

5. Support for Cultural and Heritage Activity

National Measures

This focuses on the promotion, enhancement and maintenance of cultural heritage assets and events where this promotes growth in the tourism economy and:

- Creates a sense of local identity through raised awareness of their importance; and/or
- Helps protect cultural heritage features against damage and degradation.

Who can apply?

- Landowners
- rural communities
- local authorities (in exceptional circumstances)

Grant rates

- If the grant amount is less than €200,000 then the grant rate can be up to 100%
- If the grant amount is more than €200,000 then the grant rate is limited to 80%

What is eligible?

- The costs of construction and/or restoration of buildings, including general costs such as architects and engineering fees:
- The costs to enhance, restore and upgrade the cultural and natural heritage of villages and rural landscapes and high nature value sites
- the conservation of small scale built heritage
- The costs to enhance cultural and community activities and investments to enhance venues providing cultural and heritage activity
- The costs of events linked to cultural activity

Ineligible costs in addition to the general costs

- computers, software and printers that are used for the general running of a business, such as processing orders and accounts
- salaries associated with the on-going running of a project
- access to broadband services
- landscaping - unless it is part of 'making good' for an application for a major attraction or accommodation expansion. In which case, only the landscaping contractor's fees would be eligible, not plants, seeds, turf or trees
- projects to meet statutory requirements for disabled access, fire regulations or emergency exits, unless the costs of providing access, exit and complying with regulations form part of the normal costs for a major expansion project