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TRADITIONAL BUILDING REPAIR GRANT

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Traditional Building Repair Grant

The Traditional Building Repair Grant (TBRG) is a grant fund managed by Stirling City Heritage Trust (SCHT) which offers grants for eligible building repairs to traditional properties. The fund is supported by Historic Environment Scotland (HES) and Stirling Council.

What level of funding is available?

The grant rate is 50% of eligible works up to a maximum of £15,000 per building, per year. The minimum grant award is £2,000.

There is a finite amount of funding available and funds will be allocated on assessment of batched applications.

Timescales

- Initial enquiry: You will receive a response within 5 working days.
- **Grant Enquiry Form**
 - upon return you will receive a decision within 6 weeks.
- **Grant Application Form:**
 - upon return we aim to send an acknowledgment within 5 working days.
 - we aim to make a decision on your application within 6 weeks.
- **Payment:**
 - Grant payments require Trustee approval and may take up to 21 working days following receipt of paperwork.
 - Grants will only be paid if works are fully completed to our satisfaction.
 - Interim payments may be considered in exceptional circumstances.



Traditional Building Repair Grant Eligibility

The TBRG is available to support the cost of conservation-standard repairs to historic and traditional buildings. This grant is designed to assist with Priority 1 & 2 external fabric repairs identified in your TBHC Inspection Report which involve the use of traditional materials and methods only. All works must meet Historic Environment Scotland's [Advisory Standards of Conservation Repair](#) and the conditions set out in your Grant Offer.



Eligible for grants

What buildings are eligible?

- ✔ Buildings located within the TBRG operational area. Buildings can be listed or unlisted, and inside or outside a Conservation Area.
- ✔ The applicant and their building must be a current member of the Traditional Buildings Health Check (TBHC). You will require a minimum of three months left of your TBHC membership at the time of your grant payment.
- ✔ The proposed works must have been identified in the TBHC Inspection Report.
- ✔ Buildings must be of traditional design and construction.

What works are eligible?

- ✔ Priority 1 and 2 works identified in the TBHC Inspection Report.
- ✔ High quality conservation repairs using traditional materials and methods.
- ✔ Scaffold.
- ✔ VAT (if applicable), only if it cannot be reclaimed.



Not eligible for grants

Who cannot apply?

- ✘ Places of Worship (other church buildings e.g. manses or halls may be eligible).
- ✘ Buildings owned by the Local Authority.
- ✘ Lapsed members of TBHC (but can apply if membership is renewed).
- ✘ Buildings where the work proposed for the application has already started.
- ✘ Projects where we have recommended appointing an appropriate building professional and you choose not to.

What works are not eligible?

- ✘ Modern materials such as cement, bitumen felt roofs, uPVC and non-British slate.
- ✘ Works already underway or completed.
- ✘ Maintenance such as cleaning gutters, painting or putting back a few slates.
- ✘ Internal works, including for rot or damp treatments.
- ✘ Boundary walls, external steps, railings and outbuildings.
- ✘ Emergency repairs.
- ✘ Projects which involve the installation of double glazing into sash and case windows.
- ✘ Professional fees such as an architect or surveyor.



Grant Application Process Guide

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Stage One

- Become a Traditional Buildings Health Check member
- Have an inspection carried out and receive report
- Organise a Schedule of Works to detail your repairs

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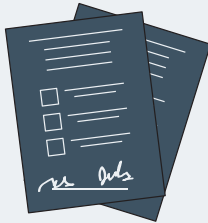


Stage Two

Check with Stirling Council Planning Department if the following are needed for your planned works:

- Listed Building Consents
- Planning Permission (for Conservation Areas)

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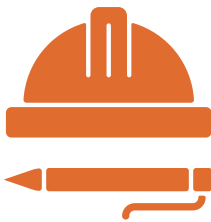


Stage Three

Complete and submit a Grant Enquiry form along with your Schedule of Works and Declaration for Multiple Ownership. Your Grant Enquiry is assessed by Stirling City Heritage Trust staff. If successful a Grant Application form will be issued.

