

## **Minister Noonan announces €4m in funding for 78 built heritage projects under Historic Structures Fund 2022**

Minister of State for Heritage and Electoral Reform, Malcolm Noonan TD, today announced that 78 heritage projects across the country will benefit from a total of €4m under this year's Historic Structures Fund (HSF) administered by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in conjunction with the 31 Local Authorities.

In addition to supporting owners and custodians of historic and protected structures to safeguard and maintain their properties, this funding will also provide a welcome boost to conservation professionals and tradespeople by facilitating works with a total value of almost €8m and leveraging an estimated 22,400 days' labour, including in specialist heritage roles such as thatching and stone work.

The announcement follows that of €4m in funding under the Department's other built heritage grant scheme, the Built Heritage Investment Scheme, by Minister Noonan earlier this month.

Through grants of between €15,000 and €200,000, the HSF assists owners of heritage structures – including those on the local authorities' Record of Protected Structures and those in Architectural Conservation Areas – to meet their obligations to care for their properties. The scheme provides assistance to a wide range of heritage structures – this year's HSF includes awards to historic bridges, castles, churches, mills, libraries, shopfronts, and an old forge, as well as to private houses.

Examples of HSF awards this year include €92k for emergency conservation works to the pier at Quay Street, Belmullet, Co Mayo, €200k for repairs to the parapet and roof at Bantry House, Co Cork and €50k for repair work to Lambay Castle, Co.Dublin. Limerick's Treaty Stone will also receive over €47k for essential repair and conservations works to the Treaty Stone pedestal.

The HSF is one of two built heritage funding schemes which works in partnership with owners and the 31 local authorities to protect our built heritage, a key aim of Heritage Ireland 2030, the new national heritage plan launched in February.

Following on from the successful introduction of two pilot streams for vernacular structures and English and Irish-language historic shopfronts in 2021, both streams have been incorporated into HSF 2022.

Six larger projects awarded funding over two years under HSF 2021 will also be funded out of this year's €4m allocation.

Announcing the awards today, Minister Noonan said:

**'I am delighted to announce another €4m investment in our built heritage. This year's Historic Structures Fund will assist 78 owners and custodians of historic and protected structures across the country as they carry out hundreds of conservation projects to repair and safeguard our built heritage. I am particularly pleased to announce the awards made to vernacular structures and historic shopfronts following their successful pilot schemes last year.**

**These awards celebrate the richness and diversity of our built heritage and help to preserve our connections to past generations, in particular through their support of traditional building skills, which this Government is committed to investing in. These actions also help us to deliver on our commitments to built heritage under Heritage Ireland 2030, the national heritage plan which I launched earlier this year.'**

Commenting on the announcement, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien, TD, said:

**'It is great to see the number and range of projects which will be supported by this investment of €4m under the Historic Structures Fund. These schemes help to safeguard our rich built heritage, keeping many buildings in use and helping to bring many others back into use. The awards announced today also have a welcome knock-on economic benefit by generating employment for heritage contractors and other skilled crafts and tradespeople across the country.'**

Minister of State for Local Government, Peter Burke, TD, also welcomed the announcement, stating:

**'As with the Built Heritage Investment Scheme, the success of the Historic Structures Fund is a result of the close working relationship between the Department and the Local Authorities, particularly the Architectural Conservation Officers, Heritage Officers and planning and administrative staff who make these schemes possible. I am particularly pleased to note the continuation of the Historic Shopfront stream, investing in our historic townscapes in line with this Government's commitment of putting Town Centres First.'**

The list of grantees under the 2022 HSF are:

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#### **Stream 1 Awards**

| <b>Local Authority/ Organisation</b> | <b>Site Name, Address</b>   | <b>Project</b>  | <b>Proposed Grant</b> |
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| DCU                                  | Shrine of Sacred Heart, Atlantis Buildings, South Cumberland St, Dublin                                 | Crucial conservation and repair to the Shrine, focusing on slates, delicate Bath stone and other stone types. Repointing of vegetation and carbon staining to this Shrine, a focal point on the national DCU All Hallows Campus | €30,000.00            |
| Waterways Ireland                    | The Four Pots, west of the Leinster Aqueduct on the Grand Canal, near Sallins/Digby Bridge, Co. Kildare | Ensure water tightness of the structure and commission specialists to reinstate, repoint and consolidate the structure so it can be reused as part of heritage outreach initiatives   | €50,000.00            |
| Carlow County Council                | Gate House, Borris House, Co. Carlow  | Removal of moss, algae and other biological growth from granite ashlar, repair of gates, renewal of failed lime render, preventing bird entry to turret   | €40,000.00            |
| Carlow County Council                | Currane Tower, Currane, Borris, Co. Carlow  | Completion of 2020 conservation works to tower, including lime render to two external walls, external door and  | €46,658.00            |

