

Searching for Grants for Historic Vessels

National Historic Ships is providing this list of potential funding sources as one of our initiatives to help vessel owners help themselves.

With the exception of the small number still in commercial use, few historic vessels are entirely self-supporting. Sourcing additional funds is therefore an essential activity for most vessel owner. There are no specific funds for the conservation, restoration and educational programmes of historic vessels. On the other hand, there are an enormous number of trusts and foundations who specifically support conservation and education programmes in general.

Many councils have lists of funding sources which support local projects – check your local authority's website. You should also see if there are any Regional Development Agency or European Community programmes into which your project could fall. Many commercial companies also have a charitable arm who may be willing to support you – particularly in places where they have local offices.

The list of trusts and foundations below has been culled from a variety of sources. Some have given grants to historic vessels in the past, some have areas of interest which might include historic vessels, some are just considered worth a try. We cannot guarantee that an application will be received favourably. However, for this to become a useful tool for all historic vessel owners, please let us know where you have had successes ... and rebuffs.

Guidance notes for applications

1. Contact the trust or foundation to establish whether there is an application form or a deadline or specific supporting information they require
2. Understand the trust or foundation's aims and ensure the application targets these. For example, the Heritage Lottery Fund is keen on improving access and involvement with heritage, not simply preserving it.
3. Tailor each application for the trust or foundation – there is nothing more off-putting than an application which looks like a mass mail out
4. Be clear about what you want, what you want it for and about the benefits for your vessel and the community at large
5. Be creative but not with the truth
6. Be enthusiastic
7. Be patient

Good luck!



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Abbey National Charitable Trust	PO Box 911 Milton Keynes MK9 1AD	0870 608 0104	http://193.127.192.27/csgs/Satellite?c=GSInformacion&cid=282596177748070&pagename=AboutAbbey/GSInformacion/PAAI_generic	1. education and training 2. local regeneration projects which encourage cross community partnerships	Access, disadvantaged	Favours local charities, no commercial sponsorship, Camden, Glasgow, Bradford, Milton Keynes, Sheffield, Northern Ireland, Teeside. Limit £2,500 if not in Community Partnership Group
Alan Evans Memorial Trust	c/o Coutts and Co.Trustee Department 440 Strand London WC2R 0QS	020 7753 1000		permanent preservation	purchase	gives donations for purchase. Charities only.
Ancaster Trust	The Trustees c/o Sayers Butterworth 18-19 Bentinck Street London W1U 2AR	020 7935 8504		general charitable purposes particularly environmental projects and those benefiting people disadvantaged by poverty, social isolation or through being otherwise "at risk".		
Andrew Anderson Trust	Miss M S Anderson 84 Uphill Road London NW7 4QE			general	education, training, heritage	makes grants to individuals and organisations



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Angus Allnatt Charitable Foundation	Calton Younger 34 North End Road London W14 0SH			youth, sailing and music	youth, sailing and music	
Annenberg Foundation			http://www.annenbergfoundation.org/grants/	advancing public well-being through improved communication	arts, conservation	US based
Astor Foundation	Lisa Rothwell-Orr Secretary PO Box 3096 Marlborough Wiltshire SN8 3WP	astor.foundation@virgin.net 07901 737488		general charitable purposes	arts	preference to giving assistance with the launching and initial stages of new projects and filling in gaps/shortfalls.
Avenal Trust	HSBC Trust Company (UK) Ltd Norwich House Nelson Gate Commercial Road Southampton Hampshire SO14 1GX	02380 722243				
Barbour Trust	J Barbour & Sons Ltd Simonside South Shields Tyne and Wear NE34 9PD	0191 455 4444		community issues including welfare, health, homelessness and unemployment		has also supported projects like Alnwick Gardens, Laing Art Gallery and The Sage at Gateshead
Baring Foundation	60 London Wall London EC2M 5TQ	baring.foundation@uk.inng.com 020 7767 1348	http://www.baringfoundation.org.uk/		volunteers, arts	