We aim to provide you with a decision on your Grant Enquiry within 6 weeks

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Stage four

You can now contact qualified contractors for itemised quotes. Send your Schedule of Works to the contractor to help them to do this. You will need at least 3 quotes. See What to do Next document for examples.

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Stage five

Complete the Grant Application form and submit it along with your 3 quotes to Rachael@scht.org.uk. Your application is assessed by Trustees. A formal Offer of Grant and Maintenance Plan will be issued if approved.

We aim to provide you with a decision on your Grant Application within 6 weeks.

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Stage six

Only when you receive your final approval and a Pre-Start Meeting has been held can your works begin. Retrospective and emergency works are not funded by SCHAT.

It is likely to take a minimum of 6 months to complete all 6 stages of the grant application process, and may even take longer.



Grant Enquiry and Assessment

What do I need to provide?

Grant Enquiry Stage:

- ✔ A Schedule of Works or tender prepared by either the owner, architect/surveyor or via our small repairs schedule service.
- ✔ A completed Grant Enquiry Form
- ✔ A completed Multiple Ownership Form Signed by all owners, if applicable.

Grant Application Stage

- ✔ A minimum of 3 comparable quotes from contractors competent in working with traditional materials. Applications without 3 detailed and comparable quotes from suitably qualified and experienced contractors will be rejected. Quotes must clearly show any VAT applicable.
- ✔ For complex work, drawings may be needed and the Trust may require a suitable professional adviser such as an architect or surveyor to be engaged by you.
- ✔ If the building is Listed or in a Conservation Area, statutory permissions may be required. Consents must accompany applications. Grant will not be paid on works undertaken without the necessary permissions. You must contact the Stirling Council Planning Department to ask if permissions are required: planning@stirling.gov.uk. See page 12 for more information. Statutory Consents can take some weeks to be processed and may require details such as scale drawings and photographs.
- ✔ Members must have continuous membership of the TBHC Scheme from date of Grant Application until completion and have a minimum of 3 months left on your membership at the time of grant payment.

How is the grant application assessed?

Grant Reports prepared by SCHT staff are presented to the SCHT Board of Trustees for their consideration. Their decision is final.

Grant offers are based on the lowest of 3 comparable quotes, but you can appoint any of the 3 contractors whose quotes are part of your application if they are suitably competent.

The grant budgets are finite. The grant may be closed or the budget spent at points and TBHC members will be advised should this occur.

What do I do after I am offered a Grant?

1. Sign the Grant Offer and Maintenance Plan and return it to the Grants Officer within 1 month of the date of offer. Read the Grant Conditions carefully.
2. Appoint your preferred contractor (one of the 3 who provided quotes).
3. Arrange for a Pre-Start Meeting to be held at your property. This will be attended by the contractor(s), architect (if involved) and SCHT representatives.
4. Inform the Grants Officer of the expected start date for works and keep them updated if this changes.
5. Inform the Grants Officer when works have started and when they are likely to finish.
6. Remain in contact with the Grants Officer throughout the works, keeping them updated on progress, arranging for inspections, and confirming completion dates.
7. Works should be completed within 9 months of your Offer of Grant.



Working with a Building Professional

Where works are complex and/or substantial we are likely to recommend that you appoint an architect or surveyor with conservation accreditation, or demonstrable experience in working with traditional buildings, to oversee the works.

If this is our recommendation and you choose not to appoint an appropriately qualified professional, you will not be able to apply for a Traditional Building Repair Grant.

Why should I work with a building professional?

Our Schedule of Works service is designed for small repair projects. If the works to your building meet any of the following conditions we cannot provide you with a Schedule:

- ✓ The works will involve multiple trades
- ✓ The works will require Statutory Consents/Planning Permission (please see page 12 for more information).
- ✓ The works will cost £20k+

Instead, you should engage a building professional such as an architect or building surveyor. They will be able to do the following:

- Write a tender document for the works as well as send it out to contractors on your behalf.
- Apply for Statutory Consents, such as Listed Building Consent, on your behalf. This usually involves scale drawings and detailed specifications which can be produced by the building professional.
- Manage and programme the works on site as well as inspect them.

