**Aquaculture Funding Guidance Sheets**

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<th><strong>FUND</strong></th>
<th>Heritage Lottery Fund</th>
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<td><strong>Acronym:</strong></td>
<td>HLF</td>
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<td><strong>Fund synopsis</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Type</strong></td>
<td>Heritage-funding from The National Lottery</td>
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<td><strong>Scale</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Fund amount</strong></td>
<td>£375 million to invest each year</td>
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**Fund purpose**

**Overview**
The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) has been the single biggest funder of projects dedicated to our heritage in the UK. It is the leading advocate for the value of heritage, supporting the full breadth of heritage and may be of interest to the aquaculture industry if, for instance you are looking to diversify your farm site with visitors in mind.

The HLF has a range of different funding programmes, aimed at specific areas of interest. They have offices around the UK, with grants ranging from £3,000 for start-up projects, to over £5 million.

HLF staff and decision-makers come from a range of backgrounds and bring a variety of experience to the organisation and the way it uses its funds. The people working for them are often local people who understand the needs and interests in their area. They can also help you run your project once it is underway. They are particularly helpful when it comes to constructing an application form and are able to offer advice about how to structure your ideas and what you need to consider/ include.

If you are looking for funding for projects focused around either the natural or built heritage in your area, then visit the HLF Looking for Funding pages for further advice and information. Their website is clear and easy to navigate.

**Aims and objectives**
The aim of HLF funding is to look after the heritage we care about as a nation. People benefit from being involved with the heritage around them, from developing new skills to understanding their local area better. The HLF wants to help whole communities come closer together and to make a lasting difference for heritage, people and communities. They have a strategic framework running from 2013 until 2018. This has been developed in consultation with a number of bodies, interests and groups.
**Priorities**
The HLF wishes to ‘make a positive difference for heritage and people’. They run a number of programmes, each with their own set of objectives, conditions and rules. The Grant Schemes include:

- Open Programmes
- Targeted Programmes
- Special Initiatives

To decide which programme may suit you, details of a number of different Grant Programmes can be found on the HLF website.

**Proposed supportable activities**
The proposed supportable activities are too numerous to detail here, so long as they make a lasting difference for heritage, people and communities. Please visit the relevant sections of the HLF website for more information about the kinds of things they will fund, and also consider calling your local HLF office to discuss your ideas in more detail.

**How it works**
Each funding programme (see above) has its own guidelines and rules for applications. In general, the smaller grants under £100,000 will require only a brief planning phase and then a delivery phase. For larger projects, you will be expected to conduct a detailed Phase One planning process (for which funds are available). This then needs to be re-submitted in order to qualify for your fully-fledged delivery in Phase Two. This two-step process ensures more projects stand a greater chance of success and support is available from the HLF throughout the development and delivery of your plans.

**Grant (the full UK grant will be confirmed in 2015)**

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<th><strong>Size of grant</strong></th>
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<td><strong>Restrictions</strong></td>
<td>Each grant and funding programme has its own rules and conditions. Please explore the funding programmes you are most interested in, and see what are their specific conditions of entry. You can also contact your local HLF branch for more detailed and locally relevant information about all the funding programmes you might be interested in.</td>
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<td><strong>Match funding</strong></td>
<td>Each funding programme has its own match-funding requirements, but for grants under £100,000 these can be fully funded. You do not have to contribute funds to grants under £100,000 but you will be expected to contribute your time, at the very least. For grants between £100,000 and £1 million, you will need to provide at least 5% of the finance required yourself, for both planning and delivery phases. For grants over £1 million, you will be expected to find at least 10% of funds for both planning and delivery phases. The application guidance notes for each particular programme (e.g. for Heritage Grants of over £100,000) provide excellent and clear information about all these requirements.</td>
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**Guide to eligibility**

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<th>A wide range of people and organisations are eligible to apply for each of the different funding programmes, but once again the rules and conditions are very programme-specific. A general rule of thumb is that public benefit must outweigh private gain if you are applying as an individual, ‘for-profit’ business, or private owner of a heritage site.</th>
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<td><strong>Exceptions and restrictions</strong></td>
<td>Please see advice above about restrictions and exceptions/exemptions for each funding programme; these are very detailed and subsequently not summarised here. A ‘Contact us’ link is provided on the website, detailing Head office and regional HLF contacts.</td>
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### Industry involvement

The aquaculture industry may be deemed to play an important part in the history and culture of a community or area and, as such, might look to contribute to improving the experience of visitors to an area by providing access to an aquaculture facility or other experience. This source of funding may be attractive if you are looking to contribute either individually or through a partnership to the interpretation and awareness-raising of aquaculture-related heritage, or the natural heritage in your area.

### Stakeholder involvement

HLF projects focus on the benefits to wider society, and can often involve many different partners and stakeholders. You will need to demonstrate the value for people and communities, if your project is to be accepted.

### Contact details for applicants

**Managing Authority**

The HLF is an executive, non-departmental public body sponsored by the [Department for Culture, Media and Sport](https://www.dccms.gov.uk). The HLF manages all funds directly itself, through a number of local offices and they also have a central office as an initial point of contact.

**Contact details**

Visit the main [contacts page](https://www.hlf.org.uk) of the HLF website for a detailed list of all the regional offices and other support services such as grant enquiries and press office.

### Useful websites and where to go for other information

**Heritage Lottery Fund**

[The HLF website](https://www.hlf.org.uk)

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