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OFFALY COUNTY COUNCIL

BUILT HERITAGE INVESTMENT SCHEME 2025

Offaly County Council wishes to invite applications under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2025, as operated by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. The BHIS seeks to encourage the leveraging of private capital to invest in a number of small-scale, labour-intensive projects to repair and conserve Protected Structures and those within Architectural Conservation Areas and to support the employment of skilled and experienced conservation professionals, craft workers and tradespeople.

The Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2025 will be administered by Offaly County Council.

Please note that there have been a number of significant changes to the BHIS from previous schemes.

- Grants of between **€2,500 and €50,000** may be awarded, with applicants required to provide a **minimum of 20% of total costs**. Applicants should read the guidelines and be familiar with the qualifying criteria and conditions of the scheme.
- This grant scheme will now include **Historic shopfronts** and **Vernacular structures**, which were previously included in the Historic Structures Fund (HSF). In relation to **Historic Shopfronts** – grants **from €2,500 to €50,000** are available to incentivise the conservation of historic shopfronts. In relation to **Vernacular Structures** grants **from €2,500 up to €30,000** are available for conservation repairs to non-protected vernacular buildings to safeguard the structure and keep them in use. Vernacular structures that are protected, can apply for grants up to **€50,000**.

A suitable Method Statement drawn up by a competent conservation professional must accompany all applications received under BHIS 2025. Applications must also include photographs of the proposed works.

Larger grants of between €50,000 and €200,000 will be made available under the Historic Structure Fund (HSF) which will be announced later this year. **Applicants cannot avail of funding under both the Historic Structures Fund (HSF) and the Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) in the same year.**

Application forms and particulars for the above schemes are available to download on www.offaly.ie or alternatively hard copies can be obtained from Offaly County Council, Heritage Department, Áras an Chontae, Charleville Road, Tullamore, Co. Offaly (057 9346800) or by email to BHIS@offalycoco.ie
All applicants must complete the Application Form and submit it, with supporting documentation in electronic or hard copy by **4pm Friday 27th September 2024.**

Applications must be clearly marked **Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2025** and emailed to BHIS@offalycoco.ie. **Late applications will not be accepted.**

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