



AUSTRALIAN GARDEN HISTORY SOCIETY - WEST AUSTRALIAN BRANCH
APPLICANT GUIDELINES FOR 2026 HISTORIC GARDEN RESTORATION GRANTS

Who Can Apply

Owners or managers of public properties (e.g, Botanical Gardens, local council parks, state schools, including private schools and similar institutions), as well as private property owners, are encouraged to apply for an West Australian Branch of AGHS - Historic Garden Restoration Project Grant where other funding is not available. Applications are also welcome from organisations and societies with similar objectives to AGHS.

All properties must have some level of public visibility or regular public access, such as a front garden with proposed project visible from the street, or participation in Open Garden events, heritage festivals or other open days, so that restored features can be appreciated.

Applicants do not need to be AGHS members to apply, but membership is required to be taken out for receipt of funding.

Applicants must be seeking funding for a restoration project within the state of Western Australia.

Eligible Projects

Project sites must be gardens and landscapes with demonstrated historic or heritage value, such as inclusion on Local Heritage Survey, heritage listing, or other supporting documentation. Projects must include why the proposed works support that significance and conservation at the site.

Suitable restoration projects may be for individual plants (eg trees, rare plants), historic garden structures or conservation of the historic design. Funding can also be for historic garden documentation/survey, restoration of planting schemes, reinstating original garden structures, and propagation of plants.

The presence of a garden management or conservation plan will support likely eligibility.

Quoted budget and project timing are essential.

Costed in-kind contributions may be included in the budget.

An indication of alternative funding avenues and why they are not available is required.

Note: Funding excludes routine maintenance or improvements and hard landscaping for utility and amenity purposes.

Please note that AGHS is not responsible for any insurance required for this project or the obtaining of any permits. You should seek advice of your local council.

Available Funding

West Australian Branch of AGHS may fund up to two-thirds of the costs of an eligible project, with the applicant contributing one third. The maximum AGHS WA branch contribution per individual applicant is \$2,000, subject to availability of funds.

- A description of the property and details of the project.

- An outline of the significance of the garden and its proposed restoration project, with documentation of any heritage listing, inclusion on local heritage survey (inHerit).
- Information can be sourced from our AGHS WA Publication - A Guide to Conserving and Interpreting Gardens in Western Australia, Local Government Heritage Surveys, The Heritage Council of WA, Local History organisations, National Trust, Local libraries, online portals such as inHerit WA and TROVE, historical Landgate aerial imagery, historical photographs or archival images of the garden or landscape.
- The proposed restoration/grant works have some type of public access - eg. Front garden visible from the street, or participation in Open Garden Days?
- Funding exploration from sources other than from AGHS. In kind support from applicants is strongly encouraged.
- Estimated costs of the project, based on quotations must be provided.
- A project timeline must clearly outline the duration and project stages, including milestones and key dates with proposed completion date.
- A project officer e.g home owner/applicant needs to be nominated to provide progress reports, account for expenditure, execute quality control, follow-up any related activities and sign-off and make a final report on the grant by completing a feedback form.

Application Process and Application Form

Applications must involve and be directed through the West Australian Branch of the AGHS. An application form can be downloaded from:

<https://www.gardenhistorysociety.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Garden-Restoration-Fund-Application-WA-2026.pdf>



If you have an enquiry about your eligibility or any questions regarding your application please email:

westaustraliangardenhistory@gmail.com.

Please note funding is not guaranteed.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON 30TH June 2026.

Successful Grants

- Successful applicants will be notified and announced on 3rd August 2026 and invited to participate in formal agreements regarding an agreed project timetable.
- Upon signing the agreement, successful applicants will receive 25% percent of the agreed grant amount upfront, followed by staged payments based on demonstrated project progress.
- Monies and reconciliation of funds to be managed by the West Australian Branch of AGHS.
- Monies will be provided upon invoice for demonstrated works completion.
- Agreement must be given for acknowledgement of AGHS funding during the life of the project and afterwards, and for the project to be publicised by AGHS via press releases, its website, social media, Journal and Branch newsletters.
- The applicant must provide a short report and photographic record with copyright clearance for AGHS to use as required.
- Signs or publicity should indicate the West Australian Branch of AGHS assistance while the project is under way and upon completion a small plaque will be displayed acknowledging AGHS's contribution. Signage and Plaque will be provided.
- The West Australian Branch of AGHS must be invited to visit the project site upon completion.