

Heritage Conservation Grants

2021-2022 Round 4



Heritage Conservation Grants Fact Sheet



South Australia has a rich heritage that contributes to our quality of life and connects us to our history and stories. Since 2018, the Heritage Grants Program has been funding conservation works with benefits including adaptive reuse of historic buildings, support for heritage trades, and support for State Heritage Places in rural and urban areas across South Australia.

Who can apply?

- Owners of State Heritage Places including private owners, companies, community groups & local government
- Individuals or groups with written permission from the owner to submit an application on their behalf
- Owners or businesses within a State Heritage Area (for eligible work)
- Unsuccessful applicants from previous funding rounds are invited to re-apply
- State Heritage Places owned by the State government are not eligible (may be eligible for GOH Fund)

What is eligible?

The following types of work may be eligible for funding:

- Conserve significant building fabric
- Protect the heritage value of the building or structure
- Ensure the structural integrity of a building or structure
- Document proposed conservation works (e.g. conservation management plans, dilapidation studies, development application drawings)
- Reinstate or protect significant characteristics of a State Heritage Area (e.g. shopfronts, verandahs)
- Project management fees and development approval fees where applicable

What is NOT eligible?

The following types of work are not eligible for funding:

- Works that damage or diminish the heritage significance of a place or area
- Works that are not relevant to the heritage significance of a place or area
- Retrospective works (i.e. have taken place before grant agreement has been signed by all parties)
- Insurance claims or works subject to a work order
- New construction or repairs to building fabric with no heritage value
- Administrative costs or purchase of equipment
- Publications and website development
- Interpretation activities

Assessment Criteria

Priority will be given to projects contributing to one or more of the following:

- Adaptive reuse – conservation works that support compatible new uses or continued use of a Place
- Public realm – conservation works visible to the public or that can be accessed by the community
- Heritage trades and training – works that use traditional trades and skills and/or support specialised training
- Community projects and works with 'public good' component
- Places at risk – works to prevent further deterioration and conserve fabric at risk
- Remote and very remote places – works that support regional areas

Professional heritage advice and contractors

Prior to lodging a grant application, professional advice must be sought from a Heritage Adviser (either via Heritage SA, local councils, or privately). Heritage Advisers will not be responsible for administering contracts or managing contractors.

Heritage South Australia has a Register of Heritage Trades and Contractors – a curated list of people with appropriate heritage skills. Applicants are encouraged to consult this Register when seeking quotes for conservation work or sourcing materials. <https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/heritage/heritage-trades>

Funding limits and categories

Funding for conservation works will be paid on a dollar-for-dollar basis. This means your heritage grant will pay no more than 50% of the costs of conservation works or documentation. The minimum grant for any project is \$1,000. There are three categories of funding.

Category	Grant amount	Projects may include
Simple	up to \$5,000 (GST exclusive)	Documentation, e.g. Architect fees, conservation management plans, dilapidation reports, development application drawings/schedules. Simple projects, e.g. Salt damp treatment; re-roofing; repair and replacement.
Complex	up to \$10,000 (GST exclusive)	Projects for residential properties with multiple components such as reinstatement of lost significant fabric or larger, more complex repairs, e.g. façade conservation including timber repair and salt damp treatment; roof and gutter replacement including new roof framing and fascia's.
Major	up to \$20,000 (GST exclusive)	For non-residential properties. Major Projects must adequately satisfy at least two of the Assessment Criteria, e.g. conservation of a church and building works which allow access to a place otherwise not accessible to the public.

In-kind Contribution

In some cases, in-kind contribution may be considered as part of the co-contribution (50% payable by the applicant). This will usually only be in special circumstances, where the applicant/volunteer has the required qualifications (e.g. is a builder/architect) or undertakes the work normally done by a paid contractor (e.g. builder's labourer or painter). Any work undertaken would need to be guided by appropriate professional advice.

If the applicant will be applying for in-kind contribution costs, they will be required to attach the following information to the application in the Supporting Documents tab – Justification of budget costs:

- The type of in-kind work to be undertaken and the qualifications (if relevant) of the supplier
- The estimated hours and rate including total anticipated value of in-kind works to be undertaken
- The method(s) of calculating the cost of in-kind works, including how the rate was determined
- How the work will be done (i.e. building techniques used), established in conjunction with a qualified heritage tradesperson, if relevant
- The duties to be undertaken

Acceptance of in-kind contributions as part of the 50% co-contribution will be at the discretion of the grant assessment panel.

Actual in-kind value (only as approved) will need to be reported in the final report.

Will I also need development approval?

Work to State Heritage Places is considered 'development' under the SA Development Act and will require development approval (DA). Heritage South Australia have waived the heritage referral fee for grant-aided projects. Contact your local council to establish the fees associated with your project. If your project is purely documentation, no DA will be required.

Please note, Development Applications should be submitted after a heritage grant allocation has been awarded and the Grant Agreement has been signed. When your DA is submitted, please make it known that you are the successful recipient of a grant and request a fee waiver from Heritage South Australia referral fees at that time, as it will not be possible to

issue a refund. An estimate of DA fees can be included in the project cost budget. DA fees or other statutory approvals paid prior to the contract date cannot be reimbursed.

Allocation of funds

All Heritage Conservation Grant applications will be assessed by a Heritage Conservation Grants Assessment Panel and grants will be endorsed by the Minister for Environment and Water.

Application process

Applications can be made through DEW's online grants system <https://gmsportal.environment.sa.gov.au>. The grants system allows you to track your application throughout the grant process.

The heritage grants process has the following steps:

1. Speak to Heritage South Australia about proposed work, and seek advice about appropriate methods.
2. Prepare scoping documents and specifications for proposed work, including cost estimates.
3. Apply for heritage grant funding.
4. If successful, 75% of the grant will be paid once grant agreement has been signed and an invoice received.
5. Apply for development approval (planning and/or building consents) through local council (as required).
6. When development approval has been granted, carry out work in consultation with Heritage South Australia.
7. Remaining 25% of grant payment will be paid on completion of project and after acquittal by Heritage South Australia.
8. Projects to be completed and funds spent within 12 months of signing the grant agreement.

Further Information

Full details on our website <https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/heritage/heritage-grants>

For further information, please contact either:

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