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|                        |  | windows, flooring, internal plastering. Training element = contractor's apprentices  |            |
| Carlow County Council  | Milford House, Milford, Co. Carlow                         | Restore and repair historic windows to the ground floor and first floor of the front elevation of Milford House  | €40,000.00 |
| Cavan County Council   | Rath Church, Killeshandra                                  | Conservation of historic entrance gate piers and restoration of iron grates. Repair and remodelling of centre piece under vaulted section of wall and vaulted sections.  | €35,097.00 |
| Cavan County Council   | Woteraghy Mill, Ballinagh                                  | Essential conservation of the wall, roof and internal floor structures. Primary focus is to halt the ongoing deterioration to prevent structures from collapsing, conserve and enhance the complex for the benefit of the wider community, enable the building to be habitable in the medium term and create a viable tourist destination in the longer term | €40,000.00 |
| Clare County Council   | Frawley's Bar, Lahinch, Co. Clare                          | Renew timber structure and reinstall Blue Bangor slates to main roof and Liscannor Stone to outbuilding at Lahinch, Co. Clare  | €40,000.00 |
| Cork County Council    | St John the Baptist Church, Friars Street, Kinsale, Cork   | Works to eaves stone gutters to address overflow and overloading of water to the interior of the church.   | €40,000.00 |
| Cork County Council    | St Multose Church, Church Street, TOWNPLOTS, Kinsale, Cork | External repointing and internal lime plastering to Southern and Eastern External wall of the aisle to reduce dampness and re-capping of graveyard boundary wall.  | €50,000.00 |
| Cork County Council    | St Paul's Church, Ballymoney, Ballineen, Cork              | Roof repairs internally and externally and to rainwater goods to prevent water ingress.  | €50,000.00 |
| Donegal County Council | Condon House, The Mall, Ballyshannon, Donegal              | Internal structural repair & renewal of internal timber floor structures to main house; vegetation management & renewal of roof coverings to outbuilding   | €50,000.00 |

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| Dublin City Council                   | 29 Lower Ormond Quay  | Essential full roof renewal repairs plus associated timber repairs; chimney and parapet repairs. All essential to address current water ingress. Professional training for Building Occupant architectural staff  | €50,000.00 |
| Dublin City Council                   | 34 Main Street, Chapelizod  | Phase 2 works to secure the fabric: strip slates from the roof and fit temporary weathering, clear collapsed floors from the front interior and prop floors and stairs in the rear, secure collapsing spine wall  | €50,000.00 |
| Dublin City Council                   | 134 Thomas Street   | Replace existing flat roof to prevent water ingress in order to preserve surviving early historic interior features. Propping of stairs and upper floor structures.   | €50,000.00 |
| Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council | Blackrock Hospice, Sweetman's avenue, Blackrock                   | Renewal of lead finish of corridor roof on west side of chapel<br>Local refixing of slipped slates on chapel roof<br>Repairs to cast iron gutters and downpipes on chapel, to include replacement of cracked rainwater goods with replica cast iron fittings to match | €50,000.00 |
| Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council | Ventour, 1 Corrig Avenue  | Removal of existing cement fibre tiles and bitumen flashings from roof. Re-roof in natural slate plus lead/copper flashings. All associated repair + upgrade  | €30,000.00 |
| Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council | Mount Anville Glasshouse, Mount Anville House, Mount Anville Road | Vital repair works to the two gable walls of the historic curvilinear wrought-iron glasshouse. The works include re-setting of parapet coping stones, re-pointing of brickwork and repair of original joinery   | €32,848.00 |
| Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council | Shankill Carnegie Library, Library Road                           | Programme of external fabric repairs including essential roof repairs, external joinery and repairs to leaded timber casement windows   | €25,000.00 |
| Fingal County Council                 | Lambay Castle; White House; Harbour Cottages, Lambay Island, Rush | Repair works to roof - local repairs<br>Repairs to Lime renders - Harbour sheds   | €50,000.00 |

