

The Cathedral Quarter project is a heritage-led regeneration scheme for the Westgate Street area of Gloucester, as shown on the plan within this leaflet.

The project is funded by Gloucester City Council, Historic England and supported by many community partners through the Cathedral Quarter Partnership.

The project will last until March 2024. It is anticipated that all grant offers will be made within the first 3 years.



Grant Application Process

- Initial meeting held with the Cathedral Quarter Project Officer to discuss eligibility and the extent of works.
- Prospective applicant appoints agent/architect to prepare specification of works for the grant application and for seeking the required permissions.
- Draft specification of works submitted to Cathedral Quarter Project Officer. Risk assessment prepared. Necessary statutory permissions obtained.
- Once agreed with the Cathedral Quarter Project Officer, the specification is submitted for tender.
- Once tenders are received and preferred contractor chosen, the application for grant is submitted.
- Subject to approval of the application for grant and availability of funding, grant is awarded and authority given to commence works
- Applicants will be given support and advice at all stages of the process, to ensure a successful outcome, however they will have to agree to the process of application and the terms and conditions of the grant offer.

For further information

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The scheme will support improvements to the quality of the heritage buildings in and around Westgate Street, address any inappropriate alterations and encourage new uses for historic buildings. Grants will be offered towards:

- Restoring authentic architectural details and materials to the frontages of historic buildings
- Bringing vacant floor space back into beneficial use, including the conversion of upper floors

Please note that routine maintenance to properties is not eligible for grant assistance.

Not all properties within the zone can be supported under the Cathedral Quarter scheme. In order to maximise the benefit to the overall area, several key buildings have been identified as priorities for assistance, based on their historic importance, interest, current poor condition and potential for positive impact on the conservation area.

Alongside these physical improvements, the Cathedral Quarter project will also deliver a series of events and activities to celebrate the history of Westgate and to help property owners and residents become involved with the conservation aims of the project.

These may include training to improve conservation skills, and the development of resources to promote knowledge and appreciation of Westgate's heritage. These activities will be available to property owners, professionals, community groups and anyone interested in making a difference to the Westgate area of the City.

The grant recipient will be required to engage a competent professional, i.e. an Architect (RIBA), from our preferred list, who is experienced in working with listed and older buildings. They will work with you to develop plans and proposals for your property and take the plans through planning and listed building consent where required. They will also need to engage other specialists (structural engineer, quantity

Surveyor for eg) as required, draft a detailed specification for the works, invite tenders, put a construction contract in place, inspect the works while in progress, certify the completion of works and authorise payments.

This work will be eligible for grant assistance at the same rate as the main grant. The grant application is relatively straightforward and should be familiar to the agent you appoint.



Grant assistance will be made available for:

- Structural repairs, both internal and external
- Reinstatement of lost external architectural detail
- Conversion of vacant floor space, but only in association with external works
- Professional fees

- Environmental enhancement
- Repairs to the external fabric of the building
- VAT (where it is not reclaimable by the applicant)

Work should use traditional methods and materials respecting the character of the building and of the conservation area.