



Frequently Asked Questions Restoration and Rehabilitation grants

Applying for the Heritage funding stream

Restoration and Rehabilitation projects work to prevent or reduce environmental degradation, and improve the capacity of communities and organisations to protect, restore and enhance the environment.

How do I improve my chances of successfully applying for a grant?

Align your project's objectives to the program's assessment criteria

Make sure that the outcomes you identify align with assessment criteria in the [Restoration and Rehabilitation](#) Program Guidelines. Restoration and Rehabilitation projects protect, restore and enhance the environment. Will your project deliver beneficial outcomes for natural environment?

Present a clear project proposal

Clearly articulate what your project aims to achieve. What outcomes will you deliver and how? What will success look like? How will you measure your success? A sample project plan is provided for you in the [Restoration and Rehabilitation](#) How to Complete the Application form advice,

How are applications assessed? What are assessors looking for?

All applications are assessed against set criteria (found in the program guidelines)

Keep the assessment criteria in mind when you answer questions. Like a job application, you need to demonstrate why your project is worthy of a grant, and why the assessors should choose yours ahead of other applications.

Read the program guidelines for information on activities that will be funded, and what activities are ineligible. Craft your project plan accordingly. Applications requesting funds for works on buildings or amenities will not be funded.

Put the natural environment at the centre of your project

Think about the natural environmental outcomes you want to achieve, and what resources you will need to do that. The outcomes you are aiming for should drive the budget, not the other way around. The Restoration and Rehabilitation Program is all about delivering beneficial outcomes for the natural environment. How will you do that on your State Heritage Listed site?

Who is eligible to apply?

See the program guidelines for a detailed list of organisations that are eligible to apply. The Trust will not fund applications from individuals or profit making organisations.

My project idea includes works on State Heritage Register-listed buildings or other infrastructure. Where can I source funding?

Applications under the Restoration & Rehabilitation program must only include works which protect, restore and enhance the natural environment on heritage listed sites. The [NSW Heritage Grants program](#) exists to fund works which conserve, restore and reuse buildings and/or other infrastructure on heritage properties.

How much time do I need to develop an application?

Allow enough time to ensure that you have everyone on board

Your project needs to deliver strong ecological outcomes. You'll need input from experts to apply the right environmental management strategies for conditions on your site. Ensure that you have the support of community groups you will be working with, and that all parties have the same understanding of what they will be contributing to your project.

What else should I think about?

Demonstrate that you will be a good project manager

In a competitive grants process, it's essential to demonstrate what makes you a good project manager. What experts will you be working with? Have you addressed all the assessment criteria?

Remember that enhancing the condition of your site is a benefit that the program aims to provide, but the ultimate aim is to protect, restore and enhance the natural environment. How will you do that on your site?