

Heritage Organisations Support Fund 2025

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Timeframe 2025

Application Open:	14 November 2024 – 27 January 2025 at 5pm via grants online system
Overall budget:	€1.6 million (approx.)
Funding available:	Max. request €50,000
Outcome:	Early March 2025
Completion Date:	1 April 2025 - 31 March 2026
Match Funding:	Not required
Assessment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Screening including financial checks- Internal Panel Assessment with scoring- Shortlisting- External Panel Assessment and scoring- Board Approval
Notification of Outcome	- week beginning 10 th March 2025



Who can Apply

Mandatory for eligibility:

- Not-for-profit non-governmental heritage focused organisations with demonstrated national and or regional relevance.
- Your organisation must be a Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG)
- Not be controlled either directly or indirectly by any state or other body
- Purpose of your organisation must relate to the Heritage Act 1995, 2018, or 2003 UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage





What we can fund

- Core costs include existing staff salaries, rent, rates, statutory and/or legal responsibilities, overheads.
- Costs to assist resilience in the future, for example, adapting business plans, corporate governance improvements, risk management reviews and piloting new ways of working.
- For professional institutions – funding of bursaries for professional training or for specific personnel to deliver accredited CPD courses on heritage.
- Training and skills development costs.
- Hiring of new or contract staff.

HOSF breakdown of Applications by year

Year	No. of applications	No. Org. Funded	Total Sought	Total Offer	'New' organisations	New organisations funded	Funding Range		
							50K – 60K	30k - 49k	0k - 29k
2021	42	25	€ 1,101,476	€ 676,420	28	14	2	8	15
2022	54	28	€ 1,878,508	€ 932,128	29	11	8	9	11
2023	66	29	€ 2,816,700	€ 1,136,567	35	7	30	21	15
2024	94	36	€ 4,365,872	€ 1,648,887	49	16	21	13	2

Making your application

Before you start, make sure you have read and understand the Application Guidance Document



- New Online Grants System introduced in 2024. Must Register if you have not received a grant in 2024
- Use check list on P.11 of the Guidance Document to confirm all supporting documents are attached. The list of 1 – 6 applies to all
- Workplan should be tabular format and must be costed, clearly defined and linked to the Heritage Council's strategic plan and national policies
- Work plan must include environmental impact statement. This should outline any potential climate and biodiversity impacts of the project and steps for mitigation or adaptation
- If you plan to recruit a new member of staff to help deliver your workplan you must submit a job description for that post and details of recruitment process.



Work Plan Template available to download here:

<https://www.heritagecouncil.ie/content/files/Preferred-format-for-Work-Plan-2025.xlsxr>

Preferred format for Heritage Organisations Work Plan 2024

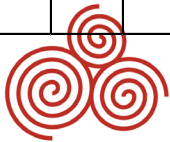
Objective 1		XXXXXXX					
PRIORITY	ITEM	TARGET OUTCOME	TIMEFRAME	Key Performance Indicator	Links to HC Strategy & National Policy/Plans	Potential climate and biodiversity impacts of the project and steps for mitigation or adaptation.	RESOURCES
1.1							
1.2							
1.3							
Objective 2							
2.1							
2.2							
2.3							
Detailed narrative to be uploaded separated							



Budget and Timeframe Template examples

Budget Table	
Projected Income 2025 (including other sources of funding)	
Projected Expenditure 2025	

Detailed Work Plan Timeline															
Objective 1				April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March
Action															
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Objective 3															
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General Advice

- Demonstrate that you are willing to communicate and promote your work and the role of the Heritage Council e.g. plans to reach newer audiences, provide online activity stats, attendee number for outreach and training programmes etc
- Provide images, graphs, maps etc to demonstrate your work, for example recent community engagement events
- Make sure you to **leave ample time** to complete the application before the grant deadline.
- All files uploaded must be in PDF format & clearly labelled
- It's a good idea to have someone else such as a colleague or **read your draft grant application before you submit it.**
- Do not assume that assessors will be familiar with the work you do. Put yourself in the shoes of the grant assessor and answer all questions in a clear and concise way



Our Place in Time

Heritage Council Strategic Plan 2023–2028

If in doubt check with the Heritage Council!

**queries to:
grants@heritagecouncil.ie**

Thank you

Our Place in Time -Strategic Plan 2023-2028

<https://www.heritagecouncil.ie/content/files/Strategic-Plan-2023-2028.pdf>

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