

Community Heritage Grant: Uncovering Sauchiehall Street Guidelines 2026/2027

Please read these guidelines carefully. Applications should be submitted using the application form and returned by email to amcv@glasgowlife.org.uk with the title **“Community Heritage Grant 2026-27: Uncovering Sauchiehall Street” – GROUP NAME** by **Wednesday 23 September 2026, 5.00pm.**

Context

The Sauchiehall Street: Culture and Heritage District is a strategic, place-based project showing how heritage and culture can contribute to the renewal of Sauchiehall Street, working with cultural organisations, community groups and businesses. Delivered by Glasgow Life, in partnership with Glasgow City Council, the project is funded by the [National Lottery Heritage Fund's Heritage Places](#) - which is a UK-wide initiative to increase pride in place and connection to heritage across towns and cities.

In 2025 during the Exploration Phase of our programme, we awarded eight grants of £3,000 to community groups and organisations within Sauchiehall Street: Culture and Heritage District to explore and uncover heritage projects with their communities. Due to its success, we're expanding the funding scheme in our Proof-of-Concept phase, with a focus on engaging groups from wider Glasgow, ensuring everyone's voice is included in the conversation about Sauchiehall Street.

You can find more information about the full project [here](#).

Community Heritage Grants - Introduction

The Sauchiehall Street: Culture and Heritage District are inviting community and heritage organisations, social businesses, and community groups from across Glasgow to explore an aspect of the street's heritage which matters to them and aligns with their work and communities.

We want to bring residents, businesses, and visitors from across Glasgow into the conversation about Sauchiehall Street's multifaceted stories and cultural memory, which lives in people's connection to the street and surrounding area. This year, our Community Heritage Grants scheme is open to community groups and organisations across Glasgow to be involved in the conversation about Sauchiehall Street.

This Community Heritage Grants scheme is intended to give community groups the opportunity to pilot new ideas, or create new activities for existing programmes, with a focus on uncovering and exploring stories about the Street and surrounding community

For this programme, applications will be assessed by a Strategic Advisory Panel made up of stakeholders within the District who reflect the community here.

Activities will form part of a wider two-year programme of activity designed to uncover, animate and renew the street for the people who live, work and visit the area. The successful ideas and projects from this phase will also inform future research and activities as part of Sauchiehall Street Culture and Heritage District.

What is heritage?

Celebrating heritage isn't just reserved for archives and museums, and those who engage with them, but is part of our everyday environment and lives in our memories of places, spaces, and people. Tangible heritage is our physical buildings and civic spaces, artifacts, and archives. Intangible heritage is our customs, music, dance, folklore, traditions, skills and stories which live in our memories.

This community fund is kindly supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund's Heritage Places scheme.

Eligibility

This opportunity will only be open to community and heritage organisations, businesses with social aims, and community groups working across Glasgow.

Last year, only groups within the district's boundaries were able to apply to the Community Heritage Grants Scheme. However, Sauchiehall Street is a street for the whole of Glasgow, and this year, we want to open conversations with new groups and communities across the city, inviting them to explore their connections to Sauchiehall Street.

The district boundaries are: Sauchiehall Street from Glasgow Royal Concert Hall to Mitchell Library, Bath Street, Renfrew Street and the Garnethill Community.

Up to 50% of Community Heritage Grants will be made within the district, with at least 50% being made outwith the district. Organisations applying to the fund must be based in Glasgow. Applications from organisations outside of Glasgow will not be accepted.



For this scheme, applications from groups working with the following communities will be prioritised:

- People from the Global Majority
- People living with Disability
- People with experience of/experiencing Homelessness
- LGBTQ+ communities

All applicants must be a formally constituted group or organisation. We are unable to consider applications from individuals or newly established organisations. Groups can apply if they have a financial host, or partner who they work with who holds funding on their behalf.

An organisation, group or business can only make one application. The same organisation cannot apply for multiple projects.

Businesses are only eligible if they have social aims, or have a core community group which they work with. They must demonstrate in their application that their project would be of public benefit, and not commercial gain.

