

TOWN CENTRE MAINTENANCE GRANT CRITERIA

The Town Centre Maintenance Grant will provide support for minor improvements and maintenance works which will improve the external front elevation of town centre properties. The improvements will be expected to contribute to a positive impact on the street scene, creating a more attractive and vibrant environment which will increase retail spend and stimulate further private sector investment.

- Eligible works to properties can include works such as;
 - Painting (colour scheme to be agreed)
 - Repair, repointing and cleaning of stonework or render
 - Repairs to glazing, doors, shopfronts
 - Repair or reinstatement of rainwater goods
 - Repair or installation of signage (non illuminated)
 - Powder coating of roller shutter doors

- Costs for work already being carried out or completed and fees for statutory consents e.g. planning permission are **not** eligible.

- Where applicants are not registered for VAT and unable to reclaim this cost from HMRC, the VAT cost on works will be considered as eligible expenditure.

- Works must be undertaken by a recognised contractor and, where appropriate, be in line with published Design Guidance.

- The grant will contribute a maximum of 75% towards the cost of eligible works up to a maximum grant of £1,000.

- In cases where it will be necessary to erect scaffold or hire a skip to undertake the work, the scheme can make an additional contribution towards such costs. This will also be a maximum of a 75% contribution up to a maximum grant of £300.

- There will be an open call for applications with no deadlines for submission. The application process will be simple and straightforward with proposals being assessed on a first come first served basis (subject to applications being eligible).

- To maximise the benefit of the Fund, and the level of resources available, applications will be limited to one per property.