

Appendix D: Grantham High Street Heritage Action Zone - Year 2 Delivery (2021/22)

Historic England Grant Allocation	£261,282	SKDC Match Funding Allocation	£146,236
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1. In the second year of delivery there is a greater focus on the delivery of capital works under the shopfront regeneration and key buildings grants. An initial priority is the completion of projects which have carried over from 2020/21, as described above, alongside developing and bringing forward capital projects and community engagement.

Key Priorities

Key Building and Shopfront Grants

2. Along with the completion of works to 71 High Street, the programme is targeted to bring forward a further two key buildings projects (up to 80% of costs for reinstatement of historic features and 60% for cost of repairs). The budget for these larger grants was originally set at a maximum grant of £65,000 however in certain circumstances, such as a projected underspend in the annual budget, or when a higher grant award is required to make a project viable, a higher award may be given following agreement from Historic England and the project board.
3. Talks are currently ongoing with the owners of the Angel and Royal Hotel (Grade I) to support conservation of the façade, and with the owners of 35 Watergate (Grade II) complete two shopfront projects and urgent repairs to historic workshop range. Both were identified as target buildings in the High Street HAZ Programme design; however, no grants have been awarded yet.
4. In addition, up to four shop front regeneration projects are to be brought forward, this programme will offer grants at the same level as the previous Grantham Shop Front Regeneration Programme (Up to 80% of costs of reinstatement of historic features and 60% of reinstatement up to a maximum grant of £25,000)
5. To be eligible for funding properties must predate 1939 and be within the Heritage Action Zone area. Property owners must be willing to contribute to at least 20% to the project costs and must work with a conservation accredited architect, and where appropriate, specialist contractors.
6. Any grant to properties which exceeds a £50,000 contribution from Historic England, must also be approved through Historic England's referral process, as well as the project board.

Community Urban Design Project

7. The Community Urban Design Project will give residents, property owners and other stakeholders opportunity to put forward their views for Grantham's future.
8. The project comprises two parts:
 - An architect/ urban designer led community charette will guide stakeholders, property owners and residents through the various regeneration programmes currently underway (High Street Heritage Action Zone and future High Streets Fund) and open discussion on the key principles of placemaking focusing on Grantham's assets and challenges, and the ambitions of the stakeholders for the town, and how those ambitions may be met
 - A youth engagement project facilitated by Blockbuilders (www.blockbuilders.co.uk) will utilise a virtual model of Grantham created in Minecraft to allow students to redesign Grantham to meet their needs. Through a simple game called 'Trash or Treasure' the participating children will be able to identify and express what they like about Grantham, what they don't and what they would change about the town
9. All secondary schools within Grantham town centre – including additional needs and alternate provision schools have been contacted to offer the opportunity to take part and positive discussions have been had with Grantham Additional Needs fellowship schools to design a workshop which will allow their students to participate fully.
10. **Table 3** (overleaf) shows the full programme of activity to be delivered in 2020/21.

Table 3 - The full programme of activity to be delivered in 2020/21

Project Element	Description	Budget (In Year)
Project Officer	Continuation of staffing role as per programme design	£ 40,465
Shopfront Regeneration Grants	Up to four shop front regeneration projects to be brought forward with Grants of up to £25,000 totalling a maximum of 80% costs of reinstatement of historic shopfronts/ shopfront features	£ 141,500
Key Building Regeneration Grants	Up to two key building grants to complete more extensive programmes of reinstatement and repair to key gateway, or historically significant buildings	£ 130,000
Conduit Lane Development Study	Completion of the Conduit Lane Development study (as per 2020/21)	£ 18,500
Community Urban Design Project (Charette)	Architect/ urban designer led charette process for key stakeholders, business owners and residents to discuss future ambitions for regeneration within Grantham	£ 25,000
Community Urban Design Project Youth Engagement (Blockbuilders)	School workshops facilitated by Blockbuilders to engage secondary school children with concepts of urban design and placemaking and encourage participation in civic consultations	£ 10,000
Heritage Interpretation	Completion of a review of existing town centre interpretation, and production of heritage interpretation to meet the needs of visitors and residents - a larger project to deliver digital interpretation is scheduled for 2022/23	£ 5,000
Shopfront Design Guide	Creation of an updated Shopfront design guide for Grantham (as current guide was produced in 1997 and therefore no longer reflects current planning regulations or policies)	£ 1,000
Town Centre Summit	Stakeholder summit to discuss the ongoing Grantham town centre regeneration projects and discuss ambitions for the future	£ 2,500
Community Engagement Programme	A programme of activities to encourage community research into the history of the town centre and to explore and engage with Grantham's town centre heritage	£ 17,900
Public realm design workshops	Following on from the Urban Design Project - community workshops to discuss or public spaces identified through the charette process. There is budget allocated in 2022/23 for the implementation of small public realm interventions	£ 5,000