



Architectural Heritage Fund

STITCH IN TIME GRANT

Grants for Minor Repairs &
Maintenance Works



WHAT IS THE ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE FUND STITCH IN TIME GRANT?

Fingal County Council operates a grant scheme on an annual basis to assist owners towards the cost of minor repairs or maintenance works to Protected Structures, proposed Protected Structures or historic buildings within Architectural Conservation Areas that enhance the place or street. Other historic buildings may be considered but priority will be given to those with statutory protection.

TYPE OF WORKS THAT QUALIFY

The scheme is targeted at small-scale works where the cost of works is under €5,000. The types of work that would be eligible for the grant would be repairs to the original or historic physical fabric of the building where these follow best conservation practice of repair rather than replacement using appropriate materials, matching like-for-like. Or works that help protect or extend the lifespan of the historic material. Examples of such works include:

- Patch repairs to thatched roofs
- Blue-stoning of thatched roofs
- Minor repairs to natural slate roofs (e.g. fixing slipped or broken slates)
- Repair of lead or copper roof valleys
- Repair of cast iron rainwater goods (gutters and downpipes)
- Fanlight repairs
- Iron railing or gate repairs
- Lime mortar or lime render repairs
- Repair of stone gate piers or boundary walls
- Historic door or windows repairs, including repair of window surrounds or doorways, historic timber shop fronts or pub fronts

In certain circumstances the re-instatement of a feature that had previously been removed may be eligible but photographic or documentary evidence would have to be provided for this to be considered. Funding for condition reports or surveys by conservation professionals to identify works needed can also be applied for.

GRANT AMOUNTS

Grants will generally be awarded at a maximum rate of 50% of the total cost of the eligible works.
Minimum Grant €100 Maximum Grant €2,500

HOW TO APPLY

Application forms must be completed and returned to the Conservation Officer at the address provided below. Forms are available to download online or can be requested by phone or email. The form must be accompanied by

- *Quotation* - or estimate from a contractor for the proposed works
- *Specification* - from the contractor for the repair stating the materials and methods to be used
- *Photographs* - showing the current condition of the feature or element to be repaired
- *Evidence of Contractor's Tax Compliance* - tax clearance certificate or details to check tax clearance online

Please note that payments of the grant will be by electronic transfer only and so successful applicants will need to provide the Council with bank details to facilitate this.

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