



# Campbeltown Townscape Heritage Initiative

## An Introduction

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Argyll and Bute Council on behalf of Campbeltown Town Centre Regeneration Steering Group (CTCRSG) has been successful in securing a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) to deliver a Townscape Heritage Initiative Scheme focused on the historic town centre. Other funders include, Historic Scotland, Argyll & the Islands LEADER and Highlands & Islands Enterprise.

This guidance leaflet is an introduction to the Campbeltown Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) and further guidance and clarification should be sought from the Project Officer whose contact details are on the back of this leaflet.

## The Campbeltown Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI)

The THI is intended to support strategic action through partnership of public and private bodies to address problems of disrepair, erosion of quality and the under use of historic buildings. The THI aims to bring together partners interested in preserving and

enhancing the distinctive character of historic areas, by offering grant assistance towards:

- Repairing historic fabric and public realm.
- Restoring authentic details and materials.
- Securing the continued use of historic buildings.
- Bringing vacant floor space back into use.
- Providing historic skills training.

The THI programme will contribute to business development and economic regeneration within the town by improving its historic buildings and the wider environment. Specific projects will help make the centre of the town more appealing to both visitors and residents.

## The Campbeltown Town Centre Regeneration Steering Group

The Campbeltown Town Centre Regeneration Steering Group, manages the THI supported where appropriate by Argyll and Bute Council Officers and other specialist advisers. The Group operates under strict guidelines stipulated within its contract with HLF.

## The Grant Scheme

The project fund, from which grant assistance is awarded amounts to almost £2 million. This includes £700,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF).

- All awards for grant aid must be signed up within two years.
- All grant assisted work must be completed within the period of this scheme.

## Projects

Specialist advisors were engaged during stage one and two of the CTCRSG application process to evaluate all the buildings in Campbeltown Town Centre and identify the target buildings that require attention.

15 target projects have been identified as a result of their heritage merit and need, economic use, location and impact on the historic character of the town as well as an urgent need for action to arrest further deterioration of the townscape in Campbeltown. Details of the buildings selected can be obtained from the Project Officer.

## General Eligibility Criteria

Properties eligible for assistance must be of:

Architectural or historic interest  
Preferably of townscape value  
Lie within the THI boundary

Eligible applicants must either be:

- The owner of the property
- A leaseholder with an un-expired interest of not less than ten years.

The priority of the project is to tackle buildings in a poor state of repair and will have a beneficial impact on the setting of the Conservation Area. Priority will be given to buildings requiring comprehensive schemes of work to bring them back into good repair and enable them to be used again. Other minor works are eligible but are considered less important.

## Eligible Works

Grant assistance will be made available for:

- Works of repair to the external fabric of the building.
- Structural repairs both internal and external
- The reinstatement of lost external architectural detail.

- The re-use of underused floor space (*only in association with external works*).
- Environmental enhancement.
- Professional fees.
- VAT (where it is not reclaimable).

In addition, it is a requirement to qualify for assistance that:

- A chartered building professional (such as an Architect or Chartered Surveyor) be employed as your agent to prepare the application and specifications, undertake the tendering process, monitor works on site and certify payments.
- A comprehensive scheme of works is proposed that tackles all elements of work required.
- Consideration should be given to providing disabled access sympathetic to the historic character of the building.
- Ensure that signage is appropriate.

## Grant Rates

Building Repair and Reinstatement of Architectural Detail—grants of up to 80% of eligible costs can be offered.

Bringing Historic Floorspace Into Use—there is no cap on grants in this category, grant is based on the ‘conservation deficit’.

For further information please refer to the ‘Guide to eligible works’ document.

## Repayment/Clawback

The grant, or any part of may, be repayable if the owner sells or otherwise disposes of the grant assisted property. The period in which repayment may apply varies depending on the level of grant assistance offered.

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