

Policy: LOCAL HERITAGE GRANTS

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Division: Planning

Responsible Officer: Community Planner

1. OBJECTIVE

The objective of this policy is to provide a basis for the operation of Council's Local Heritage Grants Program.

2. DEFINITION

A Local Heritage Grant is a financial contribution towards the costs of a project which has been approved for funding via the selection criteria and processes of Council's Local Heritage Grants Program.

3. POLICY PROVISIONS

Grants made under the Local Heritage Grants Program must be for projects which:

- Contribute to the achievement of Strategy CO4 of the Regional Community Strategic Plan 2016-36: i.e. *Recognise and celebrate our diverse cultural identities and protect and maintain our community's ... built heritage;*
- Seek to conserve a Heritage Item;
- Contribute to the maintenance of a Heritage Conservation Area; and/or
- Contribute to community knowledge about, and the promotion of positive attitudes towards, local heritage.

There is an upper limit of \$4,000 for each Local Heritage Grant and in each case the grant must not total more than 50 per cent of the cost of the project or initiative.

In addition, one Local Heritage Grant of up to \$2,000 will be annually available for a project managed by a recipient of the Age Pension. This grant may not be combined with any other grant but does not require a funding contribution from the project manager.

Applications for Local Heritage Grants must be made to Council by the annually specified due date.

4. ELIGIBILITY

Landowners and community organisations and groups which are incorporated associations based in the Yass Valley Local Government Area and which are managing:

- Listed Heritage Items located in the Yass Valley; or
- Heritage Conservation Areas in the Yass Valley (see Schedule 5 *Yass Valley Local Environmental Plan 2013*) are eligible to

apply for Local Heritage Grants.

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If projects which are the subject of grant applications require Development Consent or approval under the *Local Government Act 1993*, the Consent or approval must have been granted prior to the application being lodged.

A discussion with the Heritage Advisor prior to submitting the grant application will be a consideration in determining funding.

Grants are not available for the retrospective financing of projects however, in exceptional circumstances payment in arrears may be considered for priorities not awarded in the first round.

Landowners, organisations and groups which have not satisfied the conditions of previous grants are not eligible to apply for further grants.

5. ASSESSMENT OF APPLICATIONS

Applications will be assessed and ranked on the basis of:

- Clear articulation of:
 - ☐ The objective of the project or initiative
 - ☐ Its design characteristics
 - ☐ Its implementation steps
 - ☐ How it will contribute to the achievement of the relevant CSP objective/s ☐
- Clear specification of a budget relating to each element of the project or initiative.
- The demonstrated capacity of the applying organisation, group or landowner to successfully undertake the project or initiative
- Whether there is an alternative source of funds

Applications will be assessed by panels appointed by Council.

Council's program of Local Heritage Grants is dependent upon funding being received from the Office of Environment & Heritage and the grant awarded to any applying landowner, organisation or group will reflect the availability of funds.

6. CONDITIONS OF FUNDING

Local Heritage Grants must be expended on the relevant projects and initiatives in the financial year that they are received and an acquittal report lodged with Council.

7. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

Regional Community Strategic Plan 2016-2036

Schedule 5 *Yass Valley Local Environment Plan 2013*

Yass Valley Heritage Strategy 2017-20

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8. POLICY REVIEW

Review of this policy will take account of relevant legislation and State Government policies, best practice guidelines and Council plans and priorities.

The policy will be reviewed following a general election of Council and the Director Planning is responsible for arranging completion of the review.

9. HISTORY

<i>EMT Review Date</i>	<i>Report to Council</i>	<i>Minute No.</i>	<i>Exhibition Period</i>	<i>Adoption</i>	<i>Rescission Date</i>
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