



LOCAL HERITAGE CONSERVATION GRANTS GUIDELINES



Wattle Range
COUNCIL

ABOUT THE LOCAL HERITAGE CONSERVATION GRANTS

Heritage places enrich people's lives, providing a deep and inspirational sense of connection to community and landscape, to the past and to lived experiences. They are historical records. They are important expressions of our identity and experience. Heritage places reflect the diversity of our communities, telling us about who we are and the past that has formed us and our landscapes. They are irreplaceable and precious.



The Wattle Range community as a whole gain by preserving our built heritage. Heritage buildings require ongoing care and maintenance.

Wattle Range Council has established a Local Heritage Conservation Grant Fund to promote and support the conservation of Local Heritage places. Property owners can apply for a contribution towards the cost of repairing and restoring these places.

To be considered a place or object of local heritage value, it must reflect aspects of our local history and culture.

You can search for listed local heritage places in the South Australian Heritage Register at

www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/heritage/sa-heritage-register

WHAT FUNDING OPTIONS ARE THERE?

The Wattle Range Council Local Heritage Conservation Grant Fund has been established to assist owners of Local Heritage Places (excluding state/local government assets) with conservation work.

Council allocates up to \$15,000 per financial year to the program. Grants of up to \$2,500 may be awarded for conservation work. Up to \$1,500 may be used towards obtaining professional advice from a heritage architect or appropriate contractor. Grants are awarded on a dollar-for-dollar basis unless special circumstances apply.

Application can be made at any time throughout the year.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Applicants must be able to contribute at least 50% of the total cost of the project, unless extenuating circumstances can be demonstrated.
- Works should relate to re-instatement of lost elements or fabric of a historical building where physical or archival evidence is available, such as historical photos or drawings, or remnant site fabric of elements. Conjectural works will only be supported where no prior evidence exists and a heritage consultant is engaged to achieve an authentic and appropriate outcome.
- Payment of grant funding is made after the successful completion of the project by the applicant.
- Council only provides grant funds via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Applicants must provide bank account details in the same name as the applicant. Funding will only be paid to the applicant of the grant.
- All grants must be completed and claimed by 30 June of each financial year.

AM I ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Property owner	✓
Local Heritage Listed Place	✓
Total value of work exceeds \$1,000	✓
Conservation work is to the building exterior*	✓
Work that has been completed or commenced	✗
Property in arrears in their rates or other outstanding debts such as fees or charges to Council	✗
Council and State Government owned buildings	✗
Siteworks such as new fencing except where it is conservation work or reinstatement of original features	✗
Electrical or plumbing work generally will not be supported unless it relates directly to improving the building's structural soundness or public appearance	✗
Repairs to later additions or alterations, landscaping and paving that do not relate to the heritage value of the place	✗
Buildings where emergency work orders have been made by Council	✗
Construction of additions and outbuildings	✗
Properties in a Historic Conservation Policy Area that are not listed as a Local Heritage Place	✗
Native Vegetation Heritage Agreement areas	✗

WHAT IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR GRANT FUNDING?

- State Heritage Places are not eligible for funding. State heritage owners can apply to the State Heritage Fund www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/heritage/heritage-grants
- Council and Government owned buildings are not eligible for funding
- * Funding will generally be considered for actual conservation work to the building exterior only, however internal works to local heritage items where public access is readily available maybe considered
- Funding will not be considered for work already commenced
- Value of conservation work must exceed \$1,000

HOW WILL MY APPLICATION BE ASSESSED?

The first stage is an eligibility check where Council staff will consider your application against the eligibility criteria (see 'Am I eligible to apply?').

If the application meets all eligibility criteria it will proceed to the assessment stage where Council will evaluate how the proposed works fit with the below priority levels. Both the eligibility and assessment stages are undertaken by Council staff. Professional advice from Council's Local Heritage Adviser may also be obtained.

Principle	Priority	Criteria
Major or urgent building work	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Careful repair or restoration of original heritage fabricEmergency work or structural repairs needed to make the heritage place safeAdaptive re-use or economic viabilityRepairs or replacement of roofing, gutters and downpipes
Heritage value of the building	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Retaining, reinforcing and reinstating the heritage significance of the buildingProjects that directly support the building's elements of heritage value
Minor or non-urgent building work	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The proposed works, while eligible are not considered to be as urgent, compared to the higher categories

ACQUITTALS & REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Grant funds will be paid to successful applicants following receipt of a completed Claim Form, accompanied by evidence clearly demonstrating that the project has been completed and funds expended (relevant invoices), a brief report and photographs of completed project (if applicable). If the grant recipient is registered for GST, a tax invoice must accompany the Claim Form to enable the grant to be processed.

Council may consider, on written application, a claim for payment of grant funds for projects which are not fully completed by the claim deadline date.

Payment will not be made for a completed project which is not the project detailed in the grant application.

Claims for payments of grant funds must be submitted to Council by the grant claim deadline as advised to the successful grant recipient, or the grant may be forfeited.

Council may consider, on written application, a request to extend the claim past the 30 June deadline for payment of grant funds for projects not fully completed, subject to the applicant not being eligible to apply for any grants in the following financial year.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Completed applications can be submitted by email to council@wattlerange.sa.gov.au, by post to PO Box 27, MILLICENT SA 5280 or in person at any Wattle Range Council office.

For enquiries contact 08 8733 0900