

# LOCAL HERITAGE FUND GUIDELINES 2020/2021



## 1. LOCAL HERITAGE FUND PURPOSE

The aim of the Local Heritage Fund is to encourage appropriate conservation work to privately owned heritage properties in the Strathfield Local Government Area.

The Local Heritage Fund supports 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 Strathfield Council Local Environmental Plan 2012.

## 2. FUNDING AVAILABLE

Grants will be awarded to all eligible projects. However, Council only has a small amount of funding available which will be divided evenly amongst all eligible projects. The funds will be in the form of a reimbursement.

### Eligible Projects

- Funding is typically provided to assist the carrying out of works to heritage properties or properties within a Heritage Conservation Area.
- The property must be listed as a “heritage item” or included within a Heritage Conservation Area identified within Strathfield Council’s Local Environmental Plans.
- Council will require evidence that the work represents value for money, contributes to the heritage value of the property and has the required Council approvals.
- Work needs to be carried out in accordance with conservation practice and preferably by a tradesperson experienced in conservation work.

Work must not be completed prior to an application being lodged.

## 3. CLOSING DATE

Current applications close 5pm Friday 27 November 2020.

## 4. WHO CAN APPLY?

All owners and managers of heritage items or items in a conservation area in the Strathfield Local Environmental Plan can apply 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?**

Projects typically funded:

- external painting and building repairs
- replacement roofs, guttering and repair
- termite control
- treatment for rising damp
- replacement and repair of front fences
- landscaping work of heritage or conservation value
- repairs to the interior of a building that are necessary to maintain its heritage integrity
- building work that ensures public safety and prevents structural failure or damage to the heritage fabric.

## **6. WHAT PROJECTS CANNOT BE FUNDED?**

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. MAKING AN APPLICATION**

Fill in the application form making sure that you provide:

- clear evidence that the work has been carried out (“before and after” photos)
- evidence of the total cost of the works, such as receipts or invoices
- evidence that the work has the appropriate approval (if necessary) from Council.

The application form needs to be signed by the owner of the property, and funds will only be provided for the owner.

If there are any queries on a project these should be discussed with an officer from Council.

## **TO LODGE**

Completed application forms with supporting information may be lodged by:

### **Post:**

CEO

Attention: Planning, Environmental and Urban Services – Attn: Specialist Planner – Heritage

Strathfield Council

P.O. Box 120

Strathfield NSW 2135

OR

### **E-mail:**

[council@strathfield.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@strathfield.nsw.gov.au) quoting Application for Local Heritage Fund in the subject line. Attn: Specialist Planner – Heritage.

## **8. PROCESSING YOUR PROJECT APPLICATION**

Please call Council's Specialist Planner - Heritage on 02 9748 9999 to confirm receipt of the application.

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

A funding offer (which may include a contract) will be sent to successful applicants.

The Strathfield Council Local Heritage Fund is a targeted funding program. Projects must meet eligibility criteria.