

HES Heritage & Place Programme (H&PP) & NLHF Grants for Heritage (area-based schemes)

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Q&A

Q: Can you submit applications for several schemes in the one same local authority area?

A: (NLHF) There is nothing to prevent this but bear in mind given the competition, you may essentially be competing with yourself. This would also raise questions of priorities. It is recommended that you select 1 or maybe 2 to limit these questions and show priorities.

(HES) This is the same as for the H&PP. In the application, we will also be asking why the area which you are applying for has been identified as a priority over other conservation/ heritage areas in the local authority area.

Q: What constitutes projects or activities that have already commenced that will not be eligible for funding?

A: (NLHF/ HES) We can't contribute to costs that have already been committed to or provide funding for anything retrospectively. Commissions, contracts, etc would mean these activities can't be supported as you have indicated beforehand that you can cover the costs. Further questions on this can be directed to the NLHF/ HES.

Q: What is recognised as an area having heritage significance? Would an area be eligible if it didn't have a statutory designation?

A: (HES) This programme won't be as defined as the Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) was in terms of the scheme areas having to be in a Conservation Area. You can put forward proposals for a scheme in a non-designated area, but you will have to evidence why and how this area has been identified as being of local heritage significance. One way of doing this is where the area has been identified in a Local Development Plan. You can refer to the 'Scheme Area' section in the H&PP programme guidance for more information on this. If the area is undesignated then, at Expression of Interest (EOI) stage, we will seek further advice from our Heritage colleagues on the area being proposed to enable us to determine whether or not we feel that it can be considered under the H&PP.

(NLHF) The area should be of historic value with a clear boundary that has built and/or natural features and a distinct character that is recognised either formally or informally. If your area does not have a formal designation such as conservation area you will need to provide an assessment of the area's special character (an area appraisal) as part of the Area Action Plan. Full information is provided in our guidance for Area-based schemes <https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding/good-practice-guidance/area-based-schemes-guidance> .

Q: How are HES and NLHF working together on these funding programmes and in what order should we submit applications?

A: (HES/ NLHF) There are still two separate expression of interest, applications, and decision processes, but the two organisations will be working closely to provide joint support to projects where we can.

The H&PP application requirements were developed in consideration of those required by NLHF. As a result, many of the supporting documents requested by the two organisations will be the same/similar and should

reduce the amount of work required to be undertaken by applicants. However, separate applications to both organisations are still necessary as there are some variations in what each one can support and also in the expectations around the scheme outcomes to be delivered.

In terms of order, the HES deadline for Development Phase applications is in mid-December and the NLHF deadlines are quarterly with the closest to December, being the 17th of November. For EOI's, these need to be submitted for the H&PP by the end of July 2022 at the latest. If you are intending to apply for funding to both organisations, then you should also have your EOI submitted to NLHF by that point or ideally before for both.

Q: Is the H&PP a one off funding programme or will there be future application rounds?

A: (HES) We are planning to have future application rounds for the H&PP, but we can't confirm the regularity of these yet which will depend on demand and available budget.

(NLHF) Supporting place-based working is a priority for us in the current Strategic Funding Framework (2019-2024). We expect this to be a priority in the future, but this will depend on feedback in our consultation for the next Funding Framework.

Q: How much information is required to be included at Expression of Interest (EOI) stage?

A: (NLHF) We have a standard EOI form for all projects but when you are completing this for an area-based scheme, please focus particularly on the local area outcome and engaging a wider range of people with heritage. You should refer to our Local Area guidance (<https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding/good-practice-guidance/local-area-guidance>) and guidance for Area-based schemes (<https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding/good-practice-guidance/area-based-schemes-guidance>) More information will be provided at the session on 18 May.

(HES) For the H&PP, we will be looking for high level information relating to the scheme including who will be delivering it, details of the area being proposed and also of the projects and activities and the associated costs of these. The EOI questions can be accessed if you sign up on our new [Grants Portal](#).

Q: Could a listed pier or an historic harbour be included as part of a scheme?

A: (HES/ NLHF) Yes, these could be included as part of a scheme as long as you can show through the area character appraisal and community consultation that they have been identified as a priority and will help to deliver against the scheme outcomes.

Q: How does match funding work?

A: (HES/ NLHF) Match funding will work similarly as before with the CARS/ TH, there is no specified amount for this, but we will expect you to explain in your application how you have sought to maximise the match funding available.

Also, if one organisation does not approve funding for your scheme for any reason that does not exclude the other organisation from doing so. The scheme does not have to be funded by both organisations.

Q: Is development funding available from both organisations?

A: Yes.

Q: Is HES fund open to green space or only built environment.

A: (HES/NLHF) Designed landscape or gardens may be eligible as part of a wider scheme for the H&PP but proposals for other greenspaces would only come under the NLHF's remit. For more information on how NLHF can support nature and urban green spaces see <https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/our-work/landscapes-parks-nature>.

Q: Would the NLHF consider a natural heritage project focused on Dark Skies?

A: (NLHF) Yes, we could but that would be under our normal open programme funding.