HES Grants Refresh

Overview

Background

More than five years on from the last refresh of our grant programmes, we are reviewing and updating our approach.

We would like your feedback to ensure that our grant programmes meet the needs of applicants and align with current policy and priorities regarding the historic environment and the wider outcomes it can deliver for society, the economy and the environment.

We have developed a draft HES Grants Framework which sets out this new approach and provides detailed information on why and how we are proposing to do this. Please ensure that you read the full document before completing the consultation.

Download the HES Grants Framework [PDF, 435KB] *<user_uploads/hes-grants-framework-july-2021_pc.pdf>*

This survey has 16 questions. Please provide one response per organisation.

What is the HES Grants Framework?

The HES Grants Framework is a draft document that has been developed to guide our future grants activity. It sets out the background to the refresh of our current grant programmes and summarises the key changes being proposed to align with our **Corporate Plan 'Heritage for All'** *<https://www.historicenvironment.scot/about-us/who-we-are/heritage-for-all/>* . We still have a lot of work to do to develop the detail of our new programmes, but this document shows our direction of travel and provides an opportunity for you and other stakeholders to input into the refresh process.

Why we are consulting

Having already consulted internally on the framework we are now seeking feedback from our stakeholders, grantees and future applicants on the proposed approach.

Introduction

1 Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

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Please select only one item

○ As an individual   ○ On behalf of an organisation

Please provide the name of your organisation

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2 Have you applied for any HES grants since 2016?

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Please select only one item

○ Yes   ○ No

3 Which HES grant programme/s have you applied to since 2016? (Please select all that apply)

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Please select all that apply

☐ Not Applicable   ☐ Archaeology Funding Programme (ARCH)

☐ City Heritage Trust (CHT)   ☐ Coast and Waters Heritage Fund (C&WHF)

☐ Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS)

☐ Grants to Places of Worship (GPOW)   ☐ Historic Environment Recovery Fund (HERF)

☐ Historic Environment Repair Grant (HERG)   ☐ Historic Environment Support Fund (HESF)

☐ Organisational Support Fund (OSF)

Other (Please specify)

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4 Have you been awarded any HES grants since 2016?

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Please select only one item

○ Yes   ○ No

5 Under which HES grant programme/s have you been awarded a grant since 2016? (Please select all that apply)

(Required)

Please select all that apply

☐ Not Applicable   ☐ Archaeology Funding Programme (ARCH)

☐ City Heritage Trust (CHT)   ☐ Coast and Waters Heritage Fund (C&WHF)

☐ Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS)

☐ Grants to Places of Worship (GPOW)   ☐ Historic Environment Recovery Fund (HERF)

☐ Historic Environment Repair Grant (HERG)   ☐ Historic Environment Support Fund (HESF)

☐ Organisational Support Fund (OSF)

Other (Please specify)

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Our New Grants Priorities

Priority 1 <user_uploads/hes-grants-framework-july-2021_pc.pdf#page=5> : *Increase understanding of and engagement with Scotland's historic environment*

Priority 2 <user_uploads/hes-grants-framework-july-2021_pc.pdf#page=6> : *Enhance communities' use of the historic environment in place making*

Priority 3 <user_uploads/hes-grants-framework-july-2021_pc.pdf#page=6> : *Strengthen the resilience of Scotland's historic environment*

Priority 4 <user_uploads/hes-grants-framework-july-2021_pc.pdf#page=7> : *Use the historic environment as a catalyst for climate action*

Priority 5 <user_uploads/hes-grants-framework-july-2021_pc.pdf#page=8> : *Increase the quality, availability and demand for historic environment skills*

Priority 6 <user_uploads/hes-grants-framework-july-2021_pc.pdf#page=8> : *Increase economic benefits from Scotland's historic environment*

6 Do you feel that the scope of our new Grants Priorities is relevant and appropriately targeted for historic environment projects?