You can find useful information about working with an architect here: s-s-a.co.uk

How do I engage a building professional?

Working with a Conservation Accredited building professional is advisable as traditional buildings are materially and structurally different from modern buildings. If the professional is not Conservation Accredited then they should have demonstrable experience in working with traditional buildings.

When you approach a building professional you can do the following:

- Send them your TBHC Inspection Report and the HES Advisory Standards of Repair.
- Let them know you are applying for a grant.
- Inform them what works you would like to tackle.
- Ask them what their pricing structure is.

You can find a list of all of Scotland's Conservation Accredited Building Surveyors on the [RICS website](#).

You can find a list of Scotland's Conservation Accredited Architects on [the RIAS website](#).



Multiple Ownership Buildings

What if I live in a multiple ownership building?

Where buildings are in multiple ownership, the grant would be allocated between owners (who are TBHC members) according to their individual liability share of common repairs.

For the grant this means £15,000 per year divided between eligible owners. The grant is not available to owners who are not TBHC members at the time of application.

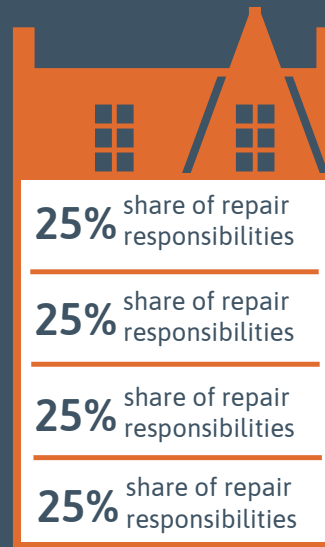
Where buildings are in multiple ownership, such as a tenement, the grant is allocated according to legal shares for common repairs. The maximum available is between £2,000 and £15,000 per building. If not all owners are TBHC members at the time of application, the total grant will be reduced by removing their legal share. Your title deeds may help with identifying legal responsibilities.

Buildings with 3 or more owners must have an Owner's Association with a constitution and bank account at point of Grant Application. The constitution should be submitted alongside your Grant Application. See the [Under One Roof guide](#) on setting up an Owner's Association for more information. **If you do not have an Owner's Association at point of Grant Application you cannot apply for Traditional Building Repair Grant.**

We will look favourably on projects where there is evidence of common maintenance and management

We can accept one Grant Enquiry Form from a building in multiple ownership however please ensure all individual applicants sign the Declaration for Buildings in Multiple Ownership Form and return alongside your Grant Enquiry.

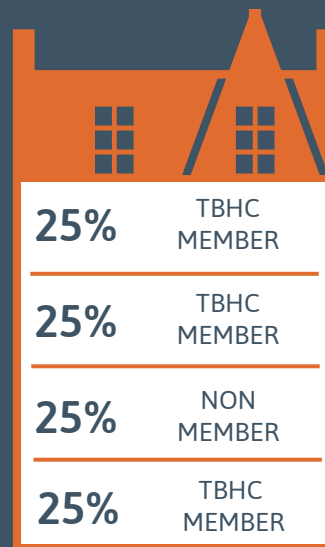
Multiple Ownership Grant Examples



All owners are TBHC Members with equal share of repair responsibilities

Grant: 100% for building = £15K

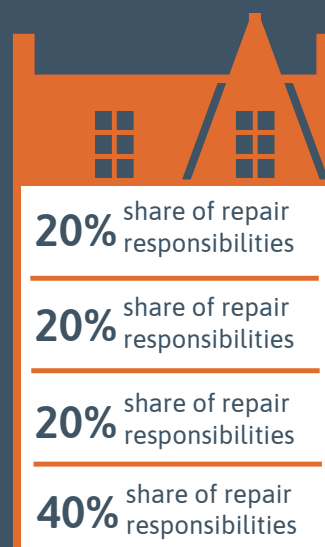
25% per owner = £3750 grant each



All owners have an equal share of repair responsibilities, but one has not joined the TBHC

Grant: 75% for building = £11,250

25% per TBHC Member = £3750



All owners are TBHC Members, with varying share of repair responsibilities

Grant: 100% for building = £15K

20% owners receive £3000 each

40% owner receives £6000



Grant Conditions

What are the grant obligations?