Applicants should:

- have a Managing Body, management committee (or similar body) which meets regularly.
- have elected office bearers e.g. chairperson, secretary and treasurer or equivalent; (unless you are a business applying)
- have financial procedures in place explaining how money is managed
- have a Governing Document or equivalent (e.g. a constitution) that has been approved by the Organisation and signed by an office bearer
- have a registered bank account
- have public liability insurance
- based in Glasgow and working with communities in Glasgow
- Events can be delivered by existing staff, an external company or freelancer. Staff working with children and young people must hold a PVG certificate from Disclosure Scotland.

If your work is supposed to take place in a Glasgow Life venue (e.g. Mitchell Library) please note this as an in-kind contribution and include in your budget. Organisations that receive support from Glasgow Life Festivals (MCF, Mela, Celtic Connections, Aye Write, Glasgow International etc) are not eligible for support from this scheme.



Exclusions

The following are not eligible for support from this scheme:

- Proposals for ongoing running costs or repairs
- Applications where members of the community are excluded on the grounds of race, faith, gender, sexuality, disability.
- Applications from sole traders
- Start-up costs for new organisations or Building Development or Travel Costs.
- Applications to run, enter or apply for Competitions, Scholarship or Bursary Schemes.
- Applications to acquire land or buildings

Support Available

The Community Heritage Grant scheme is designed to provide small, one-off grants for up to **£5,000**. The total pot of funding for this scheme is **£70,000**.

Examples of activity we may support:

- Oral history recordings of people's stories, memories, and songs, as a way of communicating and revealing the past of Sauchiehall Street
- Community archaeology involving the active participation of volunteers in archaeological activities, everything from investigating, photographing, and surveying Sauchiehall Street
- Cultural traditions exploring the history of different cultures who live on and around Sauchiehall Street through storytelling, or things that you do as part of your community. This could be anything from dance and theatre, to food or clothing. It could also include the heritage of languages and dialects.
- Activities exploring the historic buildings, monuments, and the historic environment on the Sauchiehall Street area.
- Projects working with local archives and community partners to deliver community-led research and outcomes.
- Commemorations and celebrations – telling the stories and histories of people, communities, places or events related to specific times and dates in the area.



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- Natural heritage projects exploring the existence of geographical formations, greenspaces and gardens in and around Sauchiehall Street – their histories, preservation, and future design.

Match funding is not required for this project. If you have match funding, it cannot be National Lottery Heritage Funding.

Reporting

All applicants will be required to complete a short reporting form at the end of their projects. This is essential to allow us to report to the National Lottery Heritage Fund on the success of the grant scheme.

Changes from the original budget submitted will have to be explained within the Final Project Report.

Conditions

If successful, you will have to deliver your project in line with the conditions outlined in the 'Conditions and Acceptance' document. You can access this on our website. Please make sure you read the conditions before making your application. The Strategic Advisory Panel might include additional conditions, or suggestions specific to your project, depending on its scope.

Criteria

All projects must align with **one or more** of the following Heritage Places outcomes:

- Heritage is community led (co-created, delivered, managed and owned)
- Heritage organisations are more confident and capable to deliver at scale
- Trust has increased between communities and the custodians of civic heritage
- More and a wider range of people enjoy, visit and participate in heritage
- Heritage makes places more attractive

The primary consideration when assessing applications will be how they bring communities into the conversation around Sauchiehall Street's heritage and how this should inform and influence its future. Please consider how your application meets the following criteria:



- Encourage participation with heritage by groups who may often be excluded from these conversations
- Bring a wide range of people into the conversation about Sauchiehall Street's heritage and future
- Community benefit and meets community demand
- Clarity of management and delivery structures
- Financial viability and value for money
- Improve equality & social cohesion
- Consider environmental impact in activity planning, delivery and/or content
- Generate a range of outputs and materials to inform the future of Sauchiehall Street and contribute to the project archive.

How your application will be assessed

All applications will be assessed by a Stakeholder Advisory Panel for Community Engagement. This will be made up of stakeholders from cultural organisations, businesses and freelancers with a stake in the district, who are a part of the everyday community and life on Sauchiehall Street.

