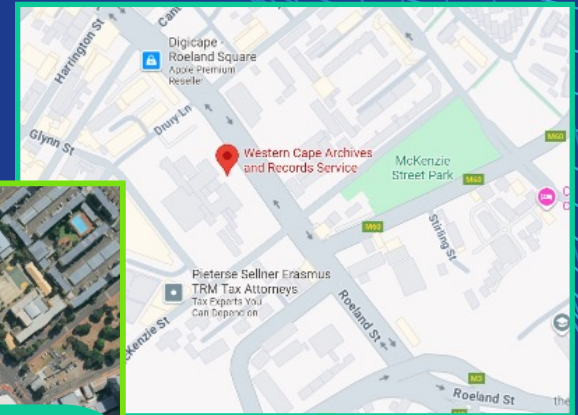


PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES PROJECT



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PROJECT SUMMARY

The Provincial Archives Project is a six-phased construction-ready infrastructure investment to expand the Western Cape Archives and Records Service (WCARS). With over 57,000 linear meters of backlog, the WCARS has reached full capacity, risking legal non-compliance and fragmented governance. Phase 1 is valued at R328.7 million. It includes a purpose-built archival facility featuring high-density shelving, cold storage and digital infrastructure. The project strengthens transparency, improves service delivery and ensures the long-term preservation of public records across the Western Cape Government.

PROJECT STATUS



Phase 1 is fully scoped, designed and construction-ready. Planning, costing and technical documentation are complete, and the project has been submitted for evaluation through the Panoptic Evaluation Scoring Sessions. The site is ready for demolition and new construction, subject to final budget approval. The project aligns with the Western Cape Infrastructure Framework 2050, affirming its readiness and strategic fit.

FINANCIAL NEEDS



Approximate value: R328.7 million for Phase 1, covering 8,313 m² of construction. The full six-phase programme totals approximately R1.22 billion. All estimates include escalation, professional fees and contingency allowances. The project is currently publicly funded, but presents opportunities for future innovative financing. Cost-benefit assessments confirm long-term savings, operational efficiencies and a reduction in non-compliant or outsourced record storage.

PRIVATE SECTOR OPPORTUNITY

Private sector investors can engage through:



Professional services tenders for design, engineering and archival systems installation.



Construction and supply contracts under open competitive procurement processes.



Future opportunities in digital infrastructure, scanning and long-term archiving technology.



Scenario-based funding/ investment strategies when alternative funding models are required.

KEY PARTIES

- Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport (DCAS) [Project Owner]
- Western Cape Archives and Reports Services (WCARS)
- Department of Infrastructure (DOI) [Implementing Partner/Planning Authority]
- Provincial Treasury, WC [Budget Oversight/Strategic Alignment]
- WCG EXCO & Cabinet-level structures [overarching governance and political oversight]
- All Client Departments:
 - All Western Cape Government Departments
 - Western Cape Municipalities
 - Western Cape Public Entities

TIMELINE