We expect the highest standard of conservation practice on all of our projects, as stipulated by our funders, Historic Environment Scotland. Workmanship which falls below this standard will not be eligible for funding. All works must meet the [Advisory Standards of Repair](#). Before works start a Pre-Start Meeting must be held at your property which will be attended by SCHT staff, the Grantee(s), contractors, and building professional (if involved).

Grant funding requires a legally binding contract between the owner(s) and SCHT. In some circumstances a grant may be offered to a lessee with repairing responsibilities. Certain conditions apply including in relation to ongoing building maintenance and clawback.

Clawback

Clawback applies in the event that the grant aided property is sold. A proportion of the grant must be repaid by the applicant to the Trust. The amount repayable depends on the timescale from the date of Practical Completion.

Grants amount up to £5,000

From the date of Practical Completion	Percentage of original grant to be recovered.
0-1 year	100%
1-2 years	70%
2-3 years	40%
Over 3 years	0%

Grant term: 3 years

Grant amount £5,000 - £15,000

From the date of Practical Completion	Percentage of original grant to be recovered.
0-1 year	100%
1-2 years	80%
2-3 years	60%
3-4 years	40%
4-5 years	20%
over 5 years	0%

Grant term: 5 years

Wildlife

It is important to ensure that wildlife e.g. bats and nesting birds are protected when undertaking works. It is an offence under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) to recklessly disturb nesting birds. Bats are protected under the Conservation (Natural Habitats &c) Regulations 1994 (as amended) which makes it an offence to disturb bats and their roosts. [Nature Scot](#) can be contacted for advice in complying with this.

During the works

During and at the end of the project, SCHT will inspect the works. There must be safe access which complies with Work at Height Regulations. Contractors must be made aware of the need to comply with this. Scaffold should not be removed until after the Trust's final inspection.

If the position of scaffold, skips or the work to be done will directly affect neighbouring properties you should advise them accordingly and seek any necessary permissions for access. Local Authority permits may also be needed.



Grant Conditions - Maintenance

Ongoing Maintenance

Owners are also obliged to keep the property in good repair and condition. Grant recipients are required to have their property inspected every 5-years for 10-years from the date of Practical Completion. SCHAT will clawback grant where a grant funded building is not properly maintained.

What is a Maintenance Plan?

A Maintenance Plan is a way to manage the repairs needed for your building in a planned and prioritised way. It sets out when you need to make checks and what actions are needed. You will need professional help to inspect some elements of your building, such as the roof and chimneys, which is why we offer a Re-Inspection Service to TBHC members.

Having a Maintenance Plan is a condition of your grant. Grant recipients are also required to have their property inspected every 5-years for 10-years from the date of Practical Completion.

Why do I need a Maintenance Plan?

All buildings, regardless of age, need to be regularly maintained and repaired. Broadly speaking, if water can be kept out of a building and its key components are protected, a building can survive almost indefinitely. Traditional buildings are designed to cope well with Scotland's climate, but as our climate changes and extreme weather events and heavier rainfall become more common, maintaining your traditional building becomes even more important.

Traditional buildings are also more energy efficient when they are well maintained, in fact, maintaining your building is probably the single most important thing you can do to improve its energy efficiency, and should be a priority before other improvements are considered.

Following a Maintenance Plan will help you ensure your building is kept in a good state of repair. Grant recipients are obliged to keep their property in good repair and condition and to conduct an annual inspection of their building, this is a condition of our Traditional Building Repair Grants. Grant recipients are therefore required to submit a signed Maintenance Plan with their signed Grant Offer.

When will I receive a Maintenance Plan?

A Maintenance Plan will be provided for your building alongside your Grant Offer, should your grant application be successful.

Your Maintenance Plan should be signed and returned to the Grants Officer alongside your signed Grant Offer.

