to get involved with heritage. You can achieve these outcomes by helping your community to take part and creating opportunities for people to volunteer in your project. We encourage applicants to think about involving people wherever possible. For example, using the project to develop a volunteer group that will help to look after the heritage after a project ends.

Think about the difference you can make for your local community.

Who can apply?

We can accept applications from not-for-profit groups (such as a trust, a charity), local authorities of all sizes, and organisations working in partnership.

We can fund applications from private individuals and for-profit organisations. In such cases you must meet the requirements set out in the [Our Heritage application guidance](#).

We are unlikely to fund any work that could reasonably be considered the responsibility of the owner.

Where can I get more guidance?

We have produced a number of guidance notes on heritage topics and activities to help you to make as strong an application as possible. These are available on our website as a series of short [Good-practice guidance](#) documents.

How do I show that there is a need for my project?

All applications have to think about how they show us there is a need and demand for the scheme; why are you applying to HLF and why now? Your project could be timely due to an historic anniversary, or because the heritage is at risk in some way.

You will be able to strengthen your proposals by showing us that other people support your ideas. This could be through letters of support from local community groups, or copies of any consultation work you have undertaken.

What is a 'project plan'?

This is the part of the form that can be used to tell us what your project will do and how the project will be delivered.

Your project plan should identify what activities you will be providing; where the activity will take place; who will be leading the activity; and how the activity will contribute to the heritage outcomes of the project participants. The application form includes a template project plan designed to help you to structure your project information and explain your ideas (see appendix 1 of the *Our Heritage* application guidance).

Project costs

It is important that you include costs for all of your project activities. Costs for people activities (running a heritage event, volunteer training and expenses etc.) and work to heritage (conservation, producing interpretation) should be clearly reflected in the project budget. You should provide a full breakdown of your project costs and show how they have been calculated.

What about match-funding?

There is no fixed match-funding percentage for this grant but we do expect applicants to contribute 'something'; such as cash, an in-kind contribution (for example, donated materials) or volunteer time.

We receive more applications than we are able to support. When we assess an application we are looking to see how your scheme will contribute to our outcomes, what benefits a project will bring in terms of the heritage, the wider community and overall value for money.

There are examples of funded projects on our [website](#) and these give a very good indication of the type of project we will support under the *Our Heritage* programme.

If you have any questions about making an *Our Heritage* bid then do not hesitate to contact the office and ask to speak to the Development Team.