

SA Heritage Grants Program

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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 in operation since 2018 meets 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. Insert appropriate text

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)
- Applicants from round 1 & 2 of the Program are invited to re-apply
- State Heritage Places owned by the State government are not eligible (may be eligible for funding through the GOH Fund)

What is eligible?

- 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)
- Reinststate or protect significant characteristics of a State Heritage Area (eg. shopfronts, verandahs)
- Project management fees and development approval fees where applicable

What is NOT eligible?

- 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

Selection Criteria

The primary focus of the Heritage Grants Program is the adaptive reuse and heritage tourism. Therefore 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
- 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
- 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 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 fascia's.
Major	up to \$20,000 (GST exclusive)	Major Projects must adequately satisfy at least two of the Selection Criteria, e.g. conversion of a church into a restaurant; building works which allow access to a place otherwise not accessible to the public.

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 Application should be submitted after a heritage grant allocation has been awarded and the Grant Agreement has been signed. 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 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. If successful 75% of the grant will be paid once grant agreement has been signed.
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.