Heritage Emergency Fund support welcomed by London Historic Buildings Trust

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The London Historic Buildings Trust (LHBT) is delighted to have been awarded a grant from The National Lottery Heritage Fund's Heritage Emergency Fund to support work to help it navigate through the impact of the COVID 19 pandemic. The grant of £14,500 will enable the Trust to assess the impact of the pandemic on its operational objectives, and the aspirations set out in its Business Plan. It will also support the cost of remote engagement activities: two virtual tours, and a social impact video and report.

Diana Beattie OBE, Chair, said: "We are very grateful for this support. It is incredibly reassuring to have been given the resources to help us understand the impact of the pandemic on our plans. We hope the grant will ensure that we can carve out a sustainable path for ourselves in the future, and continue to communicate with our partners, stakeholders and friends, during lockdowns, and at a distance. We believe passionately in the power of heritage to improve people's lives, and we look forward to continuing to share news of our work to inspire others to do the same."

The funding, made possible by National Lottery players, was awarded through The National Lottery Heritage Fund's Heritage Emergency Fund. £50million was made available to provide emergency funding for those most in need across the heritage sector.

The UK-wide fund aimed to address both immediate emergency actions and help organisations to start thinking about recovery.

Ros Kerslake, Chief Executive of The National Lottery Heritage Fund, said: "Heritage has an essential role to play in making communities better places to live, supporting economic regeneration and benefiting our personal wellbeing. All of these things are going to be even more important as we emerge from this current crisis.

"Thanks to money raised by National Lottery players we are pleased to be able to lend our support to organisations such as the London Historic Buildings Trust during this uncertain time."

Like the London Historic Buildings Trust, other charities and organisations across the UK that have been affected by the unprecedented impact of the coronavirus outbreak are being given access to a comprehensive package of support of up to £600 million of repurposed money from The National Lottery. This money is supporting some of the most vulnerable people in our communities and span the arts, community, charity, heritage, education, environment and sports sectors.

Thanks to National Lottery players, £30 million is raised every week for good causes, including heritage of local and national importance. By playing The National Lottery, people up and down the country are making an amazing contribution to the nationwide-response to combating the impact of COVID-19 on local communities across the UK.

The National Lottery Heritage Fund's Heritage Emergency Fund is now closed for applications. To find out more about how The National Heritage Emergency Fund is supporting the sector at this time please visit: https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/responding-coronavirus-covid-19

To find out more about the National Lottery Good Causes , visit:
www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk/coronavirus-pandemic-response

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The London Historic Buildings Trust works with Historic England, local authorities and other partners and building owners to develop heritage-led regeneration projects throughout London, putting the needs of local communities at the heart of their work.

Formerly known as the Heritage of London Trust Operations (HOLTOPs), the Trust has almost 30 years' experience of tackling challenging heritage at risk projects in London.

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LHBT also works with key stakeholders to ensure that its projects are informed by the needs of the local community and result in positive social change and sensitive regeneration, as well as training, learning, volunteering and employment opportunities. It also works to support local communities in their aspirations to safeguard local buildings, offering professional guidance through training and consultancy services.

To find out more about LHBT's projects go to www.londonhistoricbuildings.org.uk.

For more information about the Heritage Emergency Fund project, please contact Alice Yates, Vice Chair on 07909 765599 or alice.yates@londonhistoricbuildings.org.uk

The National Lottery Heritage Fund

Using money raised by the National Lottery, we inspire, lead and resource the UK's heritage to create positive change for people and communities, now and in the future. www.heritagefund.org.uk #NationalLotteryHeritageFund

The Heritage Emergency Fund is now closed for applications. Extra advice and support and longer-term skills and capacity building initiatives has also been made available for the heritage sector. Read more about The National Lottery Heritage Fund's response to the Covid-19 emergency.

About the National Lottery

? Since The National Lottery's first draw took place on 19 November 1994, more than £40 billion has been raised for good causes in the areas of arts, sport, heritage and community.

? National Lottery players contribute around £30 million to good causes every week.

? The National Lottery has made more than 5,500 millionaires but its primary purpose is giving to good causes - over 565,000 individual grants have been awarded across the UK, that's the equivalent of 200 life-changing projects in every UK postcode district.

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