

Whithorn CARS - Conservation Grants

Introduction

The Conservation Area Regeneration grants scheme consists of three elements:

- **Conservation grants;**
To encourage the repair, reinstatement and reuse of properties within the Whithorn CARS Area.
- **Promotion and Training;**
To improve the understanding and skills of property owners and local tradesmen.
- **Public Realm;**
To improve the street finishes in an appropriate area by introducing quality traditional materials.

This note relates to the Conservation Grant Scheme. Information concerning Promotion and Training and the public realm elements will be available separately through the Project Officer.

Available Grants

Grants will be awarded at 70% of eligible costs. There is no ceiling to individual grants.

The overall fund available for property repairs grants is limited to £325,000 so, dependent on the take-up of grants, it is possible that not all requests for grant aid will be accommodated. The scheme has identified a number of higher priority buildings which will be targeted. Overall it is hoped that around 30 properties will benefit from this investment.

The grants will only be available for specific conservation-related repairs as outlined in the Whithorn CARS aims and is not intended to include general repairs, internal work or other improvements to properties.

Application to the Whithorn CARS for grant does not preclude applications being made for other grants, such as through Care and Repair, Housing Act grants, and the like, but any such grants must be disclosed and cannot cover the same items of work.

How long are the Grants Available

Applications must be properly made and agreed in writing by 1st January, 2010. Works must be completed and the grant claimed within one year from the date of the formal offer.

For further guidance on the eligibility of certain works see the Leaflet:

"Whithorn CARS – Eligible Repairs"

