



Museum Collections Care Grant – Guidance Notes

About the Museum Collection Care Grant

The Museum Collections Care Grant programme is funded by the NI Museums Council.

Collections Care Grant supports museums to fund goods and services which will enhance collections care. This grant will support local museums in maintaining their accreditation status and support work that focuses on 'areas for improvement'. The Grant will enable museums to maintain standards and ensure their collections are maintained, protected and sustainable.

What the fund can cover

This can cover (but is not limited to):

- environmental monitoring equipment,
- storage and display materials and furniture,
- SPECTRUM compliant documentation systems and materials,
- security systems,
- collections care or security assessments,
- collections/ storage reviews,
- storage solutions,
- conservation.

What the fund does not cover

The fund will support essential requirements to re-open in compliance with government guidelines. The fund will not cover:

- Staff time
- New displays, exhibitions, and interpretation
- Cost for any activity or expenditure that has already taken place; or a project that has already started
- Organisational debt

Museum Collections Care Grant Priorities

This fund prioritises applications which clearly demonstrate that:

- The project is essential to enhance collections care;
- The project will assist the museum to renew or maintain Accredited status;
- The project supports the museum’s development plans;
- The level of support required is appropriate.

The responsibility lies with the applicant to clearly demonstrate how their application meets the priorities.

Before you apply

It is advisable that you contact us before you make an application.

Please contact devofficer@nimc.co.uk.

How will we evaluate your application?

There are four questions in your application that will be assessed and scored.

Assessment Scoring	Marks Available
Q3. What are your outcomes for this funded activity?	35
Q4. Please outline how your project meets the priorities of the Museum Collections Care Grant	35
Q5. Please tell us what difference this funding would make to your museum in the short-term?	10
Q6. What are your museum’s priorities for Collections Care? How have you identified these priorities and how does the funded activity support these?	20
TOTAL	100

Who can apply to this fund?

Eligible organisations must be both:

- Accredited local museums in Northern Ireland
- Museum Members of the NI Museums Council

Who cannot apply?

- Non-accredited museums

Awards

Accredited museums can apply for up to **£1,500**. No match funding is required, but 10% of your overall cost would be appreciated. **The Museum Collections Care Grant cannot cover VAT that can be reclaimed.**

All costs must be identified clearly.

Northern Ireland Museums Council may offer to fund a portion of the costs requested.

Timelines and Deadlines

Applications to this Round should be submitted by **4.00pm Friday 21st January 2022**.

Late applications will not be considered

Mon 13 th Dec	Grant Programme Opens
Fri 21 st Jan	Application Deadline
Fri 4 th Feb	Notification of successful applicants

How to apply

Please complete the Application Form and email it to: info@nimc.co.uk

Application by email. Signatures must not be typed but must be scans or photos of original signatures.

Contact

For further information or any queries please contact devofficer@nimc.co.uk.