

**Drought Communities Programme:
CBD Painting and Signage Project**

Frequently Asked Questions

1. *What can the funding be used for?*

Eligible activities include: Painting of façade, painting of verandah frame, painting of verandah roof and business signage. Tiling may be included where damage *has not* been caused by Napier St works.

Non-eligible activities include: Structural repairs, structural enhancements, asbestos removal.

2. *Is there a recommended painting palette?*

We will provide a recommend colour palette for ease of decision-making. However, this is recommended, not prescribed.

3. *Is there a recommended signage format?*

We will not prescribe signage format as part of the Contract agreement. However, it is recommended that any new signage is in line with adjacent building signage size and Council will be looking for consistency in signage. Council reserve the right to negotiate with applicants on signage size, colour and design.

4. *How much funding is available?*

Funding will be on a 50:50 contribution basis up to a total of \$20,000 (i.e. \$10,000 funding is available per premise through the program). Applicants do not have to apply for the maximum level.

5. *How is the funding prioritised?*

Applications are only eligible for shopfronts in Napier Street (between George and Cressy St) and Cressy Street (between Hardinge Street and Edwardes Street). Applications from Napier Street (between George and Cressy Street) will be given priority, then Cressy St (between Napier and Edwardes St).

6. *Does the building owner have to apply?*

No.

The grantee must be the landowner of the location; the lessee of the location; *or* an authorised person of the landowner or lessee of the location. If the lessee is the applicant, they must provide written approval from the landowner.

It is the responsibility of the lessee to negotiate aspects of the project with the building owner of their building if required.

7. *Do I have to apply online?*

Due to the number of applications, we recommend that you apply via the online portal. If you have troubles completing the application, please contact Council.

8. *Do I have to obtain a quote to complete my application?*

No.

Due to the number of applications, Edward River Council will obtain quotes on behalf of applicants once all applications have been received. This will be the most efficient way of managing many quotes for all parties, both in the initial stages and throughout the project implementation. Edward River Council will request a quote based on the detail provided in your application.

We will then award part or full application and grantees will have the option to accept or decline the offer at that stage based on the quote returned.

All works will be undertaken by licensed and qualified local contractors and tradespeople.

9. *Why is Edward River Council organising the project quote?*

Please see above.

10. *Do I have the chance to review the grant offer before accepting?*

Yes. We will make an offer based on your application and the quote received. You can review and accept or reject the grant offer.

11. *Are there heritage requirements?*

If applicants are in a Heritage Conservation Area or Heritage Item they must make contact with Environmental Services before submitting their EOI (Julie Rogers, Manager Environmental Servicesjulie.rogers@edwardriver.nsw.gov.au, 03 5898 3111, 0408 960 646)

If successful, the grantee will have to comply with rules as per the Contract Agreement.

12. *When do the works have to be completed?*

Works must be completed by 16th December 2019.

Edward River Council will work with the contractors and grantees to manage the most efficient and effective rollout of the project works.

13. *If I am accepted, what happens then?*

The applicant will have a chance to review the grant offer and accept or reject the offer.

14. *Will I be awarded the entire grant amount?*

Due to the popularity of the grant program, the applicant may not be awarded funding or may be awarded partial funding i.e. for the signage portion only if applied for signage and painting. There will be an opportunity for the applicant to prioritise works during the application process.

15. *How will the grant be paid?*

Half of the costs of undertaking works at each premise will be borne by Council via grant funding pending a successful Drought Communities application.

The grant monies will not be paid into your account. Rather, the contractor will raise a deposit for 50% of the works total. It is grantee's responsibility to pay this invoice by the due date. Edward River Council will need evidence of payment by the Grantee via a Recipient Created Tax Invoice. Edward River Council will pay the final invoice amounting to 50% of the works.



Edward
River
COUNCIL