

What is Inverness City Heritage Trust?

Inverness City Heritage Trust is an independent organisation that seeks to promote Inverness's cultural heritage and historic environment.

The objects for which the Trust was established are to promote and encourage, either on its own or in conjunction with others, the conservation, protection and enhancement of the historic, architectural and landscape heritage within Inverness and its environs by any means all for the benefit of the general public now and in the future.

The Trust's vision for Inverness's historic environment is that it should be more widely understood and accessible for residents and visitors, sustained in a good state of repair and used as a catalyst for environmental, cultural, economic and social change for the better for all that live in or visit Inverness.



Information

This leaflet contains summarised details of grants available from Inverness City Heritage Trust. For further information on the grant scheme and conditions please contact the project officer at the address below.

How to apply

Contact the project officer at the address below who will arrange to visit your property to discuss the proposed work.

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Historic Building Repair Grants



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Inverness City Heritage Trust has been established to take a strategic view of the conservation needs of the buildings forming the historic core of the city and to co-ordinate a programme of repair and restoration work funded by grant assistance.

Owners of buildings within the Inverness Conservation Area, like all property owners, are responsible for the repair and maintenance of the fabric of their buildings. However, the traditional materials and craftsmanship required to preserve the appearance and character of old buildings may demand abnormal expenditure. Inverness City Heritage Trust grants are intended to help meet this additional cost, and to assist with the reinstatement of original features.



Inverness City Heritage Trust Grants

Comprehensive Grants Scheme: will involve a range of external repairs to allow an unused or substantially underused building to be brought back into use.

Eligible works

- Must be comprehensive in scope to conserve the structure and external envelope of the building
- Use appropriate conservation techniques or methods of construction and high quality natural or traditional materials.

Eligible works may include;

- *Structural repairs*
- *Structural timber repairs*
- *Specialist Treatments*
- *Re-roofing & high level repairs*
- *Chimney repairs*
- *Leadwork & rainwater goods*
- *Render, stonework & brick work repairs and re-pointing*
- *Windows, doors & external joinery*
- *Repair of external boundary walls*
- *Agreed professional fees*



Other eligible costs

- Professional fees, up to 16% of eligible works cost. Other fees may be eligible depending on the composition of the team.
- If VAT cannot be zero-rated or recovered in any way then it is eligible for grant.

Grants for comprehensive repairs to property within the Inverness Area can attract up to 40% of the grant eligible costs. The annual budget for this grant scheme is £150,000 and is allocated on a first come, first served basis. Each application will be based on its own merits.

A **Small Grants** scheme is also in operation. This works on the same principle as the comprehensive grants scheme but is targeted at smaller properties or properties where the scope of the works to be undertaken are limited to one or two specific repair issues. Grants will be set at 50% of the grant eligible costs with a grant ceiling of £5,000 per applicant.

Non-eligible works

- Work already complete or underway i.e. retrospective grants
- Routine maintenance, including redecoration unless the decoration is needed as a direct result of eligible repair.
- Interior repairs, unless they result directly from repairs to the structure, or are vital to its preservation
- Pedestrianisation schemes, new design and speculative recreations of lost features and townscape.

Grants may also be available for reinstatement of architectural features such as railings, chimneys and ornamental masonry and public realm improvements. Please contact the City Heritage Office if you are proposing this type of work.