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|                        |   | Refurbishment of Cottage 4 - Harbour cottages   |            |
| Fingal County Council  | St. Peter & Paul's Church, Balbriggan                                 | Conservation & restoration of the leaded window over the main entrance door. Damaged glasses to be replaced, window frame.  | €40,000.00 |
| Galway City Council    | Francis Cottage, Coolough, Menlo                                      | Sistering of existing joints and repair of defects discovered following thatching which took place in 2021  | €14,140.00 |
| Galway City Council    | Poor Clares Convent, Nun's Island                                     | Repair roof of east wing, eastern half of south slope and central pediment of the 3-storey convent building   | €41,723.00 |
| Galway County Council  | Kilcornan House Farmyard Coach House, Kilcornan Demense, Clarinbridge | Essential repairs to the roof and other minor capital works for the refurbishment and conservation of farmyard coach house to maintain it in full use   | €35,000.00 |
| Galway County Council  | Neo Gothic Church, Kylemore Abbey, Connemara                          | Repair/replacement of cast iron gutters/downpipes<br>Removal/repair gargoyles to address water leakage and refit gargoyles<br>Provide new storm-proof access hatch  | €35,000.00 |
| Galway County Council  | St Peter & Paul's Church, Ballymacward, Ballinasloe                   | Urgent necessary repairs and restoration of five large stain glass panels within large tracery altar window   | €35,000.00 |
| Kerry County Council   | Old Lifeboat Station, Knightstown, Valentia Island                    | Replacement of slate roof destroyed in recent storm, repairs to front edifice, replacement of roof timbers as necessary, ancillary works, training element to be facilitated  | €50,000.00 |
| Kildare County Council | Abbeylands House, Abbeylands, Clane                                   | Full restoration on windows/ and internal shutter boxes and panelling to include the stripping of paint/repair defective timber with reclaimed pitch pine, replace broken glass with matching heritage glass draught-proofing, repair. Reinstatement of internal staircase, missing balustrads and handrail | €50,000.00 |

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| Kildare County Council         | St David's Castle, Main Street North, Church Lane, Naas | Structural repair of window heads and reveals to openings<br>Localise repair and infilling of masonry walls  | €50,000.00 |
| Kilkenny County Council        | Kells House, Kells                                      | Strip slates from roof, repair timber structure, repair chimneys, reline valleys, felt and batten, re-slate with original slates. Reinstall guttering  | €38,000.00 |
| Kilkenny County Council        | Old Ennisnag Bridge, Ennisnag                           | Stabilisation of arch rings and barrel, parapet, cutwaters, and spandrel of historic bridge.   | €50,000.00 |
| Kilkenny County Council        | St Canice's Cathedral & Round Tower, Church Lane        | Installation of new lightning protection system to protect a nationally important cathedral and round tower from lightning strike, structural damage and fire.   | €27,820.00 |
| Laois County Council           | Abbeyleix Old Church, Abbeyleix                         | Installation of french drain to east and north sides of church, external render, internal plastering and repair of marble cladding in sanctuary  | €50,000.00 |
| Laois County Council           | Cuffsborough House, Ballacolla                          | Refurbishment of all windows in the house, repairs to sashes, styles and joints. Glass replacement, reputtying and repainting. Re-use of existing and replacement of hardware installation of weather seals. | €44,590.00 |
| Laois County Council           | Midland House, 27 Main Street, Portlaoise               | Repairs to windows and repairs and painting to façade  | €20,000.00 |
| Limerick City & County Council | Limerick Treaty Stone, Clancy's Strand, Limerick City   | Essential repair and conservation works to the Treaty Stone pedestal, to secure the long-term integrity and safety of the national monument sitting in Limerick City's public realm                          | €47,263.00 |
| Limerick City & County Council | Ballyvorreen Outbuildings, Caherline, Caherconlish      | Removal of all the existing slates. Erect scaffolding. Salvage existing roof timbers where possible. Repoint chimney stacks. Reinstall slates. Reinstall gutters. Stabilize existing windows.                | €25,000.00 |
| Longford County Council        | Oldtown House, Ardagh                                   | Essential repairs and repointing to chimneys, repairs of decaying roof timbers and eaves. Removal of cementitious mortar to side elevation. Repair of  | €25,000.00 |

