



UNESCO World Heritage Fund Application

GUIDANCE NOTES

Introduction

The Corporation of St. George's (UNESCO World Heritage Fund and Levy) Act 2013 provides for the establishment of a UNESCO World Heritage Fund to be used for the specific purpose of maintaining, developing and promoting the UNESCO World Heritage Site in the Town of St. George.

The UNESCO World Heritage Fund is set up commensurate with **the Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage adopted on 16th November, 1972**. Bermuda was inducted in 2000.

The general conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) meeting in Paris from 17 October to 21 November 1972, under which Bermuda was inducted, at its seventeenth session had as its preamble to the Convention:

Noting that the cultural heritage and the natural heritage are increasingly threatened with destruction not only by the traditional causes of decay, but also by changing social and economic conditions which aggravate the situation with even more formidable phenomena of damage or destruction,

Considering that deterioration or disappearance of any item of the cultural or natural heritage constitutes a harmful impoverishment of the heritage of all the nations of the world,

Considering that protection of this heritage at the national level often remains incomplete because of the scale of the resources which it requires and of the insufficient economic, scientific, and technological resources of the country where the property to be protected is situated,

Recalling that the Constitution of the Organization provides that it will maintain, increase, and diffuse knowledge by assuring the conservation and protection of the world's heritage, and recommending to the nations concerned the necessary international conventions,

Considering that the existing international conventions, recommendations and resolutions concerning cultural and natural property demonstrate the importance, for all the peoples of the world, of safeguarding this unique and irreplaceable property, to whatever people it may belong,

Considering that parts of the cultural or natural heritage are of outstanding interest and therefore need to be preserved as part of the world heritage of mankind as a whole,



Considering that, in view of the magnitude and gravity of the new dangers threatening them, it is incumbent on the international community as a whole to participate in the protection of the cultural and natural heritage of outstanding universal value, by the granting of collective assistance which, although not taking the place of action by the State concerned, will serve as an efficient complement thereto,

Considering that it is essential for this purpose to adopt new provisions in the form of a convention establishing an effective system of collective protection of the cultural and natural heritage of outstanding universal value, organized on a permanent basis and in accordance with modern scientific methods,

Having decided, at its sixteenth session, that this question should be made the subject of an international convention,

Adopted the sixteenth day of November 1972 this Convention.

To be deemed of outstanding universal value, a property must also meet the conditions of integrity and/or authenticity and must have an adequate protection and management system to ensure its safeguarding.

Inscription of the Town of St. George as a World Heritage Site took place on 2nd December 2000, under criteria (iv) and (vi) of UNESCO's *Criteria for the assessment of outstanding universal value*

Under criterion (iv) the site is "an outstanding example of a type of building, architectural or technological ensemble or landscape which illustrates (a) significant stage(s) in human history."

Under criterion (vi) the site is associated with "events or living traditions... of outstanding universal significance," in this case the beginning of the English colonization of the New World, a step in the European settlement of North America that has resulted in developments of outstanding universal value. It also satisfies criterion 24 (b) (i) in that the Town and its fortifications remain substantially intact and thereby the submission meets the test of authenticity required by the Operational Guidelines.

In 2003 the Convention shifted from the tangible and physical to the cultural landscape, defending traditions and not just places.



It should be noted that **the World Heritage Site Management Plan of January 2014** produced by the Bermuda Government, addresses the following areas:

- Managing the Forts
- Managing the Town
- The Planning and Development Framework
- Preservation and Enhancement
- Traffic and Transport
- Tourism
- Interpretation, Education and Training
- Maximizing Opportunities for the Town of St. George and Bermuda

The UNESCO World Heritage Fund is administered by the Corporation of St George's, in accordance with the provisions of The Corporation of St. George's (UNESCO World Heritage Fund and Levy) Act 2013 [the Act], and used to maintain, develop, and promote the UNESCO World Heritage Site in the Town of St George.

Completing your Application

Applications for funding shall be accepted both internally from within the CSG, and from external stakeholders.

All applications, without exception, must be submitted using the Corporation of St George's UNESCO World Heritage Funding Application form (Form UWHFA1, as amended).

Applications must be received **by the 31st December** prior to the start of the financial year in which the funding is required in order to be considered as part of the CSG financial budgeting process. Applications may be accepted later than this scheduled deadline at the sole discretion of the CSG Finance & Property Committee.

Each completed application for funding shall be submitted to the office of the CSG Town Manager (TM) at the following address,

Storekeeper's House
5 Ordinance Island
St George's GE 05

A response to the funding application shall be provided by the CSG TM to the application sponsor no later than 31st March in the year following application submission.

Applicants should be aware that submission of an application does not guarantee funding will be approved. In addition, some applications may require further information to be submitted by the application sponsor before a decision regarding approval can be made, and this may cause a delay in the actual date of receipt of a completed application.

By Order of the Corporation of St. George