

Grant Eligible Building Repairs

Below is a list of conservation repairs that may be eligible for grant funding. If you believe your project would be eligible for a grant, we encourage you to submit an enquiry via our website. This is the most effective way for us to assess your project's eligibility and to request any additional information if necessary.

Please note that our building repair grants focus on external, comprehensive repair schemes. They are not intended for general maintenance. For example, patch repairs or isolated window replacements are not eligible unless part of a broader scheme.

Stone Repairs

- Replacement of decayed or damaged stone to buildings or boundary walls, repaired using new natural sandstone indents to match existing stonework.
- **Not eligible:** Proprietary patching compounds, stone cleaning or removal of non-breathable coatings.

Repointing

- Raking out defective mortar and repointing with appropriate lime mortar.

Harling & Render

- Renewal of traditional lime harling to match existing finishes.
- **Not eligible:** Lime render or surface coatings.

Structural Repairs

- Minor structural repairs are only eligible as part of a broader stone repair scheme.

Roof Coverings

- Repair or replacement of traditional slate, lead, fired clay roof tiles, to match original and repairs to timber sarking.
- Renewal of pre-1919 asphalt flat roofs.
- **Not eligible:** Non-indigenous slate, minor patch repairs and single-ply membrane roofs.

Rooflights

- Repair or reinstatement of traditional timber cupolas and cast iron rooflights.
- **Not eligible:** Renewal of modern patent-glazing cupolas or "Velux" style rooflights.

Flashings

- Renewal of lead flashings to chimneys, skewes, ridges, gutters, etc. designed in compliance with LSA recommendations and HES Advisory Standards.
- **Not eligible:** Zinc flashings.

Rainwater Goods

- Repair or reinstatement of lead or cast iron hoppers, gutters and downpipes.
- **Not eligible:** Cast aluminium or PVC rainwater goods.

Timber Eaves

- Like-for-like renewal of timber eaves and decorative brackets at wallheads.

Windows

- Repair, overhaul and reinstatement of traditional timber or steel windows, including stained or etched glass. Eligible only as part of a comprehensive repair scheme.
- Double-glazing may be considered in some cases, subject to Trustee discretion.
- New timber must replicate original dimensions, sections and detailing.
- Pointing must use traditional burnt sand/linseed oil mastic, applied by trowel.

Doors

- Repair or reinstatement of solid timber or part-glazed external doors, including storm doors, fanlights and sidelights.
- Replacements must be based on documentary evidence or appropriate local examples.

Ironwork

- Repair, refurbishment or reinstatement of structural or decorative cast/wrought iron including railings, balconies, lamp standards, lanterns, finials, crestings, etc.
- Reinstatement must be based on documentary evidence of the original pattern.

Paving

- Repair or reinstatement of traditional sandstone slabs, granite setts or whin setts, as appropriate.

Preliminaries, Professional Fees & Surveys

- Fees for conservation-accredited professionals and specialist design consultants.
- Provision for plant, machinery, welfare, access, safety equipment and supervision related to eligible works only.
- Condition surveys and other specialist building surveys as required.
- VAT if applicable.
- **Not eligible:** Factor fees and some project management fees.

Other Non-Eligible Works

- Downtakings or disposal of building materials.
- Internal works, including the refurbishment of closes or work to roof spaces.
- Repair or installation of services.
- Routine maintenance.
- Asbestos surveys, rot works or internal timber joist renewals are typically not grant eligible.

GCHT retains the right to make decisions at its sole discretion regarding any application. Each application is evaluated individually and no assumptions should be made about the outcome until a formal written decision is issued.