Historic Environment Scotland have produced this helpful guide for owners of traditional buildings: [Short Guide: Maintaining Your Home](#)

Stirling City Heritage Trust reserves the right to clawback part or all of the grant awarded if the Maintenance Plan is not adhered to. Please see page 9 for more information, and your Grant Offer for full Grant Conditions.



Grant Conditions - Payment

1. Payment of Grant

Members must have continuous membership of the TBHC Scheme from date of Grant Application until completion and payment of the works. Members must have a minimum of 3 months of membership remaining at point of grant payment. Please note any retention will also be reflected in the grant payment.

2. The grant will be paid once works are fully completed following an inspection by SCHAT to ensure the works meet the terms of the grant. In exceptional circumstances we may fund an interim payment. Scaffolding (if part of the works) must remain in place until this inspection has been carried out. Please note that for works to windows, all painting must be completed before the grant payment can be released (primer and x2 top coat).

3. If the works are satisfactory, members must complete/provide the following. The necessary Forms and a link to an online survey will be provided by the Grants Officer:

- Grant Payment Form
- Bank Details Form
- Contractor Payment Form, if you would like the grant payment to be made directly to the contractor. This should be signed by the grant recipient and the contractor.
- Short online survey
- Receipted invoices showing that the contractor has been paid, as well as any certificates of practical completion (if an architect is managing the project)

4. Grant payments will be made by bank transfer and require Trustee approval. Payment may take up to 21 days following receipt of paperwork.

Please note that SCHAT reserve the right to withdraw all or part of the funding if the grant conditions are not met. This includes:

- Substandard workmanship
- Failure to meet HES Advisory Standards of Repair
- Use of inappropriate materials or techniques
- Lack of Statutory Consents or failure to meet planning conditions
- Unsafe/poor access
- Failure to renew TBHC membership



Statutory Consents

If your building is Listed and/or situated in a Conservation Area, Statutory Permissions may be required. It's a criminal offence to demolish, alter materially or extend a [Listed Building](#) without Listed Building Consent.

Listed Building Consent is the mechanism by which planning authorities ensure that any changes to Listed Buildings are appropriate and sympathetic to their character. It helps to protect what is a rare and unique resource. Conservation Area Consent protects unlisted buildings in Conservation Areas. The consent process is similar to the Listed Building Consent process.

You can find information about each of Stirling's Conservation Areas here: [Individual plans for the Conservation Areas in the Stirling Council area](#).

You can find your building's Listing here: historicenvironment.scot

Before submitting your Grant Enquiry Form you must contact the Stirling Council Planning Department to ask if Statutory Consents are required. Statutory Consents can take some weeks to be processed and may require details such as scale drawings and photographs.

Contact number - 01786 233660

Email address - planning@stirling.gov.uk

Useful information about Statutory Consents:

- [Planning application process](#)
- [Listed buildings](#)
- [Planning Guidance and Advice Toolbox](#)

You apply for Listed Building Consent and Conservation Area Consent here: [ePlanning Scotland](#)



Frequently Asked Questions

What do I need from the contractor?

The Trust requires 3 comparable quotes from contractors who are skilled and experienced in the relevant works. The Trust may ask for evidence of competence. The use of inappropriate methods or materials, or workmanship which the Trust regards as unsatisfactory or does not meet the [HES Advisory Standards of Repair](#), will not be funded.

You should use the agreed Schedule of Work or tender to obtain quotes. The quotes must have sufficient detail to allow us to assess the proposed work, determine if it is eligible and the cost of each element.

See our What To Do Next document for examples of good and bad quotes, as well as advice on how to find a contractor.

You may need more than one type of contractor. Single trade contractors may not have the appropriate level of skill to undertake all elements of the work. Others may not undertake necessary work like painting cast iron gutters or timber windows after repair.

Obtaining quotes will take time, especially if contractors are busy, but it is needed to demonstrate best value for money in the use of public funds.