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| Louth County Council    | Carrickadoon Thatch, Carrickadoon, Louth Vilalge  | Rethatching of roof.   | €36,000.00 |
| Louth County Council    | Louth Co. Archives, Old Gaol, Ardee Road, Dundalk | Internal repairs to south gable wall: removal of unsuitable modern materials, replacement with traditional materials, and repairs to roof timbers set into gable (purlins, wall-plates)                                    | €18,000.00 |
| Louth County Council    | St Joseph's Church, St Alphonsus Road, Dundalk    | Replacement of badly corroded steel structure supporting the 19nr bells in the church tower and refurbishment of the bells for preservation  | €40,000.00 |
| Mayo County Council     | Conlon's House, Abbey Street, Ardnaree, Ballina   | Restoration of all original Georgian fenestration front doorcase and fanlight, using traditional skills and methods, employing local craftspeople and apprentices, to enable skill transfer                                | €15,000.00 |
| Meath County Council    | Cloncarneel House, Carnisle, Kildalkey            | Phase 1: Essential urgent roof works. Strip valley and add membrane to stop further water ingress.<br><br>Phase 2: Roof replacement including structural works, removal, timberwork, leadwork, slating and ancillary works | €40,256.00 |
| Meath County Council    | Duleek House, Abbeylands, Duleek                  | Emergency repairs to the roof and structure of Duleek House  | €35,000.00 |
| Meath County Council    | Talbot Castle, St Mary's Abbey, Abbey Lane, Trim  | Conservation and Stabilising of the roof and upper floors of the 15th Century Talbot Castle, a private residence, for essential repairs which are hoped to improve the energy efficiency of the structure.                 | €50,000.00 |
| Monaghan County Council | Holy Trinity Church, Carson, Dartery, Rockcorry   | Refurbishment and essential repairs to the windows.  | €20,000.00 |
| Offaly County Council   | Cloneyhurke House, Cloneyhurke, Portarlington     | Render repair works<br>Repair to existing entrance steps and arched entrance<br>Reinstatement of sliding sash windows  | €38,000.00 |

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|                                 |   | Repair of external and internal doors  |            |
| Offaly County Council           | Lowland House, Fancroft, Roscrea  | The repair and refurbishment works to the original window and door assemblies  | €38,000.00 |
| Offaly County Council           | Tullamore Former Gaol, Kilcruttin Business Park, Spollanstown, Cormac Street, Tullamore | Follow on from works last year & complete works to railing outside former gaol. Repair and restore remaining 25 metres of railings along the gate.                   | €25,000.00 |
| Sligo County Council            | Graniamore Presbyterian Church, Graniamore, Ballymote                                   | Address all existing defects in external envelope of the building. Roof apex, rainwater goods, windows and entrance door   | €15,000.00 |
| South Dublin County Council     | Peamount Healthcare CLG C/O Michael Power   | Repair and conservation of early 20th century corrugated iron clad church. Improvements to insulation and building services for use as a meeting space               | €50,000.00 |
| Tipperary County Council        | Corabella House, Corabella, Newcastle   | Repair/replacement of defective windows, repair of weather slating, internal plastering and check source of water ingress at failed plaster                          | €39,250.00 |
| Waterford City & County Council | Curraghmore House, Portlaw  | South roof & valleys: repair and replacement of slate & lead valleys, repair of 2 no. chimney stacks. Second floor structural works.                                 | €50,000.00 |
| Waterford City & County Council | Mount Melleray Abbey  | Address water ingress at west side and stair tower of public chapel and east end of the chancel. Contain a dry rot outbreak in the chapter room and hostel           | €50,000.00 |
| Waterford City & County Council | Spider Light, Passage East Spit   | Essential remedial works to the Spider Light steel support structure to stabilise the structure to prevent its collapse and to arrest further deterioration          | €47,483.00 |
| Wicklow County Council          | Weir Wall beside N81, Russborough, Blessington  | Phase II repair and stabilising of russborough weir wall to facilitate pedestrian traffic under N81, linking demesne walkways with the extended Blessington Greenway | €25,000.00 |

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| Wicklow County Council | St Matthews Church, Newtownmountkennedy, Church Road, Mount Kennedy Demesne | Works to prevent water ingress at roof level and at East gable. Contractor to train junior personnel | €40,000.00           |
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### Stream 2 Awards

| Local Authority/ Organisation | Site Name, Address   | Short description of works  | Proposed Grant 2022 | Proposed Grant 2023 |
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| Clare County Council          | St Flannan's Church of Ireland Cathedral, Royal Parade, Killaloe | Significant re-slating, repairs to buttresses, re-pointing of masonry etc. to prevent serious damage to historic fabric and internal ornate elements  | €152,000.00         |                     |
| Cork County Council           | Bantry House, Seafield, Bantry                                   | Urgent repair works to the failing balustrading on the parapets, and localised roof repairs, which currently pose a public health and safety risk   | €200,000.00         |                     |
| Cork County Council           | Camden Fort Meagher, Camden Road, Crosshaven                     | Install a waterproof membrane and drainage system over three casemated rooms. Training will be on conservation standard pointing of the brick and stone as necessary  | €80,000.00          | €80,000.00          |
| Dublin City Council           | 20 Dominick Street Lower   | Roof repairs to prevent water ingress, safeguarding unique hand-modelled interior plasterwork. Inspection and repairs to plasterwork. Brickwork, repairs/repointing to front elevation. External overhaul of 19 windows | €100,000.00         | €100,000.00         |
| Dublin City Council           | 37 Thomas Court  | Conservation and refurbishment of vacant historic building for use as community centre for the Saint Catherine's Church   | €100,000.00         | €100,000.00         |