Timescale

Date	Action
12 August	Applications open
27 August	Bookable Application Development sessions with Sauchiehall Street team
31 August	Online Teams information session, 12.00pm
01 September	In person information session at Edward House, 199 Sauchiehall Street, 6.00pm
23 September	Applications close – deadline at 5.00pm
07 October	Panel
12 October	Outcome notifications



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This scheme is to support activities delivered between **November 2026 and September 2027. Please note:** grants are not given retrospectively. We are unable to support activities that have already taken place, or that start before a decision has been made on your application.

Access and Participation

Applicants must be able to demonstrate that they have an open access/equal opportunities approach towards participation within their activities. Applicants are required to take reasonable steps to ensure their activities can be made available for as broad a range of people as possible and that positive measures are put in place to remove any barriers to access.

To support this, your application may include Project Access Costs to support you to deliver your project, reduce barriers and enable participation. For example, this might be for participants to get taxis to venues, BSL interpreters, captioning for video works, etc. Please include Project Access Costs in your budget under a separate heading (see Application Form). If included, these can be separate from your overall project budget.

Please note: your Project Access Budget will be agreed when you are awarded the grant, based off your application. It will be separate from your grant amount and reimbursed on payment of your final Grant instalment. You will be required to provide us with receipts for payment of any access costs. This is to ensure that the budget agreed is spent on improving access, and not general project costs.

What is Eligible to include in your Project Access Budget?

You may include the following in your access budget:

- Assistive Technology for participants, interns, volunteers or others working on your project
- One-off childcare expenses incurred specifically for project-related activities to enable participation
- Costs for creating accessible materials (e.g., Braille, large print) for participants needing them.
- Short term mental health support for an identified individual or group to overcome barriers to participation in the project.
- Short-term mental health support related to the project's demands, such as working with challenging or personally affecting themes.



- Support Worker Costs to assist disabled people participating or engaging with the project.
- Translation and Interpretation Services
- Travel Costs for Access
- Travel expenses for applicants and or/participants who may need to consider personal safety rather than disability. Travel expenses for participants, such as disabled people, people without easy access to transport, children and young people.

The following costs will **not** be considered Eligible:

- Communications - costs for marketing materials that do not specifically address access needs.
- General Office Supplies
- General Training Costs
- Long-Term Childcare Costs not related to the project
- General Long-Term Mental Health Support
- Mental Health Support - Costs Covered by Insurance
- Mental Health Support - Preventive or Maintenance Support
- Routine therapy or counselling sessions

In your budget, make sure you allow for any access support you or your participants might need during project. We can't increase the size of a grant once it has been awarded. Make sure you plan and consider our reporting requirements.

Access Support for Applicants

We will accept applications as video files or voice recording, which will later be transcribed, if this is more accessible for you.

If you plan on submitting your application as a video or voice recording, would like your application translated, or would like to discuss additional access support for your application, please email: amcv@glasgowlife.org.uk.

Please email amcv@glasgowlife.org.uk to book on to an information session or booking a project development session with the Sauchiehall Street team.



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How to Apply

Completed applications should be email to amcv@glasgowlife.org.uk with the title **“Community Heritage Grant: Uncovering Sauchiehall Street” – GROUP NAME** by **Wednesday 23rd September 5.00pm.**

Applications should be submitted by email by the closing date and not posted. Keep copies of your application and supporting documents. When submitting your application, please ensure you send it as an **email attachment** rather than via a web hosting service (Google.docs, iCloud etc). Please note, we are unable to accept documents in a **Zip File**.

Closing Date

The closing date is **Wednesday 23rd September, 5.00pm.**

Your application will be acknowledged within five working days, if you don't receive an email acknowledging receipt of your application, please contact us.

Incomplete or late applications will not be assessed.

Privacy Notice

The Glasgow Life Privacy Notice forms part of these guidelines and relates to the information you provide in your application and how Glasgow Life process it. The form asks for personal details about you, individuals within your organisation and people working on the project. By signing the form, you are confirming that you have the authority to provide these details on behalf the named individuals. You should read this notice before submitting your application <https://www.glasgowlife.org.uk/the-small-print/privacy-glasgow-life>

If you have any general enquiries, please email amcv@glasgowlife.org.uk and a member of the team will contact you.



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