

# Conservation Grants

[Shetland Islands Council](#) offers Conservation Grant assistance to help meet the extra costs involved in using traditional materials and methods in the renovation or repair of Shetland's traditional buildings, including dwelling houses, provided they are in one of the following categories:

- a "Listed building".
- an unlisted building of local, architectural or historic interest.
- a building in one of Shetland's Conservation Areas.

The Conservation Grant Scheme is operated by staff at Shetland Islands Council Planning, Grantfield, Lerwick, Telephone 01595 744800. They welcome enquiries and are pleased to provide help, advice and information for an individual householder, or other private landlord on any matter concerning the Grant Scheme, which can assist two types of work affecting dwelling houses:

- a) with major restoration work and
- b) with the repair or replacement of building components

**Scheme A** offers assistance to major projects involving restoration or repairs as part of a comprehensive refurbishment. Other, smaller scale projects may also be eligible. Eligible works include all works necessary to conserve the fabric or character of the building using genuinely traditional materials. The scheme can provide 90% financial assistance of the total cost of eligible works, up to a maximum of:

- £5,000 grant for Listed Buildings and buildings in conservation areas.
- and £4,000 grant for buildings which are unlisted and of local architectural or historic interest.

**Scheme B** offers assistance towards projects involving replacement of building components using traditionally styled components. Eligible works include replacement where repairs are not feasible or possible. The Scheme can provide 90% financial assistance with the extra cost of using traditionally styled materials - rather than cheaper, modern equivalents. The maximum grant levels are:

- £3,000 for Listed Buildings and buildings in conservation areas.
- £2,000 for buildings of local interest.

Grant applications combining elements of Schemes A and B may also be acceptable, given adequate supporting information.

Further details on the Grant Scheme can be obtained from:

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