

# Kincardine Town Centre Improvement Grant



The Kincardine Town Centre Improvement Grant provides commercial property owners and tenants in the High Street area with the opportunity to claim up to 70% grant funding up to a maximum of £2,000 for external shopfront repairs and improvements.

## WHAT CAN BE FUNDED?

- Shopfront signs
- Timber windows, doors and decorative features
- Masonry
- Flooring
- Lighting
- Painting

## What is it?

Delivered by Business Gateway Fife on behalf of Fife Council Economic Development, and funded by the Coastal Communities Fund, the Kincardine Town Centre Improvement Grant provides funding for external improvements to business properties within Kincardine town centre.

The grants will be for external shopfront repairs, building condition improvements and signage. Grants will be awarded at up to 70% level for eligible works (repair, reinstatement or improvements) up to a maximum of £2,000.

The priority is the repair of surviving historic surfaces, such as building elevations or features, pavements, and historic details, such as railings, in traditional ways. Historic surfaces and features should be retained where possible.

## Is my project eligible?

All commercial premises within the town centre area, Kincardine are eligible.

## What kind of work can be grant-funded?

Proposals for enhancements should be based on the Kincardine conservation area appraisal (2009) and policy or best practice guidance available via Fife Council and Historic Environment Scotland.

**REPAIRS** to traditional features and fabric such as:

- timber fascia's (shopfront sign), timber windows, timber doors & timber decorative features
- masonry & masonry features
- historic glass repair
- flooring including stone and terrazzo
- painting – if refreshing the same colour no planning consent required, but please check with [Development.Central@fife.gov.uk](mailto:Development.Central@fife.gov.uk).

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**REINSTATEMENT** or putting back any lost elements as above:

- timber fascias (shopfront sign), timber windows, timber doors & timber decorative features
- masonry & masonry features
- historic glass restoration
- flooring including stone and terrazzo
- new paint colour replacing a bright colour with one more appropriate to the conservation area- in general subdued and dark colours, grey, green, blue, brown are most suitable.

**IMPROVEMENTS OR ALTERATIONS** that are sympathetic and of appropriate quality:

- New shop sign in traditional/quality materials – the font height should not be greater than 400mm or two-thirds of the height of the Fascia, whichever is the smaller and either timber, metal or painted by a sign writer
- Additional signage, such as a projecting sign – see guidance about design and size
- Painting – either the same (there may be no requirement for planning consent or listed building consent) or new colour
- Lighting – see guidance – in general only one type of lighting per property
- Fabric improvements – mending or replacing lead strips over fascia
- Drainage improvements.

## Will I need planning consent?

If you are changing the external appearance you will likely need planning consent, which carries a planning fee, but please check with [Development.Central@fife.gov.uk](mailto:Development.Central@fife.gov.uk) and make sure that you include the wording “**Kincardine Town Centre Improvement Grant**” in any correspondence.