

TWA Heritage Digitisation Grant in UK



The screenshot shows the homepage of TownsWebArchiving. At the top, there is a search bar with the placeholder "Search TownsWeb Archiving..." and a "SEARCH" button. Below the search bar, there is a banner with the text "Our 2020 Digitisation Grant is open!". The main navigation menu includes "Digitisation", "Data Capture", "Publishing", "Portfolio", "Blog", and "Contact". On the left side, there is a sidebar with the text "Could funding kick start your next digitisation project?". It also mentions that the "2020 Digitisation Grant" has opened and provides a list of grant details: "Three grants of £3,000 for digitisation", "£500 match funding for shortlisted applicants", "Open to all UK based archives", and "Closing date for applications 20th November". A "Learn more & apply now" button is present. On the right side, there is a video thumbnail featuring a man in a blue shirt, identified as Paul Sugden, with the text "Take a look back at the winners from our 2019 Digitisation Grant".

Following some excellent applications and true success stories from archives and other heritage institutions over the last four years, the TWA Digitisation Grant opened once again for 2020 submissions from UK institutions.

Working directly with the heritage sector Towns Web Archiving is acutely aware of the ongoing issue of funding, and the current climate has only served to exacerbate this, but the grant has helped numerous projects over the years to get off the ground. This year TWA have made some adaptations in an attempt to better meet the industry's new and Emerging needs: opening early, making changes to the division of funding and to the usual timeline.

The new details are as follows:

- ? 3 x grants available of £3,000 each
- ? Deadline for applications extended to 20th November 2020
- ? Winners announcement 9th December 2020 .
- ? All shortlisted applicants to receive an optional £500 of match funding

It is hoped that these revisions will help to ensure an equitable and accessible process during a period that has seen great upheaval and uncertainty within the industry.

Applications are welcome from the following UK institutions:

- ? Public, private & charity Archives
- ? Business/corporate Archives
- ? Public & private Libraries
- ? Museums
- ? Galleries

The full judging panel is yet to be confirmed but will, again, include ARA chief executive - John Chambers and senior digitisation consultant at TownsWeb Archiving - Paul Sugden.

The Grant can be used to fund the digitisation of bound books, manuscripts, oversized maps and plans, 35mm slides, microfilm/fiche, glass plate negatives, and other two-dimensional cultural heritage media.

For more details and to apply, please visit [TWA Digitisation Grant page](#).