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Belsize Charitable Trust No 1	Lloyds TSB Private Banking LtdUK Trust CentreThe Clock House22-26 Ock StreetAbingdonOX14 5DW			Environment, conservation, heritage in the UK.	heritage	
Bernard Piggott Trust	Miss J P Whitworth (Secretary) 4 Streetsbrook Road Shirley Solihull West Midlands B90 3PL	0121 744 1695.				Decisions made in June. Limit rarely more than £1,000
Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation	Mr J Rimmington20 Berkley SquareLondonWC1J 6LH	020 7408 2198		various	sustainability	No non-charities
Bridge House Trust	Corporation of London P O Box 270 Guildhall London EC2P 2EJ	bridgehousetrust@corpoflondon.gov.uk 020 7332 3710	www.bridgehousegrants.org.uk	charitable purposes for the general benefit of the inhabitants of Greater London.	access	particularly interested in elderly and disabled people. Excludes national public buildings
Cadogan Charity	18 Cadogan Gardens London SW3 2RP			various		



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Charles Hayward Foundation	David Brown Hayward House 45 Harrington Gardens London SW7 4JU	-	www.charleshaywardfoundation.org.uk		industrial heritage	charities only. Grants range from £1,000 to £20,000. Predominantly fund capital projects.
CHK Charities Ltd	The Secretary and Administrator 30 Gresham Street London EC2V 7PG	020 3207 7338	http://www.chkcharities.co.uk/index.htm	wide-ranging	conservation, preservation	No non-charities
Clore Duffield Foundation	Unit 3 Chelsea Manor Studios London SW3 5SR	info@cloreduffield.org.uk 020 7351 6061		various	arts, education	
Coca Cola Foundation	1 Queen Caroline Street London W6 9HQ	hwheeler@eur.ko.com 020 8237 3000	http://www.thecoca-colacompany.com/citizenship/foundation_local.html	education	education	
Cooperative Community Grants	see note	0161 832 8686		keen to support activities that foster the positive development of young people and/or strengthen local communities		The number is an insurance line: you need to ask for Co-operative Community Grants section. Limit £10,000
Coral / Basil Samuel Charitable Trust	Great Portland Estates Plc 33 Cavendish Square W1G 0PW			various	No non-charities	



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Cuthbert Horn Trust	LA Anderson Capita Trust Company Ltd Phoenix House 18 King William Street London EC4N 7HE	020 7800 4188		helping older people or those with disabilities/special needs and/or which support the conservation and preservation of the environment.	older people, special needs, environment	
DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary Charitable Trust	1 St Paul's Place Sheffield S1 2JX	godfrey.smallman@wrigleys.co.uk 0114 267 5594		general purposes including repair and restoration of historic buildings	restoration	
D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust	Mrs Jane Thorne Secretary 1 Savoy Hill London WC2R 0BP	020 7240 2600		including support for projects promoting access to the arts for young people and disadvantaged communities, and schemes to preserve the countryside and/or heritage buildings, particularly through volunteer work and for the benefit of local people		



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David Laing Charitable Trust	The Studio Mackerye End Harpenden Hertfordshire AL5 5DR			improvement of the environment	environment	
Diageo Foundation	8 Henrietta Place London W1G 0NB	diageofoundation@diageo.com 020 7927 5417	http://www.diageo.com/en-row/CorporateCitizenship/Communityandenvironment/DiageoFoundation/	advancement of education	education No capital projects or non-charities	Limit £50,000
Dr Scholl Foundation	1033 Skokie Boulevard Suite 230 Chicago Illinois, USA 60062			dedicated to provide financial assistance for organisations committed to improving the quality of life.		
Dulux Community Projects Scheme	PO Box 343 London WC2E 8RJ			donates free paint to volunteers who wish to carry out community and environmental projects		Closing date for receipt of application forms is the end of May/early June.
Dulverton Trust	5 St James's Place London SW1A 1 NP		http://www.dulverton.org/	various	conservation, preservation No individuals	
E. S. Hogg Charity Foundation	Messrs Hoare Trustees 37 Fleet Street London EC4P 4DQ	020 7353 4522		various		



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Earl Fitzwilliam Charitable Trust	Estate Office Milton Park Peterborough PE6 7AH			community projects	community	
Edith Winifred Hall Charitable Trust	Mr D Endicott Spratt Endicott 52-54 South Bar Street Banbury Oxfordshire OX16 9AB	01295 204000				wide interests in heritage and the arts, with a bent towards education and interpretation.
English Heritage	various local offices – see http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/serve_r/show/nav.1133	grants@english-heritage.org.uk	http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/	repair and conservation under Historic Buildings, Monuments and Designed Landscapes grant scheme	repair, conservation	may give grants if it is argued that a vessel is a "public realm work of historic importance"
Esmée Fairbairn Foundation	11 Park Place London SW1A 1LP	info@esmeefairbairn.org.uk 020 7297 4700		grants to organisations which aim to improve the quality of life for people and communities in the UK, both now and in the future.		One of the largest grant giving organisations – they may consider work which others may find hard to fund, perhaps because it breaks new ground, appears too risky, requires core funding, or needs a more unusual form of financial help such as a loan.



