The Heritage Council of WA recommends that local governments use heritage advisory services to properly inform the decision-making process.

This series of information sheets and guidelines is intended to provide the basic information on the functions of a heritage advisory service and give some practical guidance on how to engage a heritage advisor.

The Heritage Council recognises that many local governments, particularly in regional WA, would find it difficult to fund the operation of a heritage advisory service without external support. Local governments are therefore invited to apply for a subsidy of up to 75%, subject to a number of conditions. Further information and an application form are included.

A heritage advisory service is most effective if it is operated on an ongoing basis with long term objectives. The guidelines therefore include advice on developing a heritage strategy and how a heritage advisor can contribute to this process.

While an application for funding can be made at any time, many local governments will prefer to have a contract established in time for a heritage advisor to begin operating a heritage advisory service from the start of the financial year. For this to occur, applications should be submitted by the end of April.

Where can I get more information?

For general advice and assistance on heritage advisory services please contact the Local Government Services branch at the State Heritage Office *(see below).*

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