NOTE: that although the Trust is offering grant funding, the works contract is between the owner and the contractor. Building owners can appoint their preferred contractor from the 3 quotes submitted to the Trust, however the grant will be calculated on the lowest quote.

What is eligible for grant funding?

An overview of what is and isn't eligible for Traditional Building Repair Grants can be found on page 4.

Do I need a professional adviser?

Where works are complex and/or substantial we are likely to recommend that you appoint an architect or surveyor with conservation accreditation or demonstrable experience in working with traditional buildings to oversee the works. If this is our recommendation and you choose not to appoint an appropriately qualified professional, you will not be able to apply for our grant funding. See page 7 for more information.

Do I Need to apply for Planning Permission?

If your building is Listed and/or situated in a Conservation Area you may need to apply for statutory Consents for the works. See page 12 for more information.

What else do I need to know?

All grants are offered at the discretion of SCHAT's Board of Trustees and in accordance with Historic Environment Scotland's contractual conditions of grant.

Need further information?

If you wish to discuss a project to find out if it is potentially eligible for a grant please contact:

Rachael Purse, Grants Officer

T: 01786 498462 E: Rachael@scht.org.uk

If you are not a TBHC member yet you can join online at:

traditionalbuildingshealthcheck.org



SCHT Privacy Policy

At Stirling City Heritage Trust we are committed to protecting and respecting your privacy.

This Privacy Policy sets out how Stirling City Heritage Trust uses and protects any personal information you provide to us. When you provide any information to us by which you can be identified, then you can be assured that it will only be used in accordance with this Privacy Policy.

This Policy is effective from March 2023. Our Privacy Policy will be reviewed regularly and may be updated.

Traditional Buildings Health Check Members

We collect information about you in order to manage your membership and you will receive communications from us about activities, events and promotions. We use a third-party provider, JotForm, to manage Membership applications via our website. For more information, please see JotForms privacy notice.

As part of the TBHC Membership you agree and accept that we shall use the personal information you give us when you register:

- to send you communications concerning your members, including renewal letters, receipts, invoices and inspection reports.
- to provide you with regular updates on TBHC activities, including events, news, offers and advice.
- to alert you to changes to our services;
- to contact you via surveys to conduct research about your opinions of current services or of potential new services that may be offered;

You are able to opt-out of marketing communications at any time by emailing info@traditionalbuildingshealthcheck.org

We use a third-party provider, Square, to process online membership payments. The information that you provide on the online payment system will be used solely for this purpose. For more information, please see Square privacy notice.

Grant Enquiries

We collect your personal information from you when you make grant enquiries or applications. Any personal information that is provided in the application, is used for the purpose of assessing the grant application and the ongoing administration and management and reporting of projects. This may include sharing data with our funder, Historic Environment Scotland.

Please refer to your grant contract for further information.

Data reporting Including Images and security

We use the data gathered to generate aggregated, anonymised data and images for the purposes of research, reporting, insight and analysis, enabling us to improve the products and services we offer and report to our funders. Stirling City Heritage Trust is supported by Historic Environment Scotland and Stirling Council and we may share anonymised aggregated personal information with them and other funders.

We have taken steps to ensure that your data/images are treated securely and in accordance with this Privacy Notice. We will not share any of the information you provide for any purpose with any third parties for marketing purposes.

How long do we keep your information?

We will not retain any of the information you provide for any purpose for any longer than is necessary to fulfil our services and regulatory duties.

Accessing your information

Your personal data is protected by the Data Protection Act (DPA) 2018 and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). These provide you with rights on how your data is processed.

You have the right to request a copy of the information that we hold about you. You are entitled to view, amend, or delete the personal information that we hold. Email your request to manager@scht.org.uk or post to Cameron House, Forthside Way, Stirling, FK8 1QZ.

The accuracy of the information we process is important to us and you can request that we make corrections to the information we hold about you at any time either by email or post using the contact details above.

Further information

Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns about our privacy notice or any information that we hold about you:

- By email at manager@scht.org.uk
- Or write to us at Stirling City Heritage Trust, Ground Floor, Cameron House, Forthside Way, Stirling FK8 1QZ

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