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OBJECTIVE:

To provide financial assistance to the owners of properties within the Lithgow, Wallerawang and Portland CBDs, to assist in the restoration of the external facade of their premises to enhance the town centre precincts.

POLICY:

The Facade Restoration Program provides financial assistance to the eligible owners of properties within the CBD areas of Lithgow, Wallerawang and Portland to assist in the restoration of building facades.

Extent of the Program

The program applies to all commercial properties:

- In Main St Lithgow, from the intersection of Lithgow and Main Sts to the intersection of Bridge and Main Sts, business rated properties in Railway Pde Lithgow and Mort St, Lithgow,
- Main St Wallerawang from the Black Bridge to the Railway Station; and
- Wolgan St Portland from Wallerawang Rd to Williewa St.

Eligible works for funding:

Consideration will be given to funding works for; repair, maintenance, or reinstatement of traditional windows, awnings or decoration as well as reinstatement of colour schemes.

Works not eligible for funding:

Works that will not be funded would include; additions or alterations, internal decoration and the construction of new buildings.

Development Approval Requirements:

A Development Application needs to be submitted to Council if the works are identified as a heritage item or if works include structural alteration, demolition or construction of new building elements.

Allocation and Matching Contributions

Funds are allocated to successful applicants on a dollar for dollar basis following completion and inspection of preapproved works by Council, to a maximum of \$2,500. Council will cap its total expenditure as per the budget allocation in its annual Operational Plan. No further projects will be funded in any year if total funds have been exhausted.

Projects are ineligible for retrospective funding and applications for premises that have received funding in the preceding 5 years will not be considered.

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Application Process

To be considered for the project a formal application must be submitted to Council detailing the project, description of the colours or materials to be used, written quotations from suppliers or licensed tradesperson, a timeframe of when the work will be undertaken and written owners consent if applicable.

Projects that receive support from Councils Heritage Advisor will generally be highly regarded depending on funding availability.

If the project is successful formal written advice will be provided by Council and payment will be made after satisfactory completion and inspection of the works and upon the supply of a valid GST Tax invoice supplied by the applicant.

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