

North Allerdale Partnership – Market Towns Facelift Scheme

Now is the time to improve commercial properties in this area.

The North Allerdale Partnership has secured funding from Allerdale Borough Council and the Northwest Regional Development Agency to partly fund the cost of renovating commercial properties in the following parishes:

Bowness, Holme Abbey, Gilcrux, Caldbeck, Kirkbride, Kirkbampton, Waverton, Westward, Silloth, Wigton, Dundraw, Holme Low, Allonby, Westnewton, Aikton, Aspatria, Woodside, Sebergham, Bromfield, Thursby, Hayton and Mealo, Ireby, Plumbland, Boltons, Allhallows, Holme East Weaver, Bothel and Threapland, Holme St. Cuthbert, Oughterside and Allerby, Blennerhasset and Torpenhow.

Time is limited, all works must be completed by February 28th, so to take advantage of this offer you must move fast. Don't miss this opportunity to improve the value of your property and the look of the whole neighbourhood with the benefit of a 50% grant. Check out the following, and if you are eligible cut out the application form now.

Works eligible under the scheme:
Replacement windows and doors
Replacement rainwater goods
Repainting and re-rendering
New / improved signage
Installation of security equipment
General repairs to shop fronts
Joinery
Details:
Properties must be situated within eligible parishes.

Grants are only available for external works to the frontages of commercial properties. The award of grants is at the discretion of the funding partners. Grants will normally be made to cover the cost of 50% of eligible works up to a maximum grant of £2,000 and are not awarded retrospectively. Applicants are required to supply two itemised quotes for all proposed works from bona-fide contractors. It is the responsibility of the applicant to obtain all relevant permissions that may be required for all

proposed works. Properties eligible for assistance under the scheme will be subject to inspections by housing renewal and building control officers, before and after the completion of any works. Planning Permission may be required for works that are not like-for-like. All works must have been completed by no later than Feb 28th 2007.



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can I apply for a Facelift grant for a residential or community property?
No. Facelift grants are only available for commercial properties.

Q: I am a tenant and do not own the property, can I apply for a Facelift grant?
Yes, however, you will need to provide written consent for all proposed works from the owner of the property.

Q: Can I apply for a Facelift grant for work that has already been completed?
No. Grants are not awarded retrospectively.

Q: What type of works may be eligible for grant assistance?
External works to the property frontage, such as replacement windows/doors, new signage, painting, improvements to rain-water infrastructure and the installation of security equipment are eligible for grant assistance. Grant assistance is not available for internal works.

Q: Will I need planning permission?
Planning permission may be required if changes are not like-for-like. It is the responsibility of the applicant to obtain all relevant permissions that may be required for all proposed works.

Q: Are VAT costs eligible for assistance under the Facelift scheme?
No. The level of grant is calculated as a percentage of costs exclusive of VAT.

Q: Can I undertake any of the work myself?
Yes, however, grant monies will only be made available to help cover the cost of

materials in this instance. Grant monies are not available for personal labour costs.

Q: What is the definition of a 'bona-fide' contractor?
The term 'bona-fide' has been included here to highlight that any contractors approached for quotes cannot be related to the tenant or the owner of the property. Any contractor approached must have the skills, expertise and experience necessary to complete all works to a suitably high-standard. A final inspection by Allerdale Borough Council will serve to confirm that all works undertaken were as proposed and were completed to a high-standard.

Q: Can I use a different contractor to the one specified by Allerdale Borough Council following the submission of the original quotes?
Yes, however, if this contractor is more expensive than the contractor specified by Allerdale Borough Council, then the original grant offer will not be increased. Alternatively, if a cheaper contractor is chosen to complete the works, then the grant offer will be proportionally reduced in line with the new costs involved.

Q: What happens if the final cost of the work is different from the original

estimate?
If the final cost of the work is greater than the original estimate (for example, some contractors will not include the cost of scaffolding in an initial quote), then the original grant offer will not be increased. Alternatively, if the final cost of the works is less than the original estimate, then the grant offer will be proportionally reduced in line with the new costs involved.

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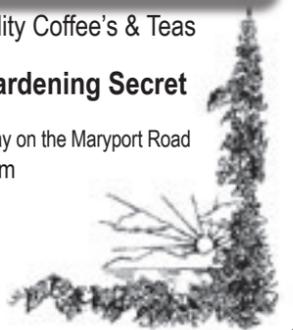
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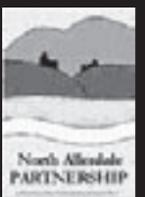
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Market Towns Facelift Scheme 2006/07 Application Form



Name of Applicant:

Name of Business:

Property Address:

Postcode:

Telephone Number:

Description of proposed works:

Has the property previously received grant aid?

Yes / No (If yes, please give details)

Do you own the property?

Yes / No (If no, please attach evidence of owners consent for proposed works)

Return your completed application form to:

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