



# Natural & Cultural Heritage Fund



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This fund provides opportunities for investment in the Highlands and Islands to conserve, protect, promote and develop our natural and cultural heritage. The fund supports new opportunities to promote the nature and culture of the more remote rural areas within the region. The investment will support sensitive management of sites, social benefits and sustainable economic growth.

This Challenge Fund of £5million of European Regional Development Fund money is being made available through a single competitive funding round opening in January 2019 and closing in April 2019.

We're looking to use this money to support around 10 major projects to be delivered by 2022.

We can support up to 70% of costs. Our minimum grant is £250k, so eligible project costs must be greater than £360k.

To ensure this investment has an impact and delivers the expected benefits, this fund may support projects such as:

- Interpretive media to promote natural and cultural heritage assets consistent with sensitive management and sustainable use
- Infrastructure investment to expand the provision of tourist facilities
- Improved accessibility, interpretation and quality of visitor experiences
- New products or services based on the region's natural and cultural resources, particularly for the tourism sector

Find out more through the Natural & Cultural Heritage Fund pages on our website: [www.nature.scot](http://www.nature.scot)  
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