

Lithgow Local Heritage Grants 2022 - Stage 2 Guidelines

Background

Lithgow City Council, with financial assistance from the NSW Heritage Division, are offering small grants to property owners to undertake minor conservation works on heritage listed buildings within the Lithgow Local Government Area. The aim of the fund is to incentivise small but meaningful works to increase the profile of the Lithgow LGA's built heritage.

How Much Funding is Available?

There is a total of \$10,000 in grant funding allocated for stage 2. NSW Heritage Division and Lithgow City Council equally contributed \$5,000 to the total fund.

Applications for eligible projects can be made on a per property basis for a dollar-for-dollar contribution from \$500 to \$2,000 (i.e., a grant can apply for up to \$2,000 if the quoted work(s) are estimated at \$4,000).

Who Can Apply for a Grant?

For stage 2 of the grant program, funding will only be available for works undertaken on a heritage item as identified in Schedule 5 of the Lithgow Local Environmental Plan 2014. To find out if your property is listed as a heritage item (local or state), please use the following steps:

- Visit the NSW ePlanning Spatial Viewer (You can use the link to the webpage [here](#)).
- In the box to the left of the screen, find and click on the heading Principal Planning Layers.
- Open the Heritage Tab and click on the box next to 'Heritage Map'.
- Type in your residential address in the top-left box i.e., 180 Mort Street Lithgow 2790.

You may need to give the website a moment to load the data.

Once the map has fully rendered, if there is a brown box over your property, you may be eligible for funding under the grant program.

Assessment Criteria

Council will give the following factors higher regard when assessing the grant:

- The item is listed as a heritage item under Schedule 5 of the Lithgow Local Environmental Plan 2014.
- The project demonstrates the ability that the works described in the application can be completed by the 1 March 2023.
- The project is visible from the public realm e.g., fixing an awning along Main Street.
- The project has high public accessibility or use e.g., a local church, museum, or hall.
- The urgency of a project to protect a heritage item.
- The project has a demonstrated ability to encourage further heritage conservation efforts.
- The project demonstrates multi-disciplinary benefits for the public (i.e., safety, legibility, accessibility etc).
- The wider community impact of an item(s) heritage value.
- The intention of the works is to restore a heritage item(s) original significance.

Council reserves the right to consider any application on its merits.

What Projects Can Be Funded?

Stage 2 of the Lithgow Local Heritage Grants are available for projects that focus on external maintenance works that are essential to the preservation of buildings/places. Priority will be given to works that do not require a Development Application to be lodged with Council.

An example of such projects that are encouraged to apply include:

- Repainting older buildings, including houses.
- Repairing walls, verandahs, windows, or roof plumbing on older buildings.
- Repairing historic fences.
- Repairing and conserving older buildings, historic remnants, or grave sites.

A more detailed list of works that don't require development consent can be found in Chapter 4 - Section 4.2.2 of the Lithgow Development Control Plan 2021.

The types of works that don't require a development application to be lodged with Council are identified in either Clause 5.10(3) of the Lithgow Local Environmental Plan 2014 or within the Exempt and Complying Codes SEPP 2008.

It is a requirement of Clause 5.10(3)(a) of the Lithgow Local Environmental Plan 2014 that any works that is proposed to be done under this clause notify Council prior to any work being carried out to ensure that the work is:

- a) of a minor nature and;
- b) would not adversely affect the heritage significance of the heritage conservation area.

You will need to write to Council to seek an exemption from submitting a Development Application **PRIOR** to submitting your grant application.

In your request to Council for an exemption under Clause 5.10(3), you will need to provide the following:

- a) The address of the property; and

- b) The scope of the works being applied for in as much detail as possible; and
- c) How your proposed works will not adversely affect the heritage significance of the item

Filling out the Form

The *Lithgow Local Heritage Grant Application Form* must be filled out online with **all** relevant documentation attached and submitted by **2nd DECEMBER 2022**. If you need help with submitting the application form, please contact Council on 02 63549999.

When submitting the application form, please send the email to Council@lithgow.nsw.gov.au and put '**Lithgow Local Heritage Grants Application**' in the subject line.

Council will not consider any applications that have not been fully completed or submitted past the due date.