



# HERITAGE HOME GRANTS

*For Heritage Items and Contributory Places in Heritage Conservation Areas*

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## 1. Purpose

Ku-ring-gai's Heritage Home Grants assist and encourage owners to conserve their heritage places, primarily through repairs and restoration.

## 2. Properties funded

Funding is available for the following heritage listed properties:

- Heritage items identified in Ku-ring-gai Local Environmental Plan 2015;
- Contributory heritage properties within heritage conservation areas identified in Ku-ring-gai Development Control Plan 2015

## 3. Funding available

Funding is allocated on a dollar-for-dollar basis for a minimum of \$1,000 to a maximum of \$5,000. This means if the maximum funding was granted, Council would contribute \$5,000 and the applicant \$5,000.

## 4. Who can apply

Owners and recognised managers of the above listed properties may apply. Owner consent must be granted for the application to proceed.

## 5. When to apply

Applications for the annual grants open in **March** and close in **May** for works to commence and complete in the next financial year.

## 6. Eligible projects

Funding is available for projects that protect or improve the heritage significance of listed buildings and public appreciation for their heritage value. These projects include:

- Approved conservation works, including restoring or reinstating original and significant features
- Repair of original and significant fabric
- Conservation management plans in limited circumstances described below

This can include works to the roof, building structure, verandah, windows, façade brickwork, fence or other significant listed features.

Painting in historically appropriate colours is eligible for:

- Timberwork or other significant building material, where needed to prevent fabric deterioration
- Other materials if restoring an original or historically appropriate colour scheme or finish
- Removing paint to restore the original unpainted finish

## 7. Eligible conservation management plans

Funding is available for conservation management plans or strategies where needed to understand and conserve the significance of heritage items, unrelated to major development or planning change, for all of the following circumstances:

- Intact places listed as heritage items;
- No or limited existing item research and heritage assessment, such as in the heritage inventory;
- No major development application or planning proposal approved or in progress for the item;
- The plan or strategy does not support major redevelopment or planning change;
- The plan or strategy will assess and provide policies to conserve the significance of the full item, including interiors, landscape and setting; and
- The plan or strategy is prepared in accordance with NSW Heritage Council and Burra Charter standards, as approved by Council on completion.

## 8. Ineligible projects

The following types of projects are not funded:

- Development of new buildings or modern additions, such as new kitchens and bathrooms
- Purchase of heritage buildings or equipment
- Routine maintenance, such as lawn mowing, gutter cleaning or carpet cleaning
- Repainting with contemporary colour schemes
- Landscape works, other than for fences or other significant features
- Private headstones, unless there is no possibility of descendent support
- Floodlighting buildings
- Relocation of buildings or associated works
- Moveable railway heritage items
- New commemorative monuments or works
- Documentation for a development application or planning proposal, such as impact statements
- Works that do not enhance heritage significance of the place
- Works already commenced or completed
- Properties that received a Heritage Home Grant funds in the previous 5 years

## 9. Funding priorities

Priority will be given to projects with greatest conservation benefit. This includes projects that are:

- Necessary to avert damage or risks for significant building fabric, such as water ingress
- Necessary fire, access or other upgrades for ongoing use of the building
- In locations of high public access or visibility, such as church, hall, street frontage
- Beneficial for promoting public appreciation for the heritage value of the place
- Beneficial for encouraging others to undertake similar conservation works
- Within a group, precinct or streetscape of heritage buildings
- Capable of completion within the financial year

## 10. How to apply

Complete the application form at <https://www.krg.nsw.gov.au/Planning-and-development/Heritage/Heritage-home-grants>. Attach the following:

- Quotations for the proposed work (two required)
- Photographs of existing structures
- Samples of finished materials/colours
- Plans/sketches of the proposed works (if required)

## 11. Submitting your application

Submit your completed application form and attachments by email or post to:

Email: [heritagehomegrants@kmc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:heritagehomegrants@kmc.nsw.gov.au)  
Ku-ring-gai Council  
Locked Bag 1006  
Gordon NSW 2072

## 12. Assessing your application

- Council takes into account the quality and clarity of information provided in your application.
- Council's Heritage Reference Committee will consider all eligible applications.
- Projects must meet eligibility criteria and funding priorities. However, in exceptional circumstances, Ku-ring-gai Council reserves the right to approve funding for projects that may not fully meet these requirements.
- Ku-ring-gai Council will advise applicants of the outcome by **31 July**.

## 13. Approved grants

- Council will send a funding offer letter and form to successful applicants.
- This offer sets out the requirements, conditions and timing for claiming the grant.
- When applicants accept the offer by signing and returning the form, the grant is activated.
- Council provides grant funding by reimbursement following project completion.
- Approved projects must be completed and payment claimed by **30 May**. This is to ensure grants are paid before they expire at the financial year end of 31 July.
- Council approves grant payments based on submitted receipts and heritage specialist staff inspection or review of satisfactory completed works.