**Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2017**

Westmeath County Council in conjunction with the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs are inviting applications for the ***Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2017*** in respect of the repair and conservation of structures that are contained in the Record of Protected Structures for the County of Westmeath The allocation under this scheme for Westmeath County Council is €50,000.

The minimum award of funding is €2,500 while the maximum level is €10,000 and assistance is based on matching funds being provided by applicants. The fund is not intended to assist in the carrying out of routine maintenance, alterations or improvements.

Proposed works must comply with best practice standards as outlined in the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs **Architectural Heritage Protection Guidelines** and its Built Heritage Policy and Conservation **Advice Series** Publications.

Applications may be made by completing the application form ***Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2017 - Application Form*** and submitting it along with any necessary accompanying documentation to the address below before **5pm on Tuesday 28th February 2017.** Application forms along with relevant supplementary material should be emailed to [planning@westmeathcoco.ie](mailto:planning@westmeathcoco.ie)**.**  The size of the email should not exceed 20MB. Please note, only fully completed applications will be processed.

Full details of the scheme and an application form are available to download as word documents on the Council website <http://www.westmeathcoco.ie/conservationgrants>

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