

Government Owned Heritage Fund

Guidelines for Applicants



The South Australian government acknowledges the important economic and community contribution made by heritage places and the need for their conservation.

The Government Owned Heritage (GOH) Fund supports the conservation of state-owned State Heritage Places, through the provision of professional and financial assistance. Protected by the [Heritage Places Act 1993](#), these places are some of the most significant in South Australia and play an important role for the South Australian economy and within communities and cultural landscapes.

Objectives

The objectives of the GOH Fund are to:

- Provide financial incentive to conserve and manage State Heritage Places.
- Provide heritage advice to assist Agencies to deliver projects to a high standard.
- Help Agencies develop conservation documentation and asset surveys for all State Heritage Places.
- Maximise conservation works that enhance the public realm or benefit the wider community.

Who is eligible?

- State-government agencies who own and/or manage government-owned State Heritage Places.
- Incorporated bodies who occupy or care for government-owned State Heritage Places under agreement with the State Government.

What is eligible?

- Places entered in the *South Australian Heritage Register* that are under SA government ownership.

Funding is available for:

- Physical conservation works, including repair work to culturally significant fabric, and reinforcing the heritage value of the building, structure or object.
- Preparing documentation to identify works necessary to conserve culturally significant fabric and to reinforce the heritage value of the place, or
- Costs associated with professional services (including management), approvals, licences and permits integral to the project or program.

This may include, but not necessarily limited to:

- Reconstruction based on irrefutable evidence.
- Ensuring the structural integrity of a building or structure.
- Planning for the conservation of a place, e.g. Conservation Management Plans.
- Conservation works that facilitate adaptive reuse, supporting conservation of significant fabric.



What is not eligible?

- Works unrelated to fabric conservation, such as purchase of abutting land, buildings, objects or equipment; relocation of buildings, structures or fabric; new buildings, additions and renovations; or signage and interpretation.
- General maintenance or compliance activities such as gutter cleaning and painting; upgrading services to align with building codes; pest control maintenance checks and treatments. (Repairs as a result of pest damage may be eligible.)
- Works that have already been completed.

Assessment criteria

All Funding Applications will be assessed against the following criteria, while having strong regard to the *cultural significance* of the place and the Burra Charter.

- Level of significance reflected in subject fabric.
- Extent to which work retains or recovers cultural significance with respect to the *Burra Charter*.
- Risk to significant fabric or integrity if work not undertaken.
- Risk to public safety if work not undertaken.
- Contribution of the project works to the ongoing use of the place/object and/or adaptive reuse.
- Contribution of the project works to the community or public realm.
- Alignment with a Conservation Management Plan or other conservation documentation (including the need to develop the management plan or other conservation documentation).
- Contribution to current SA government priorities, including economic stimulus, training and trade programs, heritage tourism and regional development.
- Value for money including extent of agency financial contribution.

Funding

- Funding may be for one or more years and generally needs to be matched by the Agency. Documentation that may be eligible for full funding includes Conservation Management Plans, Asset Surveys and Climate Risk Assessments.
- Agencies to provide an invoice for the Grant amount on signing the Funding Agreement. For multi-year projects, an invoice is to be provided at the beginning of each financial year.

Application process

1. Contact Heritage SA.
2. Review 'Guidelines for Applicants' to determine eligibility.
3. Define concept and scope for proposed project and obtain detailed cost estimates or quotes.
4. Prepare and submit online application via the Grant Management System, including detailed project scope, timeframe and budget; and proof that matched funding is available via supporting letter from Director.

Project Management

- All projects to be led by a project manager who maintains regular contact with Heritage SA.
- A Funding Agreement will be developed for all projects including specified milestones.
- Works can commence as soon as the Funding Agreement is signed by both parties.
- Works to be undertaken in accordance with Heritage advice and the SA Government Procurement Framework.

Further information

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

For further information, please contact Heritage South Australia dewheritage@sa.gov.au 8124 4960, or the Grant Administrator alison.often@sa.gov.au 8207 7753.

