

## **Commercial Property Revive and Reimagine Grant Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

These FAQs provide a summary of the key eligibility requirements and grant conditions. Applicants should read the full Guidance Notes before applying.

### **Q. Who can apply?**

A. Property owners or leaseholders with at least 10 years remaining on their lease and written owner consent.

### **Q. What properties are eligible?**

A. Commercial properties within settlement limits (30 mile zone) that have been vacant, derelict or underused for at least 12 consecutive months.

### **Q. What projects can be funded?**

A. Refurbishment, structural repairs, conversion works, upper floor reactivation, enabling works, site clearance and eligible demolition.

### **Q. Can I demolish a derelict building?**

A. Demolition may be eligible where necessary to restore, reuse or expand an existing eligible property. Applicants proposing significant demolition works or replacement buildings are strongly encouraged to discuss their plans with Council Officers before applying.

### **Q. If the building has already been demolished (e.g for safety reasons) but foundations exist is it eligible?**

A. No. There must be a significant part of the physical building remaining above ground level for the project to be eligible for funding.

### **Q. Can I build a new commercial building?**

A. Only where it forms an integral part of an eligible regeneration project involving an existing property.

### **Q. Is residential development eligible?**

A. Residential accommodation intended for permanent residential occupation is not eligible.

### **Q. Is tourism accommodation eligible?**

A. Commercial tourism accommodation, such as hotels, guesthouses, hostels and serviced accommodation operating as commercial businesses, may be eligible where all other scheme criteria are met.

### **Q. How much funding is available?**

A. £50,000–£200,000, up to 50% of eligible project costs.

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### **Q. Do I need match funding?**

A. Yes. You must demonstrate the ability to fund at least 50% of project costs.

### **Q. Do I need planning permission?**

A. Required approvals must have been applied for. Planning approval is required before a Letter of Offer where applicable.

### **Q. What costs are eligible?**

A. Construction works, structural repairs, refurbishment, conversion, demolition, site preparation and eligible professional fees (up to 30% of the grant award).

### **Q. What costs are not eligible?**

A. Residential works, land purchase, routine maintenance, staff costs, office equipment, statutory/legal fees, recoverable VAT and costs incurred before a Letter of Offer.

### **Q. Can I start work before approval?**

A. No. Costs incurred before the Letter of Offer are ineligible.

### **Q. How are applications assessed?**

A. Eligible applications are scored and ranked. Meeting the minimum score does not guarantee funding.

### **Q. How is the grant paid?**

A. In arrears, against eligible expenditure and supporting evidence, either at milestones or on completion.

### **Q. Do I need professional advisers?**

A. Appropriate professional oversight is expected for project delivery.

### **Q. Do procurement rules apply?**

A. Yes. Successful applicants must follow Council procurement requirements.

### **Q. What happens after completion?**

A. Every effort must be made to occupy the property within six months. Sale or change of use within five years may result in grant recovery.

### **Q. Who can I contact?**

A. If you have any queries regarding your application, please contact the Local Economic Partnership team.

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