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Fidelity UK Foundation	Susan Platts-Martin Oakhill House 130 Tonbridge Road Hildenborough Kent TN11 9DZ	01732 777364	http://www.fidelityukfoundation.org/background.html	various	technology, exhibitions	favours projects close to Fidelity offices. No sponsorship.
Foundation for Sport & the Arts	Richard Boardley PO Box 20 Liverpool L13 1HB	info@thefsa.net 0151 259 5505	www.thefsa.net	projects which "will help to create or maintain facilities and opportunities for the general community, or which will assist arts or sports provision that the community can enjoy."	No non-charities	must have community involvement, can offer loans. Limit £75,000
Four Winds Trust	Mrs Jane Simmons Secretary Woodlands Park Lane Alston, Cumbria CA9 3AB	mail@theraise.freeseve.co.uk 01434 381338		"to give those living in cities a better chance to enjoy nature and the beauties of the countryside."	No non-charities	
Foyle Foundation	David Hall Chief Executive Rugby Chambers 2 Rugby Street London WC1N 3QU	info@foylefoundation.org.uk 020 7430 9119	http://www.foylefoundation.org.uk/	various	learning, arts, health	



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Garfield Weston Foundation	Weston Centre 10 Grosvenor Street London W1K 4QY	020 7589 6363		various		
Gilbert & Eileen Edgar Foundation	Penny Tyson c/o Chantrey Vellacott DFK Prospect House 58 Queen's Road Reading RG1 4RP	0118 952 4700	www.cvdfk.com	raising the artistic taste of the public in the arts, the promotion of conservation and heritage, and provision of facilities for recreation and other leisure-time activities.	arts, heritage	
Graham Kirkham Foundation	Barry Todhunter	01302 330365		provision of facilities for public recreation.		
Grocers' Charity	Michael Griffin Grocers Hall Princes Street London EC2R 8AD	michael@grocershall.co.uk 020 7606 3113	www.grocershall.co.uk	wide-ranging	heritage, training	
Heritage Lottery Fund	7 Holbein Place, London, SW1W 8NR	enquire@hlf.org.uk 020 7591 6000	www.hlf.org.uk	widening access to heritage, conservation	access, conservation	No individuals. A range of grant schemes: check the website for details and guidance and contact local offices.
Higgs Charitable Trust	Mr Anthony Charles Nash24 Queen SquareBathBA1 2HX					



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IBM UK			http://www.ibm.com/ibm/ibmgives/	education, arts & culture	education, exhibitions	large exhibition sponsorship
J. Paul Getty Jnr Charitable Trust	Ms Bridget O'Brien TwohigDirector1 Park Square West London NW1 4LJ	020 7486 1859	www.jpgettytrust.org.uk	'Supporting Unpopular Causes'	conservation, training	prefers outside SE England
John Ellerman Foundation	Aria House, 23 Craven Street, London, WC2N 5NS	enquiries@ellerman.org.uk 020 7930 8566	www.ellerman.org.uk	general		only supports UK charities making a genuinely national impact or with a UK-wide footprint. Minimum grant £10,000.
Manifold Charitable Trust	The Secretary Shotesbrooke House Maidenhead SL6 3SW				conservation	Charities only. Grants usually £500 - £5,000
Maurice Laing Foundation	33 Bunns Lane Mill Hill London NW7 2DX	020 8238 8890		grants to projects with an emphasis on cultural and environmental causes, health and medicine, education and religion	culture, education	
Michael Marks Charitable Trust	The Secretary 5 Elm Tree Road London NW8 0JY	020 7286 4633		support for the arts (including galleries and museums), and environmental groups.	arts, heritage	