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| Louth County Council     | Foresters Hall, Market Street, Dundalk, Louth  | Windows, rainwater goods, exterior walls   | €76,196.00        |                    |
| Mayo County Council      | Pier at Quay Street, Belmullet, locally known as Knight's Pier, Quay Street, Belmullet | Emergency conservation works to pier by specialist stone conservation contractor under the guidance of Conservation Consultant Engineer Garry Salter   | €92,000.00        |                    |
| Monaghan County Council  | Rossmore Mausoleum, Browns Wood, Rossmore Park   | Repairs to terracotta-tiled roof, local repointing of walls, repairs to door and step, repointing of interior brickwork, repairs to floor tiles and ironwork   | €100,000.00       | €100,000.00        |
| Waterford County Council | Mount Congreve House, Kilmeaden  | Replacement of east wing roof covering using larger slates suitable for the 28 degree pitch<br>Repair/renewal of lead & copper flashings, chimneys, roof timbers and provision of roof access hatch<br>Repair and redecoration of rooftop ventilation lantern with sundial | €155,272.00       |                    |
| Westmeath County Council | Belvedere House, Mullingar   | Urgent conservation and repair of the roof valleys, repair of chimneys and parapet and replacement of lead sheet roof to stop water ingress  | €100,000.00       | €100,000.00        |
| Irish Landmark Trust     | Goggin Cottage, Colbeg Kildimo, Co. Limerick   | Complete the conservation of Goggin Cottage, bringing back into use a previously uninhabitable heritage cottage and giving it a sustainable new use as holiday accommodation   | €87,000.00        | €87,000.00         |
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#### Vernacular Awards

| Local Authority/<br>Organisation | Site Name, Address | Short description of works | Proposed Grant |
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| Cork County Council     | Meelon, Bandon                                | Replacement of roof<br>Replacement of windows<br>Repointing of stonework<br>Improvement of ventilation<br>Rendering of walls   | €10,000.00        |
| Galway County Council   | Keane's Thatch, An Trian Lár, Maree, Oranmore | Various repairs at the front and back (around 200sq.ft)<br>New ridge (75 feet) with protection<br>Protective spraying  | €7,695.00         |
| Kilkenny County Council | Balief, Woddsgift                             | Remove cementitious render and replace with appropriate lime-based render, both internally and externally. A traditional four coat hot lime render to be used externally | €10,000.00        |
| Laois County Council    | Old Forge, Jamestown, Ballybrittas            | Reinstatement of roof, windows and doors   | €10,000.00        |
| Wicklow County Council  | Workshop at Greenan More Farmstead, Rathdrum  | Workshop requires re-construction. Works will include: masonry repair, joinery repair, roof re-construction, re-instatement of corrugated iron                           | €10,000.00        |
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### Historic Shopfront Awards

| Local Authority/ Organisation  | Site Name, Address                                  | Short description of works   | Proposed Grant |
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| Leitrim County Council         | Armstrong's, Bridge Street, Carrick-on-Shannon      | Repair, replacement of loadbearing beams behind shopfront.<br>Restore existing signage and shopfront<br>Remedial works to render front façade                            | €21,000.00     |
| Limerick City & County Council | Healy's, Main Street Kilfinane                      | Construction/restoration of Historic shopfront & front façade to include bressemmer beam   | €37,000.00     |
| Sligo County Council           | Quigley's, Rinn, Collooney                          | Refurbishment and external redecoration of front elevation including masonry, timber shopfront, external joinery, windows and doors and decorative surrounding mouldings | €10,000.00     |
| Tipperary County Council       | Padraig Ó Cuinneáin's, Upperchurch Village, Thurles | Remoulding original Gaelic writing   | €2,200.00      |

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| Waterford<br>County<br>Council | T&H Doolan, 31,32<br>and 33 Great George's<br>Street | Significant conservation repairs to an<br>important architectural and cultural<br>original shopfront to that of T&H<br>Doolan Wine Merchant | €37,000.00         |
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