

City of Perth Heritage Grants

In an effort to conserve our irreplaceable heritage, the City of Perth is offering grants of up to \$40,000 to assist with the undertaking of heritage projects within the city. If you or your organisation is planning to conserve or restore a culturally significant building within the City of Perth then you may be eligible for a heritage grant.

The City of Perth recognises the costs associated with the conservation of and maintaining a heritage registered places and as such, will make funding available in the form of Heritage Grants to assist owners to conserve, restore or reconstruct those places.

Funding will be made available in two funding rounds.

Applications for Round 1 of the Heritage Grants program will be invited by mail in July/August each year with applications considered by the Council in October/November;

Applications for Round 2 of the Heritage Grants program will be invited by mail in January/February each year with applications considered by the Council in March/April.

Applications that are received after the nominated closing date will not be considered.

This brochure provides information on the Heritage Grants Program and outlines the criteria for a project to be eligible for funding.

Contact the City of Perth on 9461 3333 to discuss any aspect of the grants program.

Eligible Projects

A Heritage Grant may be provided for any of the following:

- 1 Preparation of a Conservation/Management Plan;
- 2 Conservation works including:
 - Reinstatement of lost features important to the historic character of the place;
 - Urgent remedial work or stabilisation of endangered fabric as defined in a conservation plan or by a practicing heritage Architect;
 - Costs associated with maintaining the heritage place over and above that expected on a non-heritage place;
 - Painting of heritage places where the proposal is to paint the place in its original colour scheme or a pre-approved equivalent. Funding may also be provided for investigative research and paint scraping.



3 Studies or projects including:

- Determining the economic viability of a project that involves the conservation of a heritage place;
- Assessing improvements to access to and around heritage places.

For conservation works and studies, the grant recipient must as a minimum match the City's contribution towards the project on a dollar for dollar basis [50/50].

In-kind contributions by the applicant will not be considered as part of the grant recipient's contribution.

For the preparation of Conservation and/or Management Plans the City may fund the full cost of the project to a maximum of \$40,000.

Eligible Applicants

To be eligible for a Heritage Grant:

- The property for which the grant is sought must be located within the City of Perth and be rateable;
- The property for which the grant is sought must be listed as a Place of Cultural Heritage Significance in the City Planning Scheme 2004;
- The owner / tenant of the property for which the grant is sought will demonstrate that the place has full value building insurance to cover the heritage place's replacement.

Ineligible Projects or Applicants

Funding will not be provided for:

- Operational costs;
- The purchase of equipment;
- Works undertaken prior to formal notification of the outcome of an application for a Heritage Grant;
- New additions or extensions to a Heritage Place unless it involves the reconstruction of an original element;
- An applicant with a legally enforceable debt to the City which is overdue for payment and despite follow-up action by the City, remains outstanding at the date on which applications for Heritage Grants close.

Assessment Criteria

Applications for a Heritage Grant will be assessed by the City of Perth against the following:

Essential

The extent that the project may contribute towards the achievement of the Policy Objectives and how the application meets the requirements outlined in the Policy Statement.

Desirable

Improved opportunities for wide public appreciation, access or understanding of heritage places;

Social and economic benefits for the community, including generating immediate and long term employment, attracting other businesses, or allowing increased community, cultural and social use of the place;

The place forms part of a tourist or visitor attraction;

The place forms part of a planned revitalisation of an area/streetscape enhancement program. (eg. laneway enhancement or conservation area development);

Place forms part of a conservation area;

Place forms part of an area requiring economic activation including laneway or upper storey;

The Council may prioritise or place greater weight on any of the desirable outcomes in a grant round in accordance with its adopted programs.

Applicants Supporting Documentation

Applications must clearly explain how the proposed application addresses the objectives of this policy and include appropriate supporting information such as photographs and plans to illustrate the condition of the property and the extent of the works proposed or why defined studies are required.

Applications will need to address the following:

Demonstrate that the work(s) constitute or will lead to essential conservation, preservation and/or stabilisation of the significant built fabric;

Demonstrate how the works are consistent with the principles of the Burra Charter.

The application must also include a project budget detailing:

- Costing for the project. This includes itemised costs, with quotes for identified tasks/works or estimates from relevant professionals, and where appropriate identifying the difference between maintenance of a heritage outcome and non heritage outcome;
- An estimate of how the grant money will be used (as distinct from other funding available for the project) and owner's contribution;
- Other funding sources if any.

Applications for a Conservation and/or Management Plan need to include 2 quotes from recognised heritage architects for its preparation. A list of appropriate consultants as well as a standard brief is available from the Heritage Council of Western Australia. (www.heritage.wa.gov.au)

Documentation submitted is to a standard that clearly illustrates the work proposed.

The Council recognises that not all places the subject of a Heritage Grant application will meet all of the assessment criteria detailed above. All applications shall be considered on their merits with funding approved for those projects that the Council considers will make the greatest contribution towards the achievement of its heritage conservation objectives.

Post Approval Requirements of Applicant

All successful applicants will be required to enter into a written agreement with the City. This agreement may seek permission from the owner to publicise the grant in various media.

Grants payments shall be made as reimbursements for payment already made and work certified as complete (funds are not provided in advance).

The City may negotiate staged payments at its discretion, however, in such circumstances, a minimum of 25% of the grant amount shall be retained for payment on completion of the project.

Applicants are required to provide the City with evidence of expenditure (receipts for payment) when submitting a claim for payment of their Heritage Grant.

Where a Conservation and/or Management Plan or study of the economic viability of a place is funded, a copy of the document shall be provided to the City of Perth prior to the release of grant funding. The City requires three hard copies and one digital copy.



Applicants that have an Australian Business Number and are registered for the GST are liable to pay GST on any grant received from the City of Perth to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Funding in this situation will receive a “grossed up” amount which includes an additional 10% for GST. (eg \$10,000 grant will become \$11,000). Grant recipients must provide a tax invoice including GST to the City of Perth so that the City can claim the GST component back from the ATO as an input tax credit. Applicants should submit a GST exclusive budget with their application.

Applicants that have an ABN and are not registered for GST are not liable to pay GST to the ATO on any grant received from the City of Perth. Grant recipients will not receive a “grossed up” amount. Applicants should submit a GST inclusive budget with their application.

Applicants that have no ABN are not liable to pay GST on grant money. They should complete a “statement by supplier” form which is available from the ATO. If this is not provided the City of Perth is required to withhold 46.5% of the grant money which is then payable to the ATO. Applicants should submit a GST inclusive budget with their application.

CONTACTS:

Applications can be hand delivered to the City of Perth, Council House, 27 St George's Terrace, Perth, or mail addressed to: City of Perth GPO Box C120, Perth 6839

Application forms are also available on the City of Perth website, at www.perth.wa.gov.au.

For more information please contact the City of Perth Heritage Hotline, on 9461 3333 or email: heritage@cityofperth.wa.gov.au