(Required)

Please select only one item

○ Strongly agree   ○ Agree   ○ Neither agree nor disagree   ○ Disagree

○ Strongly disagree

If you selected 'Disagree' or 'Strongly disagree', please provide the reason/s for this

Historic Environment Grants (Open Programme)

Historic Environment Grants *<user_uploads/hes-grants-framework-july-2021_pc.pdf#page=8> will be our main grants programme, to be used by anyone applying for project funding. It will offer greater flexibility for applicants by allowing them to apply for capital and activity costs under one programme. It will also provide more opportunities to apply for funding throughout the year and faster application processes for smaller grants. This programme will replace the Historic Environment Repair Grant, Historic Environment Support Fund, and some aspects of Archaeology Programme Funding and the Organisational Support Fund.*

*Historic Environment Grants will have **three different tiers of funding** <user_uploads/hes-grants-framework-july-2021_pc.pdf#page=9> :*

- *Express grants: £1,000 to £25,000*
- *Small grants: £25,000 to £100,000*
- *Large grants: Above £100,000*

7 To what extent do you support what is being proposed under Historic Environment Grants (the Open Programme)?

(Required)

Please select only one item

◯ Strongly support   ◯ Support   ◯ Neither support nor oppose   ◯ Oppose

◯ Strongly oppose

If you selected 'Oppose' or 'Strongly oppose', please provide the reason/s for this

8 Do you feel that the three different tiers of funding proposed under Historic Environment Grants (the Open Programme) are set at the right levels?

(Required)

Please select only one item

◯ Yes   ◯ No   ◯ No strong opinion

If you selected 'No', please provide the reason/s for this

9 What do you think about the new application and decision timeframes being proposed under Historic Environment Grants (the Open Programme)?

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Please select only one item

◯ Too short   ◯ Just right   ◯ Too long

Please provide any further feedback that you have on your response to this question

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Draft Eligible Costs Guidance for Historic Environment Grants (Open Programme)

Draft Eligible Costs (Appendix 2) *<user_uploads/hes-grants-framework-july-2021_pc.pdf#page=17>*

10 To what extent do you support the scope of the draft eligible costs for Historic Environment Grants (Open Programme)?

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Please select only one item

◯ Strongly support   ◯ Support   ◯ Neither support nor oppose   ◯ Oppose

◯ Strongly oppose

If you selected 'Oppose' or 'Strongly oppose', please provide the reason/s for this

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Other Programmes

In addition to the Historic Environment Grants (Open Programme), the framework also highlights our other programmes:

- ***Partnership Fund*** *<user_uploads/hes-grants-framework-july-2021_pc.pdf#page=13> – this is a new programme which will provide revenue support for organisations to deliver key strategic outcomes aligned with HES' policy aims.*
- ***Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS)*** *<user_uploads/hes-grants-framework-july-2021_pc.pdf#page=13> – this programme is in the process of being refreshed and updated in response to recent consultation.*
- ***City Heritage Trusts*** *<user_uploads/hes-grants-framework-july-2021_pc.pdf#page=14> – this programme is continuing to operate as normal with the intention to undertake a review at a later date.*

11 Do you have any comments or feedback on any of the other programmes included in the HES Grants Framework (Partnership Fund, CARS and City Heritage Trusts)? N.B. We have already undertaken external consultation on the CARS programme, but further feedback from anyone who did not take part in this consultation is welcome.

Any Comments/ Feedback

General

12 As part of this work, we have completed an Equalities Impact Assessment (Initial Screening). Are there any aspects of our proposals which you feel may present a barrier or disadvantage to anyone who may wish to apply for a grant from HES?

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Please select only one item

◯ Yes ◯ No ◯ No strong opinion

If you selected 'Yes', please provide the reason/s for this

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13 To what extent do you support our proposed approach to prioritising and targeting our investment? (p.13 of the HES Grants framework)

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Please select only one item

◯ Strongly support ◯ Support ◯ Neither support nor oppose ◯ Oppose

◯ Strongly oppose

If you selected 'Oppose' or 'Strongly oppose', please provide the reason/s for this

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14 How clear did you find the language in the document?

(Required)

Please select only one item

○ Very clear   ○ Clear   ○ Neutral   ○ Unclear   ○ Very unclear

15 If you have received a grant from us in the past, do you have any feedback on your experience?

Any Feedback

16 Do you have any more comments/ feedback on the Draft HES Grants Framework?

Any Other Comments/ Feedback