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Valuing our heritage Investing in our future

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‘The Heritage Lottery Fund is the UK's leading advocate for the value of heritage to modern life. The Fund sustains and transforms our heritage through innovative investment in projects with a lasting impact on people and places.’

- Help people to **learn** about their own and other people's heritage
- **Conserve** the UK's diverse heritage for present and future generations to experience and enjoy
- Help more people, and a wider range of people, to **take an active part in** and make decisions about their heritage

Funding 2008-2013



Annual awards budgets:

- 2007-08: £255m
- 2008-09: £220m
- 2009-17: £180m

- Increased competition, especially in grants over £1m

- £1.9 billion to distribute up to 2019



General programmes

- Your Heritage – £3,000-£50,000
- Heritage Grants – over £50,000

Targeted programmes

- Young Roots - £3,000-£25,000
- Townscape Heritage Initiative – £500,000-£2 million
- Landscape Partnerships - £250,000-£2 million
- Parks for People - £250,000-£5 million
- Repair Grants for Places of Worship

Community projects



In 15 years the Heritage Lottery Fund has awarded over £4billion to more than 28,000 projects across the UK



Typically, four out of five grants less than £50K
Over 50% awarded to voluntary and community sector

- **What** do you want to do? What are the end products?
- **How** will you do it? Is this the most practical solution? Can you manage it or do you need more help?
- **Why** are you doing it? Can you prove that there is a need or demand for it?
- **Who** will benefit and in what ways? Who did you consult?
- **Where** will it take place and how long will it last?

Common pitfalls



- Limited public access or benefits and thus not vfm
- Project starts before grant awarded
- Project too ambitious for the organisation
- Applicant has left too little time for assessment process
- The project has no heritage focus
- Ownership of the heritage resource is unclear

Heritage Grants £50,000 and over



- Shorter assessment time to initial decision – 3 months
- Simpler to apply - we ask for less detail at the first round
- All applications go through two assessment rounds
- Development grants for planning and development work (replacing Project Planning Grants)
- Mentors for applicants who need support
- Both application rounds competitive
- Decisions by Board of Trustees (£1m +) and Regional Committees (50,000-£1m)