

Heritage Buildings/ items Grants Policy

Council will make provision in its annual budget for funds for the disbursement of heritage grants which shall be allocated annually in or about August of each year. The maximum individual grant from this source shall be no greater than 50% of the estimated cost of the approved project and in any event shall be no more than \$7,000. Council will hold in reserve an amount to be determined from time to time to address requests for emergency funding made at other times of the year.

The Council will make grants in respect of applications which comply with the following criteria:

1. Projects which relate to heritage buildings/ items that are scheduled Category A in the Operative District Plan, Group A or Group B in the Proposed District Planⁱ.
2. Projects which provide for specialised maintenance such as replacing matching cladding or replacing matching windows or other fittings in order to retain the heritage state of the item.
3. Projects which have provided a full project plan and financial statements (including copies of work schedule and quotes).
4. Projects that are on private land (not owned by the Council) unless a Heritage building/ item on Council land is managed by a Community group or organisation.

Considerations

Council will consider the following:

1. The relative heritage value of the scheduled heritage item in the District Plan.
2. The contribution that the proposed work will make to the conservation of the scheduled heritage item.
3. The urgency of the work.
4. The availability of Council funds.
5. Other sources of funding available to the applicant.
6. The amount of any previous assistance.
7. Voluntary input.
8. Accessibility of the heritage item to the general public.
9. Such other matters Council considers relevant.

Council will not fund

1. Retrospective works unless it is as a result of the Canterbury earthquakes and applications are invited for repairs to buildings damaged by the earthquakes.
2. Applicants that have not returned their accountability form from previous funding.
3. Applicants that have not provided appropriate financial information.
4. General maintenance such as re-painting.

General —

Council requires applicants to provide formal certification / receipt of work completed.

Council recognises there may be occasions when an application would appear not to fit the above criteria; however this would not necessarily preclude it from consideration on its merit."

ⁱ Heritage buildings/ items identified in the Proposed District Plan that a submission has been received on shall not be considered for grant funding until such time that any submissions are resolved and there are no appeals outstanding.
