

RYDE LOCAL HERITAGE ASSISTANCE FUND 2021

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The *Ryde Local Heritage Assistance Fund* has been established by the City of Ryde and is managed with the assistance of Council's Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC).

1.0 Aim of the Funding Program

The aim of the *Ryde Local Heritage Assistance Fund* is to encourage the conservation of **Heritage Items** in the City of Ryde.

The program provides funding to assist property owners in restoring and conserving their heritage listed properties. In the process, it is anticipated that this will stimulate greater interest for the conservation for all Heritage Items within the area.

2.0 Application Closing Date

Applications will be received until 7 April 2021.

3.0 Who Can Apply?

Owners of residential heritage listed items and properties identified as Contributory Items in Heritage Conservation Areas in the City of Ryde are invited to apply.

Unfortunately, due to the limited funds available, Local, State or Federal Government agencies, educational establishments or ecclesiastical groups are ineligible to apply for financial assistance.

It is essential that a comprehensive application is prepared, addressing the selection criteria because of the limited funds available.

Preference is given to applicants who have not received funding through the Ryde Local Heritage Assistance Fund in the last 3 years.

Council's Heritage Advisor can be contacted for assistance on preparing the application or for further advice.

4.0 Eligibility Criteria

- a) All works must involve the conservation or restoration of a residential heritage item, listed on Schedule 5 of the *Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014* and/or identified as a Contributory Item in a Heritage Conservation Area.
- b) All works must demonstrate compliance with the provisions of *Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014*, specifically, clause 5.10 *Heritage Conservation*.
- c) The works are undertaken in accordance with a development consent or heritage exemption; or involve minor maintenance works or repairs that do not require any formal approval or exemption from Council.

- d) All works must be completed (and paid) and tax invoices submitted with the grant application ((including Conservation Management Plans and Heritage Impact Statements).
- e) The works are undertaken in accordance with a development consent or heritage exemption; or involve minor maintenance works or repairs that do not require any formal approval or exemption from Council.
- f) All works must have been completed within the past 12 months by qualified tradesmen who have demonstrated skills and experience in dealing with heritage fabric.
- g) The invoices for the completed works must be submitted with the application. Grants will be paid to the owner of the heritage item – not to the contractor.
- h) All works must be undertaken in accordance with good heritage conservation practices and methodology (refer to the guidelines and publications available from the Heritage Division – Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) [www.environment.nsw.gov.au])
- i) The Ryde Local Heritage Assistance Fund can also contribute to the preparation of:
 - A Conservation Management Plan (CMP) prepared prior to lodging a Development Application (DA). The CMP must be prepared in accordance with NSW Heritage Council guidelines.
 - A Heritage Impact Statement (HIS) prepared prior to lodging a Development Application (DA) in accordance with NSW Heritage Council guidelines.

5.0 Examples of Eligible Projects

- The repair or reinstatement of original or missing elements, fabric or detailing on heritage buildings or structures, e.g. bargeboards, windows, verandahs, roofs, decorative details, fences.
- The reinstatement of traditional colour schemes that are based on either paint scrapings or documentary evidence.
- Repainting with the introduction of a new period and stylistically appropriate colour scheme.
- Preparation of a Conservation Management Plan, Conservation Management Strategy or Archaeological Management Plan, prepared by a qualified heritage consultant or Archaeologist (in accordance with the NSW Heritage Council guidelines).
- Remedial works to rectify structural defects.
- The repair of an original fence or the construction of a new fence to match the original or the construction of a new fence that is period and stylistically appropriate to the heritage item or conservation area.



- Historic garden conservation including reinstatement or repair of retaining walls, re-establishment of historic garden features or layout.
- Maintenance including painting, roof and guttering repair to ensure the longevity of the item.

6.0 Projects Not Funded

Funding will generally **not** be provided for the following projects:

- Construction of a new building.
- New extensions and additions to a heritage item including new kitchens and bathrooms, unless it involves the reconstruction or reinstatement of a missing element that will enhance the ability to appreciate and interpret the significance of the heritage item.
- Routine / cyclical maintenance (e.g. garden maintenance, gutter cleaning, carpet cleaning).
- Where financial assistance is reasonably available from another source or has previously been provided from this funding scheme.
- Works that have been completed without first obtaining development consent (if this is a requirement for the works).
- Works on non-contributory houses within Heritage Conservation Areas or within Character Areas.
- Relocation of a heritage item or work to a relocated building.

7.0 Assessment Criteria

All applications will be reviewed by Council's Heritage Advisor and Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC) to assess their suitability for funding.

The following are the key criteria that will be considered by the City of Ryde in assessing all applications:

- a) The works enhance the identified heritage values and significance of the item and will provide for the continued or improved ability to interpret and appreciate the significance of the heritage item.
- b) The procedures and methodology for the work is consistent with good conservation practice.
- c) The project complements broader conservation objectives such as the implementation of key recommendations from a heritage study or Conservation Management Plan.
- d) The visibility of the work from the street e.g. the replacement of a highly visible element such as a front verandah, fenestration detailing or boundary fencing.



- e) The appropriateness of the proposal i.e. the provenance of new elements to the heritage item. Reinstatement of missing fabric is not based on conjecture, but that there exists cogent evidence to support and inform the reconstruction or reinstatement of fabric or elements.
- f) The works were undertaken to reduce deterioration on the fabric of a heritage item.
- g) The urgency and nature of the work/s (particularly to rectify structural defects and remedial repairs).
- h) The clear demonstration and quality of the information/documentation submitted in support of the application.
- i) The works must have been completed within the past 12 months. All completed works and have been paid (with evidence of tax invoices) prior to applying.
- j) Whether the applicant has previously received heritage funding from this program within the last 3 years.

8.0 Level of Funding Available

A maximum of up to \$15,000 is available per heritage item or contributory item in a Heritage Conservation Area.

The amount of funding will be determined on a merit basis and subject to compliance with the eligibility criteria.