

## GUIDELINES FOR HERITAGE BUILDING GRANTS

### GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL HERITAGE BUILDING GRANT FUNDING GUIDELINES 2019-20

Council is pleased to announce that our Heritage Building Grants program is available for the 2019-20 financial year. The purpose of the fund is to assist in the promotion and protection of heritage items in the Georges River LGA.

As an owner of a heritage listed property, you are eligible for grant funding for works on your property. Only items listed as a heritage item in the *Kogarah Local Environmental Plan 2012* or *Hurstville Local Environmental Plan 2012*, or *Hurstville Local Environmental Plan 1994* are eligible for grants.

These works are generally limited to small conservation projects or extraordinary maintenance requirements. Where works are supported, Council will fund up to 50% of the cost of a project. The following are examples of the range of previous projects that were supported under the program:

- Removal of paintwork to reveal original sandstone
- Repointing of brickwork
- Restorative work to windows
- Reconstruction of original elements
- External painting in traditional colour schemes
- Repair of tessellated floor tiles
- Reinstatement of traditional fencing.

#### How to apply – terms and conditions:

1. Requests for grant funding must be made in writing.
2. The completed application form should include:
  - a. a detailed description of the proposed work
  - b. any sketches or plans if necessary
  - c. photographs of the item and area of works to be undertaken
  - d. at least two (2) quotes are required by the closing date
3. A site visit will be conducted for all applications.
4. Submissions must be received by **Friday 30 August 2019**.
5. Successful applicants will be contacted in writing with conditions of the grant.
6. An inspection will be made to verify completion of the proposed works in accordance with Council's requirements and any conditions imposed upon the successful funding.
7. Works must be completed by the end of the financial year.
8. Paid invoices must be submitted to Council before the end of the financial year.

9. All works must be satisfactory and paid in full before the release of funding.

Should you wish to discuss a grant funding project please contact Michaela Newman, Strategic Planner on 9330 6192 or Catherine McMahon, Manager Strategic Planning on 9330 6260.

Please send applications to: Georges River Council - Heritage Building Grants Program  
PO Box 205  
Hurstville BC NSW 1481

## Assessment criteria

In assessing applications priority will be given to those projects that:

- result in sympathetic repairs to original fabric of the building, e.g. repair of walls, verandahs, windows or roof plumbing etc;
- reinstate original architectural features, e.g. reconstruction of timber frame windows;
- lead to streetscape improvements, e.g. reconstruction of front fences in a style appropriate for the architectural style of the building;
- enhance public amenity and are highly visible to the public, e.g. the replacement of a front verandah;
- are for projects which have high public accessibility, e.g. a local museum or church;
- meet other major strategic objectives and complement broader conservation objectives, e.g. projects which implement key findings of heritage studies or projects; and
- have been undertaken by a non-profit organisation, e.g. community group or church.

## Projects Typically Funded

- External painting and building repairs.
- Replacement and repair of front fences.
- Landscaping work of heritage or conservation value.
- Building work that ensures public safety and prevents structural failure or damage to the heritage fabric.

## Projects Not Typically Funded

- Repairs to non-original fabric or additions.
- Internal alterations or new internal fittings for kitchens or bathrooms.
- Interior decorating.
- New buildings and external additions.
- Routine maintenance, example lawn mowing, gutter cleaning, or carpet cleaning
- The purchase of equipment.
- Floodlighting of heritage buildings.
- Property owned or controlled by any government body authority.
- Property owners receiving State and Federal heritage assistance will generally not be eligible to apply for funding. There may be a case for funding for items on the State



Heritage Register where the owner has funding difficulties and where a grant will assist in conserving an important item.

## Processing Applications

- Applications are initially assessed by Council officers, who will make a site inspection and consider the completeness and clarity of information provided.
- Applications will be prioritised to ensure that those with the most merit can be approved. Applications that do not satisfy the criteria will not be approved.
- Council's endorsement of the recommendations of the Heritage Advisor is then sought at a meeting of Council.
- Successful applicants and unsuccessful applicants will be advised.

## Council approval

Owners need to ensure that they receive all appropriate approvals from Council in relation to changes and work to heritage items. A development application (DA) may be required.

For certain types of minor work Council may give its approval without a development application being required under Clause 5.10(3)(a) of the *Kogarah Local Environmental Plan 2012* or *Hurstville Local Environmental Plan 2012*. Examples include replacing roof guttering or a new boundary fence. For this type of work, the Council will need to be advised in writing of the proposal, and if it is acceptable, Council will write back giving approval for the work.

A Development Consent Requirement Exemption Form is available on Council's website to request an exemption from requiring development consent.

It is strongly recommended that you contact Council's Strategic Planning Team before commencing to clarify if you require approval or not.

