

WEDDIN SHIRE COUNCIL

2023/24 Local Heritage Fund Guidelines

1 Local heritage fund purpose

The local heritage fund funds projects:

- for conservation and maintenance works
- to meet Building Code Australia upgrades (fire, services, and access) for ongoing and new uses
- for heritage items and items in conservation areas in the Council Local Environmental Plan.

2 Type of funding available

- Successful applicants can be reimbursed up to a maximum of 50% of the cost of conservation and receipts submitted. Grants applications will be assessed on their merits and in light of the available funds.
- Successful applicants will only be reimbursed when receipts are submitted on completion and a final inspection undertaken.

3 Opening and closing dates for applying for grants from the local heritage fund

- Applications open on 2 June 2023 and **close on Friday 30 June 2023**.
- Applications are called for once every year.

4 Who can apply for grants from the local heritage fund?

All rate payers within the Shire are eligible to apply for assistance. Owners and managers of heritage items or items in a conservation area in the 2011 Local Environmental Plan will be given first priority for grants from the local heritage fund.

You cannot apply for funding if you are a state government agency but may be involved as a project partner.

5 What projects can be funded by the local heritage fund?

Funding is available for heritage items that are:

- listed as heritage items in the 2011 Weddin Local Environmental Plan, or
- included in a conservation area in the Local Environmental Plan, or
- supported by the council's heritage advisor or other heritage specialist as being of heritage significance.



- Structural works that will extend the life of an important building;
- Reconstruction or restoration of the original details of building components such as windows, verandahs and fences;
- Painting in sympathetic colours;
- Repair or replacement of roofing, guttering and drainage; and
- Removal of inappropriate alterations or additions (eg verandah infill, aluminium windows).

6 What projects cannot be funded by the local heritage fund?

Funding will not be available from the local heritage fund for:

- new buildings
- routine maintenance, e.g. lawn mowing, gutter cleaning or carpet cleaning
- projects where adequate funding is available from the applicant or other sources
- new commemorative monuments or works
- the purchase of heritage buildings
- the relocation of buildings or works to relocate buildings
- private headstones, unless there is no possibility of descendent support
- floodlighting of heritage buildings
- the purchase of equipment
- moveable railway heritage items.

7 Agreed funding priorities

Priority will be given to projects that are:

- for heritage item(s) in a well-maintained heritage streetscape or landscape setting
- for heritage item(s) with public access and visibility
- for urgent maintenance works to avert management risks, e.g. severe deterioration, demolition, or demolition by neglect
- for items that are part of a heritage group or a precinct
- fire, service and access upgrades for compliance with the Building Code of Australia
- for ongoing or adaptive reuse of heritage item(s)
- for items that not received council funding support in the last five years

8 Common selection criteria

Funding is targeted to projects:

- with sustainable long-term heritage benefits
- that are for public benefit and enjoyment
- that show innovation and leadership
- where the project partners have the capacity and commitment to undertake the project
- that demonstrate funding equity and cost effectiveness
- the degree of visibility to the public
- the extent of previous funding
- ability to complete the project within an appropriate timeframe
- Evidence of trademens' or suppliers quotes
- Compliance with relevant legislation.

9 Applying for funding

To apply for funding for a project from the council's local heritage fund:

- Read the application form so you know what information you need and if your project fits the types of funding offered.
- Do some background research on your heritage item so you can include all relevant information in your project proposal.
- Prepare a list of project tasks to be completed.
- Get at least two quotes for each of the projects tasks.
- Ensure you have relevant plans and sketches – depending on the size of the project, you may need to include these in your application.
- Take 'before the project' and 'after the project' photographs.
- Talk with your council heritage officer or heritage advisor about your project.

10 Submitting your application

Before you submit your application for funding, you may discuss your project with the Environmental Services Department or Council's Heritage Officer (Susan Jackson-Stepowski).

Email your completed project application with attached digital images and other information mail@weddin.nsw.gov.au or **post** it to – Weddin Shire Council, PO Box 125, GRENFELL 2810

Please **either** email or post your application. Do not do both.

11 Processing your project application

Projects will be assessed and approved by Weddin Shire Council. In assessing your application, the quality and clarity of information provided will be taken into account.

A funding offer and contract will be sent to successful applicants by mid-late July 2023.

On your acceptance of this offer projects may commence work. All projects must be completed and all funding claimed by **3 May 2024** at the latest.

The Weddin Shire Council Local Heritage Fund 2023/24 is a targeted funding program. Projects must meet eligibility criteria, funding priorities and common selection criteria. However, in exceptional circumstances, Weddin Shire Council reserves the right to recommend funding for projects that may not fully meet these requirements

12 Further information

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