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Miss E B Wrighton's Charitable Settlement	Mrs N Hickman Swangles Farm Cold Christmas Hertfordshire SG12 7SP	norahhickman@henryhickman.com		general charitable purposes including recreation		
Montague Thompson Coon Charitable Trust	John ListerTrusteeBay Tree House8 Oak LawnNewton AbbotDevon TQ12 1QP			supports projects involving children with disabilities, particularly those providing opportunities for recreation and access to the countryside	children	
Morel Charitable Trust	S.E. Gibbs Trustee 34 Durand Gardens London SW9 0PP	020 7582 6901		supports projects focussing on the arts, inner-city issues, culture and recreation, health, conservation and environment, social care and development.	arts, culture	
National Historic Ships	Paula Palmer Park Row Greenwich London SE10 9NF	paula.palmer@nationalhistoricships.org.uk	www.nhsc.org.uk		training, purchase of materials, planning	



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Paul Hamlyn Foundation	18 Queen Anne's Gate London SW1H 9AA	information@phf.org.uk 020 7227 3500	www.phf.org.uk	arts, learning	arts, learning	
Pilgrim Trust	Georgina Nayler Cowley House 9 Little College Street London SW1 3SH	georgina.nayler@thepilgrimtrust.org.uk 020 7222 4723	www.thepilgrimtrust.org.uk	preservation of historic buildings and architectural features, particularly projects giving a new use to buildings that are of outstanding architectural or historic interest	preservation	more sympathetic to organisations outside London. Will not fund new facilities
PRISM Fund	Frances Wilson The Museums, Libraries and Archives Council (MLA) Victoria House Southampton Row London WC1B 4EA	prism@mla.gov.uk 020 7273 1446	http://www.mla.gov.uk/website/aboutus/grants/PRISM_Grant_Fund	the acquisition and/or conservation of a movable object or group of objects illustrating the history of any branch of science, industry or technology	acquisition, conservation	has £250,000 a year to distribute



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Reta Lila Howard Foundation	The Company Secretary Jamestown Investments Ltd 4 Felstead Gardens Ferry Street London E14 3BS	jamestown@btinternet.com 020 7537 1118		schemes which support the education of young people, or improve their physical and emotional environment, also arts and environmental organisations.	education, environment, arts	
Sainsbury Family Trusts	Allington House 1st floor 150 Victoria Street London SW1E 5AE	020 7410 0330		various	arts, learning	an application will be passed round all the Sainsbury Family Trusts
Save and Prosper Foundation	Finsbury Dials 20 Finsbury Street London EC2 Y9A			funds educational projects, with an emphasis on helping children with special needs, particularly in disadvantaged areas	education	



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Skinner's Company Lady Neville Charity	The Charities Administrator Skinner's Hall 8 Dowgate Hill London EC4 2SP	charities@skinner's.org .uk	www.skinner'shall.co.uk	heritage projects which help local groups conserve and restore landmarks, landscapes, traditions and culture, and schemes which improve the facilities or quality of life for people in a deprived neighbourhood.	heritage, conservation, preservation	Registered charities only.
Co-operative Charitable Foundation Community Support Programme	The Co-operative Charitable Foundation United Co-operatives Sandbrook Park Sandbrook Way Rochdale YOL11 1RY	01706 202032	www.united.coop/foundation	aimed at community groups who want to make a difference in their own communities.		aims to provide assistance to groups who have a self-help approach or that can show a close involvement with their beneficiaries
Transport Trust	202 Lambeth Road, London, SE1 7JW	hq@thetransporttrust. org.uk 020 7928 6464	www.thetransporttrust.org.uk	preservation and restoration of transport heritage	preservation, restoration	



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Waterways Trust	Roger Hanbury Chief Executive Llanthony Warehouse Gloucester Docks Gloucester GL1 2EJ	01452 318 220	www.thewaterwaystrust.org.uk/		education, restoration	small grants scheme usually up to £1,000
William A. Cadbury Charitable Trust	Carolyn Bettis Trust Administrator Rokesley University of Birmingham Selly Oak Bristol Road Selly Oak Birmingham B29 6QF		http://www.wa-cadbury.org.uk/page.asp?id=8	various	preservation	
Yorkshire Building Society Charitable Foundation	A Horsley Research and Brand Administrator Yorkshire House Yorkshire Drive Bradford West Yorkshire BD5 8LJ	charitable@ybs.co.uk 01274 472439		support for older people and children, and other people in need.	older people, children	preference for grant-making in branch localities
Worshipful Company of Shipwrights – Shipwrights' Charitable Fund	The Clerk Ironmongers' Hall Shaftesbury Place Barbican London EC2Y 8AA	clerk@shipwrights.co.uk 020 7606 2376	www.shipwrights.co.uk	maritime or waterborne charities, projects, and activities throughout the United Kingdom.		particular emphasis on young people



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