

Scotland's Places of Worship Fund Eligible Repair Works Guidance



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The following list of repair work covered by the fund is not exhaustive and should be used as a guide. Contact us at grants@hes.scot if the repair work you are planning is not included in the list and you would like to confirm if it is eligible or not.

Repair work covered by the fund

Architectural features

- All historic features of the building, internal and external. These may include:
- Altars and other religious tables built into or fixed into the fabric of the building
- Bells, bell ropes and bell frames
- Decoration such as wall paintings, carvings or stonework that are part of the fabric of the building
- Fonts built into or permanently fixed into the fabric of the building
- Monuments built into or permanently fixed into the fabric of the building
- Pipe organs permanently fixed to the structure of the building
- Parapets
- Fixed seating

Drainage

- Drainage within the boundary walls including rainwater, foul water, French drains, trench arches, or soakaways
- Guttering
- Rainwater goods

External features

- Religious symbols fixed to a place of worship
- Flagpoles fixed to a place of worship
- Lightning conductors
- Roofs
- Spires
- Towers
- Minarets
- Weathercocks
- Walls which are part of the listed place of worship

General building work

- Asbestos removal
- Bats – repair of damage to the fabric of the building caused by bats and mitigation measures to reduce or prevent damage caused by bats
- Cleaning after an eligible repair, maintenance or alteration
- Electrics
- Handrails, although some may be eligible for zero-rating if installed to the building to ensure safe access for disabled people
- Investigative works/surveys carried out by VAT registered contractors
- Locks and hinges

- Pests – repair of damage caused to the fabric of building as a result of pests, as well as any pest control when the pest has or is likely to have caused damage
- Plumbing, including toilets, hand basins and sinks and kitchen facilities.
- Preliminaries for eligible works
- Replastering
- Repointing
- Security and forensic systems to prevent crime including burglar alarms, roof alarms, CCTV equipment, forensic marking, physical marking, special fixing, and security lighting
- Stone works
- Timber related to the fabric of the building
- Tree lopping to preserve the fabric of the building

Internal features

- Doors
- Floors and floor coverings if they are permanent and within the fabric of the building. This includes timber, stone, ceramic, marble or solid floors
- Internal railings that are part of the fabric of the building
- Kitchens, including:
- installation or repair of fitted kitchens and related electrical and plumbing work
- fixed items such as water boilers and wall-mounted water heaters
- cupboards that are specially-supplied as part of a fitted kitchen and are either fixed to the fabric of the building or form an integrated kitchen facility
- Permanently routed heating systems
- Showers and baths installed to support facilities for homeless, social and welfare purposes
- Stairs

Professional fees for eligible projects

- Archaeologists
- Architects
- Architectural technologists
- Bat inspectors
- Conservation advisors
- Health and safety advisors
- Planning supervisors
- Structural engineers
- Surveyors

Windows

- Windows
- Window reglazing
- Window grilles and bars

Repair work not covered

External features

- Ancillary buildings and structures such as gravestones and graveyard monuments, gardens and car parks
- Tree removal

General building work

- General cleaning
- Local authority charges
- Maintenance plans

Internal features

- Areas of the building used for accommodation
- Audio-visual systems or components of systems
- Cupboards that are not specially-supplied as part of a fitted kitchen or form an integrated kitchen facility which will remain permanently in position
- Detachable floor coverings, carpets, vinyl, and removable tiles
- Decorative soft furnishings
- Fixtures, fittings or decoration for commercial tenants
- Free-standing or fixed/detachable altars
- Free-standing or fixed/detachable fonts
- Free-standing or fixed/detachable monuments
- Moveable piece of furniture
- Notice boards
- Removable kitchen elements such as white goods, dishwashers, kettles and urns
- Shelving
- Showers and baths not installed to support facilities for homeless, social and welfare purposes

Professional fees

- Accountancy services
- Costs associated with Quinquennial inspections
- Fundraising fees
- Legal fees
- Legal authority fees