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Fulham Palace Trust has been awarded £571,000 from Arts Council England's Museum Renewal Fund to bolster financial resilience.

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Fulham Palace Trust is pleased to announce it has been awarded £571,000 from Arts Council England's Museum Renewal Fund to strengthen its organisational and financial resilience over the coming period.

This support will play a critical role in stabilising the Trust's operations, enabling us to mitigate the shortfalls in revenue and to continue delivering our mission of stewarding the historic Palace and engaging the community through heritage, culture and learning.

The Museum Renewal Fund is designed to address the operational and financial pressures faced by civic and local authority-linked museums, helping reduce the gap between costs and income that can risk curtailing programmes, opening hours, staffing or public access.

Through this funding, Fulham Palace Trust will be better placed to maintain community, preserve service levels and invest in business and operational systems that support long-term stability.

'This funding from the Museum Renewal Fund is a vital lifeline for Fulham Palace Trust. It allows us to bridge the gap in a period of financial uncertainty and to ensure that our cultural, educational and heritage programmes can continue uninterrupted. We are committed to keeping the Palace house and garden free for all, and this support gives us the stability to do so.'

– Sian Harrington, Chief Executive, Fulham Palace Trust

About Fulham Palace Trust

Fulham Palace Trust was established in 2011 is responsible for conserving, restoring, interpreting and sharing the historic Fulham Palace site, its gardens and its collection. Through exhibitions, public programmes, educational outreach and visitor initiatives, the Trust aims to connect audiences of all ages with local history, archaeology and horticulture.

With roots stretching back centuries, the Palace is a unique resource for the local borough of Hammersmith and Fulham and beyond, telling the stories of Fulham Palace and the Bishops of London in 6,000 years of English History.

About Arts Council England and Museum Renewal Fund

The Museum Renewal Fund is a targeted grant programme delivered by Arts Council England, intended to support museums with a direct or governance link to local authorities. It is designed to help such institutions manage operational pressures

in 2025-2026 by funding that increases financial stability and protect public access. The fund aims to support museum organisations deemed as most 'at risk', defined as those that are facing budget pressures necessitating for reducing operational budgets and associated reductions in programming, collections, management and public benefit, and the fund offers an urgent intervention to enable rapid delivery for safeguarding the vital community engagement and impact which public access to museums enables.

The fund specifically aims to enable museums to demonstrate resilience in the face of income shortfalls, maintain programming and public services, and build stronger business practices for future sustainability.

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For further information:

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About Fulham Palace

Fulham Palace is the historic home of the Bishops of London. For centuries, the Palace and surrounding estate served as a country retreat for the bishops and their families before becoming the bishop's permanent residence in the early 20th century. The last bishop moved out in 1973, and the Palace and 13-acre botanical garden are now managed by the Fulham Palace Trust, an independent charity dedicated to engaging people and providing an insight, through the stories of the Bishops of London, into over 1,300 years of English history, and to become one of Great Britain's most loved and inspiring houses and gardens.

How to get there

Main entrance: the end of Bishop's Avenue by gates to Bishop's Park.

Bus: 14, 74, 220, 414, 430.

Tube: Putney Bridge (from the station follow the Thames Path west along the river through Bishop's Park, midway through the park is the Bishop's Avenue gate, exit through gate and immediately right onto Fulham Palace grounds).

Parking: metered parking on Bishop's Avenue