



# National Heritage Act 1980

## 1980 CHAPTER 17

### PART I

#### THE NATIONAL HERITAGE MEMORIAL FUND

#### [<sup>F13</sup> **Financial assistance towards property, etc.**

- (1) The powers of the Trustees to give financial assistance under this section are exercisable in the case of things of any kind which are of scenic, historic, archaeological, aesthetic, architectural, engineering, artistic or scientific interest, including animals and plants which are of zoological or botanical interest.
- (2) The Trustees may, for the purpose of—
  - (a) securing the preservation or enhancement of such things,
  - (b) encouraging the study and understanding of them and the compilation and dissemination of information about them,
  - (c) securing or improving access to them, or their display,
  - (d) encouraging enjoyment of them, or
  - (e) encouraging the maintenance and development of the skills required for their preservation or enhancement,or for any purpose ancillary to those purposes, give financial assistance for any project which appears to them to be of public benefit.
- (3) The projects for which financial assistance may be given under this section for any of the purposes mentioned in subsection (2) above include (among others) projects for any person to whom the assistance is to be given to—
  - (a) acquire property of any kind (including land),
  - (b) construct or convert buildings,
  - (c) carry out other works, or
  - (d) provide education or training.
- (4) Before giving any financial assistance under this section for any project, the Trustees—

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- (a) shall obtain any expert advice about the project they consider appropriate, and
  - (b) must be satisfied that the project is of importance to the national heritage.
- (5) Financial assistance under this section shall be given by way of grant or loan out of the Fund, and in giving such assistance the Trustees may impose any conditions they think fit.
- (6) The conditions that may be imposed in giving such assistance may relate (among other things) to—
- (a) maintenance, repair, insurance and safe-keeping,
  - (b) means of access or display,
  - (c) disposal or lending, or
  - (d) repayment of grant or loan.
- (7) In giving any financial assistance under this section for any project for the preservation or enhancement of anything, or determining the conditions on which such assistance is to be given, the Trustees shall bear in mind the desirability of public access to, or the public display of, the thing in question and of its enjoyment by the public.
- (8) The Secretary of State may, with the consent of the Treasury, apply sums received by him under this section as money provided by Parliament instead of paying them into the Consolidated Fund]

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**Textual Amendments**

**F1** S. 3 substituted (4.3.1998) by 1997 c. 14, s. 1(1); S.I. 1998/292, art.2

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