

NORTHERN TERRITORY HERITAGE GRANT PROGRAM 2009/2010 INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES

Outline of Grants Program

The primary purpose of the Grants Program is to encourage appropriate conservation work to privately-owned heritage places.

Priority is therefore given to applications to undertake **physical conservation work to and/or interpretation of** places that are listed on the NT Heritage Register under the terms of the NT *Heritage Conservation Act* 1991 or are otherwise protected by the Act.

Consideration will also be given to applications to carry out work on significant places and objects which are not declared heritage places under the *Heritage Conservation Act* 1991.

The *Heritage Conservation Act* 1991 is broad ranging in its scope and encompasses natural and cultural heritage, including Aboriginal heritage. Therefore places that might be considered for a grant include places of cultural significance such as buildings, structures, townscapes, Aboriginal archaeological sites, places of social significance and examples of the Territory's underwater cultural heritage such as shipwrecks and submerged plane wrecks. Places of natural significance may include flora, fauna and geological sites.

Applications will also be considered for **research, documentation and promotional** projects, but such projects must have a tangible outcome and must be related to a significant place or object which comes within the scope of the *Heritage Conservation Act* 1991.

Project Categories and eligibility

Physical conservation work should be carried out in accordance with the principles of the Burra Charter, and may include one or more of the following types of work as defined in the Charter: preservation, maintenance, restoration, reconstruction and interpretation.

Research and documentation projects must relate directly to a place or object and may involve:

- historical research
- recording or mapping
- preparation of a conservation and/or management plan

Promotional projects must also relate to a place or object, and may include publication of promotional material

Grants will not be given for purchases of capital items, travel or administrative expenses.

Available funds

A total of \$200,000 worth of funding is available each year. There is no strict upper limit on the amount of money that can be applied for, but applicants need to keep in mind that there are a great many applicants every year and that the Program aims to provide assistance to as many projects as possible. Therefore modest applications for say a few thousand dollars will be looked on favourably. The maximum amount likely to be given to an applicant in any given year would be say \$30,000.

If you have a large project in mind, you are encouraged to consider staging the project, limiting each stage to around \$20-30,000 worth of work per year.

Eligible Grant Recipients

The Grants Program is available to any private individual, and to any non-profit organisation or community group, including Aboriginal organisations.

Grant Requirements

Applicants will be required to:

- carry out all conservation work in accordance with the principles outlined in the Australia ICOMOS Charter for the Conservation of Places of Cultural Significance ("Burra Charter");
- accept the recommendations of the Heritage Advisory Council in respect to the selection of consultants and contractors;
- permit the Heritage Advisory Council or its representatives, to inspect work in progress and certify that the work has been carried out to a appropriate standard;
- complete the work within a specified period; and
- provide a financial acquittal certifying that all funds received have been expended on the project as specified in their application.

Applications

Completed application forms must be signed by the person who has been nominated as responsible for the financial accountability and implementation of your project.

Closing date for the 2009/2010 NT Heritage Grant Program is 1 May 2009

Assessment

Applications are assessed by the Northern Territory Heritage Advisory Council who provide advice to the Minister for Natural Resources, Environment and Heritage for his or her consideration.

The following general matters will be considered by the Heritage Advisory Council when assessing applications to the Grants Program.

- Whether there is a tangible outcome;
- What the applicant is contributing to the work;

- Whether the applicant has previously received funding through NTHGP;
- Whether funding is available from other sources;
- The capacity of the applicant to complete the project successfully within a reasonable time frame (preferably within 12 months);
- Whether it is vital for all of the funds requested to be provided, or whether it is possible for a lesser amount to be given, whilst still producing an appropriate outcome; and
- Whether there are other funding avenues available which may be more appropriate?

The following additional matters will be considered in relation to physical conservation work:

- Whether the place or object is a declared heritage place or object registered on the Northern Territory Heritage Register – if not, whether it has been nominated to the Register;
- Whether the work is necessary;
- Whether the work is urgent;
- Whether there is a Conservation and Management Plan or Conservation Study in place and if so whether the proposed work is in accordance with such a document; and
- Whether the work is routine maintenance for which the owner should be responsible.

Enquiries

Applicants are strongly urged to discuss applications prior to submitting them with staff from the Heritage Branch. This will maximise the chance of receiving funding.

Enquires should be directed to:

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Application Form

The current 2009/2010 Northern Territory Heritage Grant Application Form is available at <http://www.nt.gov.au/nreta/heritage/grants/apply.html>