Dear Sir/Madam

Townscape Heritage Initiative Grants Scheme Phase 2

I am pleased to advise that Phase 2 of the Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) is now open to Expressions of Interest from property owners within the THI boundary in Haverfordwest.

What is the Townscape Heritage Initiative?
The Townscape Heritage Initiative is supported by Pembrokeshire County Council, CADW and the Heritage Lottery Fund. The THI is a grant scheme which seeks to improve and enhance the quality of the town’s conservation area by offering grants to properties which contribute to the special character of the historic town as well as creating vibrant places in which people want to live, work, visit and invest.

What is the grant available for?
Grants are available for the repair or restoration of historic building fabric but concentrate on those aspects which can be seen from the street. A substantial sum of money has been made available through the Heritage Lottery Fund and we are now seeking to make a prioritised list of properties with interested owners.

Grant rates vary depending on the type of work being undertaken and will be as follows:

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<th>Type of Works</th>
<th>Percentage Grant Funded</th>
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<td>Architectural Restoration</td>
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<td>Structure &amp; Fabric</td>
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<td>Vacant floor space brought back into use</td>
<td>25%, 35% or 45% (dependant on size of enterprise)</td>
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In practice, a grant award may cover one or more of these types of work. In all cases the total grant will not exceed 70.00% of the total eligible costs.
What does this mean for you?
Your property could benefit from the THI Grant Scheme. The scheme could enable you to make improvements to the visual appearance of your property which otherwise you may not be able to afford. The benefits of doing this can be expected to have a positive impact upon both you as the property owner, your tenant(s) and the wider local economy and future prospects for the town.

How do you apply or find out more?
Please find enclosed Expression of Interest forms’. Simply complete the forms and return them to myself or Barry Hughes at the above address by 24 July 2015. You can also contact myself or Barry to discuss the THI Grant Scheme further should you wish to.

What happens next?
Once we have received all the Expression of Interest forms we will begin the process of assessing each one and will be in contact with you to let you know the outcome. Priority will be given to Listed Buildings and those in most need of repair. Projects must demonstrate financial viability and complete the works by July 2018.

We look forward to hearing from you.

If you are not the property owner I would be grateful if you could please pass this information on to your landlord or alternatively provide us with the landlord’s contact details so we can liaise directly.

If you require any subsequent forms in Welsh or any other language please let me know.

Yours sincerely

Steven Jardine
THI Officer