

SA Heritage Grants Program 2019/20

Fact Sheet



South Australia has a rich heritage that contributes to our quality of life and connects us to our history and stories. The Heritage Grants Program has been set up to meet multiple heritage benefits including adaptive reuse of historic buildings, facilitate heritage tourism, to benefit the broader community, support heritage trades and to provide support for State Heritage Places in rural areas.

Who is eligible?

- Owners of State Heritage Places: private owners, companies, community groups & local government
- Owners or businesses within a State Heritage Area (for eligible work)
- State Heritage Places owned by the State government are not eligible

What is eligible?

Eligible projects include works that:

- 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 (eg. conservation management plans, dilapidation studies, development application drawings)
- Reinstate or protect significant characteristics of a State Heritage Area (eg. shopfronts, verandahs)

What is NOT eligible?

Work that would not be eligible for funding includes:

- 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 (ie. have taken place prior to funding approval)
- 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

Additional considerations

The primary focus of the Heritage Grants Program is the conservation of significant South Australian heritage places and areas. Due to high demand, not all projects will be successful in obtaining a grant. Priority may be given to projects contributing to one or more of the following:

- Community projects and works with 'public good' component
- Heritage tourism – works that will result in increased visitation of a Place or Area
- Heritage trades and training – works that use traditional trades and skills and/or support specialised training
- Adaptive reuse – conservation works that support compatible new uses or continued use of a Place
- Places at risk – works to prevent further deterioration and conserve fabric at risk
- Remote and very remote places – works that support the region



Professional heritage advice and contractors

Prior to lodging an 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. In some cases, in-kind labour and materials may be recognised as part of your matching contribution. 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 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 fascias.
Major	up to \$20,000 (GST exclusive)	Large projects that impact on the public realm or the community, e.g. façade conservation of a public building such as church or shop; combined facade conservation works to a row of terrace houses.

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 and some local councils have waived the heritage referral fee for grant-aided projects, however some local council fees may still apply. 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 Application should be submitted after a heritage grant allocation has been awarded and the Grant Agreement has been signed. DA fees or other statutory approvals paid prior to the contract date cannot be reimbursed.

Allocation of funds

All Heritage Grant applications will be assessed by a Heritage Grants Assessment Panel and grants will be endorsed by the Minister for Environment and Water. Funds must be spent within 12 months of receiving the grant.

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. Apply for development approval (planning and/or building consents) through local council (as required).
5. *When development approval has been granted:* Carry out work in consultation with Heritage South Australia.
6. Grant payment will be paid on completion of project and after acquittal by Heritage South Australia.

[Note applications will be received from mid-May 2019 until 29 July 2019. All applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application late in August 2019.](#)

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