



CBD & HERITAGE ASSISTANCE FUND

Aim of Fund

The Shire of Northam recognises the need to encourage and assist the maintenance and enhancement of commercial properties within the Northam CBD and heritage properties.

The CBD & heritage Assistance Fund aims to provide funding support to individuals, community groups and organisations in their endeavours 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 or occupiers of heritage properties listed in the Municipal Heritage Inventory 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 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 and 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 [Shire of Northam Heritage Assistance Fund Form](#).
- 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 and/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 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 2019/20 priority will be given to the enhancement of the CBD properties along Fitzgerald street, notwithstanding that other submission will be considered
- In the case of 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.
- 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 \$50,000 has been allocated to the Shire of Northam CBD and Heritage Enhancement Fund for the 2019/2020 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 agreed 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 Heritage Assistance Fund Form](#)

Further Information

Should you have any queries regarding the fund, please call Chadd Hunt, Executive Manager Development Services, 9622 6100