

CBD & Heritage Assistance Fund

Aim of Fund

The Shire of Northam is committed to a strong and vibrant central business district. With this in mind Council is looking at activation and streetscape opportunities to enhance the presentation and recognition of our heritage within the CBD.

The CBD & Heritage Assistance Fund aims to provide funding support to individuals, community groups and organisations in their endeavors to maintain properties within the CBD and / or properties of heritage significance in the Shire of Northam.

Funding Available

Property owners or grant applicants are expected to contribute financially to the cost of the project for which they are applying on a dollar for dollar basis. Accordingly, each application can seek funding of up to 50 per cent of the total cost of the project, with the maximum grant per application being \$20,000.

Properties Eligible for Assistance

All owners of heritage properties listed within the designated Heritage Policy Area (as may be endorsed from time to time) and property owners within the designated Central Business District are eligible to apply for funds.

Public owned properties are not eligible for funding.

Eligible Projects.

Eligible projects may include:

- Re-roofing
- Masonry repairs
- New guttering
- Painting of façade using appropriate colours
- Timber repair in window sills, verandah floors and facades.
- Reinstatement of lost features, such as verandahs, pergolas or wooden sash windows
- A new front fence in an appropriate style.


Non-Eligible Projects

The following work is not eligible for funding:

- Works that require planning approval that have not been granted a permit at the time of grant application
- New additions or extensions (unless they are a reconstruction of an original element)
- Internal works
- Works that have already been completed or started prior to application for a grant
- Labour by the owner or applicant of the project.

Please note: a property may only receive one grant per financial year. Council reserves the right to grant a lesser amount than that which was applied for.

How to Apply

Complete and return the  [Heritage Assistance Fund Application Form \(30.91kB\)](#).

Include proof of \$10 million public liability insurance (usually part of your home and contents insurance)

Include copies of at least two quotes for the project to provide an indication of the value of the works proposed

Provide plans, diagrams or a written description of the proposed works

Include photographs of the part of the building covered by the application

Submit application to Council's Strategic Planning Unit (address details listed on the application form).

Assessment of Applications

Each application for funding will be evaluated, with priority given to projects that:

- In the case of a Heritage Building involve urgent works that prevent loss of significant fabric (e.g. structure stabilisation, prevention of water ingress, roof repairs, gutters)
- Reconstruct original detail (e.g. removing paint from originally unpainted surfaces, reinstating an original verandah)
- Involve works to the main significant building, rather than works to ancillary structures (e.g. fence or shed)
- Enhance the appearance of the property from the street.
- Are located along Fitzgerald Street (or in close proximity thereto)
- Proposals to address the rear of buildings to address Minson Avenue

Priority will also be given to properties that have not previously received funding.

As part of the evaluation, a site inspection of all properties will be undertaken.

Timing and Funding of Projects

A total of \$80,000 has been allocated to the Shire of Northam CBD and Heritage Enhancement Fund for the 2015/2016 financial year. Applications will be received by Council at any time and will be assessed as required.

Monies granted are paid on the completion of works.


Please note that funding is not provided upfront.

Funding Conditions

Funding may be revoked at any time due to unsatisfactory work, failure to meet the May 2014 deadline, misleading or false disclosure of information, non-disclosure, or misuse of funds by the recipient.

It is a condition of funding that the owner agrees:

- To use the funding only to carry out the works listed in the approved project
- To obtain all necessary approvals or permits prior to carrying out the works
- To allow Council to use video, photographs or details of the works in its heritage promotional material.

For more information, download  [Shire of Northam CBD & Heritage Assistance Fund Claim Form \(35.29kB\)](#).

Further Information

Should you have any queries regarding the fund, please call _____