

Application for Financial Assistance (Historic Buildings Grants) from the Conservation and Heritage Fund

7 Ironmarket, Newcastle (Ref: 25/26001/HBG)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the following grant be approved:-

£ 1,433 Historic Building Grant be given towards 3 new timber sash windows.

Purpose of report

To enable members to consider the application for financial assistance.

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The application is for fabrication of 3 timber sliding sash windows. This historic town centre building has been underutilised for the last 4 or 5 years and needs some repair and renovation. The current owner is renovating the building and the shop front to include residential units in the upper floors. The sash windows are beyond economical repair and the aim of the grant is to incentivise fully sliding timber sash windows.

The applicant has received two quotations for all the windows. Planning permission has been granted for the work.

Two competitive quotations have been received for the work and the lowest at £14,330 including VAT which is payable.

The Chair of the Conservation Advisory Working Party has considered this grant application on behalf of the Working Party and fully supports the giving of the grant.

Financial Implications

Historic buildings and structures are entitled to apply for up to a maximum of £5,000 from the Conservation and Heritage Grant Fund. The intervention rate is 10% of the cost of the work for historic buildings within a conservation area.

There is sufficient funding to meet this grant application with a balance of over £9,000. This allows for existing commitments.