Grants are now available for eligible historic buildings within Sleaford town centre.

Key points

- The aim of the scheme is to improve the historic environment of the town centre.
- Grants will be focused on shopfronts but can extend to other elements of building frontages.
- Grants are available to private owners for repairs at 60% and reinstatement of historic features at 80% up to £25,000.
- The scheme is funded by North Kesteven District Council, Historic England and Sleaford Town Council.
- All works must be carried out to a high standard, using appropriate materials and qualified tradespeople.
Grants available

Grants of 80% of the cost of reinstating historic architectural features will be available. Priority will be given to the installation of traditional shopfronts in order to restore the character of a building. High quality repairs to the retail frontages of historic buildings will be funded at 60% of the cost. Works must be carried out using appropriate materials to standards approved by Historic England. The improvement of signage to commercial premises will be funded at 50% as part of a repair or reinstatement scheme. The maximum grant amount per address is £25,000.

Eligible works

Works for the reinstatement of architectural details/features (including shopfronts) to match historic detail will be eligible for the 80% grant rate. Works to improve signage to commercial premises as part of a repair or reinstatement scheme will be eligible for a 50% grant rate. The following works will be eligible for the 60% grant rate:

- Roof repairs/re-roofing, repairs to parapet and valley gutters
- Provision of maintenance access
- Repairs/renewal of leadwork
- Repair/overhaul or replacement of rainwater disposal system
- Structural and non-structural repairs to external walls
- Repair or replacement only if necessary, of doors, windows etc
- Repair or replacement if necessary, of external features
- Measures to manage rising or penetrating damp
- Works preliminaries - Pro-rata to works
- Professional fees - Pro-rata to works

Ineligible works

- Demolition
- Cleaning for purely cosmetic reasons
- Redecoration, except for making good after repairs
- Conversion, alterations or adaptations
- Modernisation
- Provision of any building service except rainwater disposal
- Conjectural reinstatement or reconstruction

To see an example of the success of the same scheme in Derby, visit https://historicengland.org.uk/whats-new/in-your-area/east-midlands/retail-in-derby/

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