

Historic Building Grants

Grants are available for the repair or reinstatement of traditional features to historic buildings.

The purpose of the grant aid is to encourage the sympathetic repair of historic buildings, preserving their special architectural and historic interest.

Grant assistance is available for the following historic buildings; the amount available for each type of historic building is also provided below:

Statutory Listed Buildings

Grants are available for 50% of the total cost of the eligible works, to a maximum of £5,000

Historic Buildings within Conservation Areas

Grants are available for 50% of the total cost of the eligible works, to a maximum of £2,500

Local Heritage Assets (on the Local Heritage Asset Register / Local List)

Grants are available for 50% of the total cost of the eligible works, to a maximum of £2,500.

Voluntary and "not-for-profit" organisations may be eligible for a higher percentage of grant (but would still be subject to the maximum payment level), particularly where the proposed works would have a wider social or community benefit.

Grant assistance is available for external repairs (provided these are carried out in traditional materials) and for the reinstatement of traditional features. The council do not normally provide financial assistance for internal works (unless in exceptional circumstances).

Works eligible for grant assistance include:

- Restoration of original windows & doors
- Reinstatement of traditional windows & doors
- Brickwork repairs and repointing
- Reinstatement of traditional roof coverings (i.e. Swithland slate)
- Chimney repairs or rebuilding works
- Stonework repairs
- Timber frame repairs
- Reinstatement of lost architectural features

Grant assistance is not available for:

- Alterations to the rear of a building (where there is no wider public benefit)
- Installation of Upvc windows and doors
- The injection of damp proof membranes
- Redecoration (internal or external)
- Scaffolding (as part of a scheme of repairs)
- General maintenance works

To apply for a grant

To apply for a historic building grant, please complete the grant application form at the bottom of this page and return to the Council's conservation team along with three comparable and detailed quotations for the works.

Important Notes

- Grants must be offered and accepted before any works commence on site. The council will not grant aid works retrospectively.
- Where planning permission, Listed Building Consent or any other form of statutory consent are needed to carry out the proposed works, these permissions must be approved before any grant aided works are undertaken. The council will not grant aid works that do not have the benefit of the appropriate permission/s, or works that seek to address unauthorised works (and works that are the subject of enforcement action by the Council).
- Grants are paid out by the Council to the applicant (by cheque) once all works have been completed and the contractor has been paid. We will not pay the contractor directly.
- Owners are allowed one grant per financial year and a maximum of two grants within a five year period.