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Waterford City & County Council

Press Release

Good News for 'Built Heritage' in Waterford

Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2016

Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, Heather Humphreys, has announced the introduction of the **Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2016**.

The scheme is funded nationally by €2m made available under the government's 'Capital Stimulus Programme'.

This scheme seeks to encourage the leveraging of private capital to invest in a number of small-scale, labour-intensive projects to repair and conserve structures protected under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and in certain cases, for the conservation and enhancement of structures within 'Architectural Conservation Areas'.

The objective of the scheme is to assist the owner or occupier of heritage structures to repair and conserve historic structures and to support the employment of skilled and experienced conservation professionals, craft workers and trades people.

This scheme will be administered by Waterford City and County Council who were allocated €104,000 under the scheme. Funding awards made under the scheme will be between €2,500 and €10,000, with applicants matching in full the grants being awarded.

Qualifying works include appropriate repair and conservation of historic structures with works that are sympathetic to the character and special interest of the structure and are of a standard that matches the historical detailing, materials and techniques. Works that improve the energy efficiency may also be funded. These works should contribute to the regeneration and vitality of the city's and county's built heritage and act as a stimulus for job creation.

Details and application forms for the **Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2016** are now available on www.waterfordcouncil.ie



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Completed application forms and photos of the structures must be submitted by email by 5 pm on the 7th of December 2015. Successful applicants must have the works completed by 30th of September 2016.

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