



SEISMIC STRENGTHENING FUND

Purpose

This fund offers financial assistance towards seismic upgrades to the 21 individual buildings identified as priority heritage resources within the *2019 Invercargill City Centre Heritage Strategy*.

Funding is currently available for four annual funding rounds, starting with the 2019/2020 financial year. Total annual funding available is \$50,000.

Funding is available for two categories of work:

i. Professional advice

- ISA comprehensive or DSA
- Conservation reports, plans and specifications
- Structural engineering plans

ii. Strengthening works

- Provision, fitting and fixing of all materials for the structural strengthening works, including labour and equipment
- Associated preliminary and general costs, materials and for carrying out the structural strengthening works

Details

Funding applications (including supporting documents) must be made before work commences and the project must be completed within 12 months of funding approval.

Grants will typically be a percentage of work to a specific dollar value, or covering a specific component of work. Applicants are expected to demonstrate a significant level of their own contribution to the project with matching funds.

Grants are not available for works already undertaken.

Grants are not paid until the work is complete, has been reviewed by Council staff, and a report has been provided to Council documenting proof of paid invoices, receipts, and photographic evidence of completed work if applicable. However, in exceptional circumstances progress payments may be made upon receipt of paid invoices.

Application Process

The application deadline is **October 30, 2020**. We encourage you to get in contact early, even if you are not ready to submit your application, as we anticipate there will be a strong demand for the funding. All applications will be acknowledged within five working days of receipt.

Applications will be checked to ensure they have been completed correctly and sufficient detail has been provided. Where applications are considered incomplete or deficient, they will be returned to the applicant for further information or clarification, and the applicant will be given a set period of time to respond.

An on-site meeting may be required prior to considering the application.

The City Centre Heritage Steering Group will consider applications in mid-November 2020. Successful applicants will be notified within five working days of the decision.

How will successful applications be selected?

Funding will be prioritised by the following criteria:

- The heritage values that will be protected by the project
- The availability of other funding sources (i.e. Heritage EQUIP for private owners)
- Contribution to the re-use of buildings



- The likely benefits/outcomes of the projects, including community benefits
- The visibility of the project and public accessibility
- Evidence of significant capital investment by the owner
- The degree to which the project exhibits sound heritage management planning (i.e. input from a qualified heritage professional)

- d) Information supplied as part of this application may be made publicly available, and if successful, may be used for publicity purposes.
- e) Retrospective applications will not be considered.

Please note: Additional conditions may be imposed at the discretion of the Invercargill City Centre Heritage Steering Group.

How to Apply

Applications from tenants must have written approval and support from the building owner.

Any applicable consents must be obtained before application for funding can be considered.

Any applicable correspondence with Heritage New Zealand must have taken place before application for funding can be considered.

One application per property will be considered each funding round.

There are separate applications for the two categories.

Completed application forms (including supporting documents) can be:

Emailed to: **heritage@icc.govt.nz**

Posted to: **Invercargill City Council
Heritage Funding – Attention Shannon Baxter
Private Bag 90104
Invercargill 9840**

Delivered to: **Helpdesk
Invercargill City Council
101 Esk Street
Invercargill**

If you have any questions, please contact Council's Urban Design and Heritage Planner, **Shannon Baxter**, at **heritage@icc.govt.nz** or **03 211 1777**.

Limitations

The following conditions apply to any assistance given:

- a) Acceptance of technical advice from the Council's Environmental and Planning Services staff may be a condition of acceptance.
- b) Work may be inspected by a representative of the Council's Environmental and Planning Services staff before payment will be made.
- c) Grants must be uplifted within two years of approval being given, otherwise they will be deemed to be withdrawn and applicants will need to reapply.