

Grants Scheme

If you own or occupy a traditional property in the Elgin High Street Conservation Area you may be eligible to apply for a grant. The scheme will encourage external repairs which are traditional in character and that adopt the materials, craft skills and construction techniques found in, or sympathetic to, the original building. The Elgin CARS Officer can advise on all aspects of the scheme and application process.



How to Apply for a Grant

The grant application process consists of two stages beginning with a simple 'Expression of Interest' form. If your project meets with the scheme criteria, you will then be invited to submit a full application. The Elgin CARS Management Group will assess your application and notify you of their decision. No grant related work should start before approval, in writing, has been received.

Applicants are encouraged to contact the Elgin CARS Officer at the earliest opportunity to discuss their potential projects. Further information about the Elgin CARS project, including application forms and guidance notes can be found on the website.

What is a Conservation Area?

Conservation areas *'are areas of special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance.'*

S.61 Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997)

If you would like further information on the scheme, or would like to discuss a potential application, please contact:

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Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme



*Restoring and enhancing
the built heritage
of Elgin High Street
Conservation Area*



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What is Elgin Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS)?

Over a five year period, Elgin CARS aims to inspire and motivate collective action to transform the city centre. Designated as an 'outstanding' area of conservation due to the large number of listed buildings, several of which are considered to be of national importance, the historic fabric of Elgin city centre is a valuable asset worth looking after.

Elgin CARS will deliver the Conservation Area Action Plan commissioned by the 'Castle to Cashmere' partnership initiative. Grants will be offered to building owners and occupiers for the identified priority buildings and closes, other traditional buildings in need of repair, and for shop front improvements. In addition, public realm improvements will be carried out, two apprentice stone masons will be employed, and traditional skills training will be available to raise awareness and increase local expertise in the repair and maintenance of traditional buildings.

This £3.3 million scheme will run until March 2018 and will be overseen by a Management Group which includes Elgin BID, Elgin Fund, Elgin Benevolent Trust, Moray College UHI and local councillors.



What will the Grant Scheme pay for?

Grants are available to aid with the cost of external repairs to traditional buildings within the High Street Conservation Area. Funding is available, subject to meeting the scheme criteria, on a first come, first served basis and it is possible that not all applications will be successful. Grants will be offered at a maximum of 50% towards eligible costs, therefore part funding by building owners is required.

Eligible works include:

- Traditional shopfront repairs and improvements
- Sash and case windows
- Cast iron rainwater goods
- Stonework repairs, repointing and traditional renders
- Doors & external joinery
- Re-roofing in traditional materials
- Repair or renewal of lead work
- Chimney repairs



Items such as routine maintenance and redecoration, conversions or alterations, interior fitting out or renewal of services will not qualify for grant aid.



Elgin High Street was designated as an Outstanding Conservation Area in 1976