



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Approval of 2010 Toronto Heritage Grant Awards

Date:	July 12, 2010
To:	Toronto Preservation Board Planning and Growth Management Committee
From:	Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning Division
Wards:	All
Reference Number:	Pg10037

SUMMARY

This report recommends that City Council approve the recommended grant awards for the 2010 Toronto Heritage Grant Program as set out in this report.

The Toronto Heritage Grant Program forms part of the City's Community Partnership and Investment Program and provides matching grant funds for eligible heritage restoration work to owners of properties in the City of Toronto designated under Part IV or V of the Ontario Heritage Act. The Toronto Heritage Grant Program is administered by Heritage Preservation Services, City Planning Division.

RECOMMENDATIONS

City Planning Division recommends that:

1. City Council approve awards for the 2010 Toronto Heritage Grant Program for the 12 heritage properties in the City of Toronto, as set out below, to assist in funding the scope of restoration work generally described in Attachment No. 1 of this report, in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the Toronto Heritage Grant Program previously approved by City Council:
 - a. 76 Amelia Street, house, \$7,250
 - b. 1 Austin Terrace, museum, \$15,250
 - c. 114 Bedford Road, house, \$10,000
 - d. 21 Elm Avenue, house, \$10,000
 - e. 2 Gloucester Street, commercial building, \$25,000

- f. 44 King Street West, institutional building, \$27,500
 - g. 6 Laurier Avenue, house, \$2,500
 - h. 100 McCaul Street, institutional, \$25,000
 - i. 56 Queen Street East, institutional, \$30,000
 - j. 32 Spruce Street, house, \$5,000
 - k. 7 Winchester Street, house, \$10,000
 - l. 80 Winchester Street, institutional building, \$42,500
2. The use of the grant awards outlined in recommendation (1) of this report, be limited to only the proposed restoration work approved by the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning Division, and that issuing of the grant award be subject to the grant recipient satisfying all conditions as set out in the Letter of Understanding between the City and the grant recipient.

Financial Impact

There are no new financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report. This report recommends grant awards for the 2010 Toronto Heritage Grant Program based on the 2010 budget approved by City Council.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of April 15, 2010, City Council approved a budget of \$211,000 for the 2010 Toronto Heritage Grant Program, of which \$68,000 is from the Heritage Reserve Fund and \$143,000 is from the Section 37-Heritage Reserve Fund.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Heritage Preservation Services staff sent notices to all eligible heritage property owners across the City advising of the 2010 Toronto Heritage Grant Program. A public workshop was offered in March to provide information and to assist property owners in preparing complete applications.

Staff received 30 grant applications, a decrease from the 67 grant applications received in 2009. The independent Toronto Heritage Grant Selection Committee convened on June 14, 2010 to consider 21 eligible applications and make recommendations on grant awards for 12 properties. In comparison, 42 grant awards were made in 2009. Applications were evaluated according to the Eligibility Requirements and Selection Criteria adopted by City Council.

The 2010 Selection Committee was made up of four individuals chosen for their expertise in heritage conservation and a member of the Toronto Preservation Board:

- Phillip Puype, The Clifford Group
- Jill Taylor, Taylor Hazell Architects Limited
- Dr. Sharon Vattay, Goldsmith Borgal and Company Limited
- Scott Weir, ERA Architects
- Paul Gogan, Toronto Preservation Board

COMMENTS

The Toronto Heritage Grant Selection Committee recommends a total of \$210,000 be awarded to 12 properties. The remaining \$1,000 of the Toronto Heritage Grant Program budget has or will be used to support the promotion of the program including notification mail-outs, a public workshop and the printing of a series of technical guides designed to assist the public on best practises for conservation.

The twelve applications being recommended represent over \$750,000 in proposed heritage conservation work to properties across the City. This is a significant decrease from the \$1.9 million in proposed conservation work for 2009. In 2010, with a budget decrease of \$48,000 due to exhausted funding resources the total budget was \$211,000.

In March 2010 the Grant Program had its most highly attended public meeting ever. When the amount of funding available was disclosed there was a clear response of disappointment and frustration. Subsequently the number of applications dropped below previous years. Thirty applications were submitted but a majority were rejected due to lack of completeness or inadequate documentation. The successful grant recipients will be given funding for necessary and deserving conservation projects for some of the City's most notable community-focused institutions which have a significant heritage character including the Toronto Dance Theatre and School (1891 converted Presbyterian church), the George Reid Wing of the Ontario College of Art and Design (1926), the Queen Street East Metropolitan United Church (1870-71) and Casa Loma (1910-13).

The City of Toronto Official Plan, Chapter 3 "Building a Successful City" includes Heritage Resources. The policies in Section 3.1.5 state that "public incentives to encourage the conservation and long-term protection of heritage resources will be created." The continued investment of local governments in its communities is a measure of its commitment to the infrastructure and quality of life that it facilitates for its citizens. Investment in heritage preservation has been demonstrated throughout Canada and abroad to return significant economic and cultural benefits to local governments.

Since being restructured in 2005 the Grant Program typically results in an average multiplier of 4:1 of private capital expenditure for every grant dollar awarded. The objectives to encourage appropriate conservation, generate tax revenues, local

employment, and contribute to improving the quality of life in Toronto have begun to be enjoyed. The City Planning Division considers that adequate and consistent levels of funding are a critical component of a sustainable heritage grant program. As existing funding reserves have now been completely depleted, staff will be seeking new funds through the annual budget process to maintain and extend these achievements.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No.1: Toronto Heritage Grant Awards 2010: Properties and Scopes of Work

ATTACHMENT NO. 1

Toronto Heritage Grant Awards 2010: Properties and Scopes of Work

Property	Ward	Recommended Scope of Work	Grant Award (max.)	Total Estimated Restoration Cost
76 Amelia Street	28	Restore masonry	\$7,250	\$12,250
1 Austin Terrace	22	Restore parquet floor	\$15,250	\$36,750
114 Bedford Road	20	Restore masonry	\$10,000	\$17,900
21 Elm Avenue	27	Restore slate roof and bay window	\$10,000	\$64,800
2 Gloucester Street	27	Restore slate roof	\$25,000	\$90,000
44 King Street West	28	Restore masonry	\$27,500	\$255,000
6 Laurier Avenue	28	Reconstruction of door	\$2,500	\$8,500
100 McCaul Street	20	Restore portico roof and shutters	\$25,000	\$62,000
56 Queen Street East	27	Restore masonry	\$30,000	\$80,000
32 Spruce Street	28	Restore slate roof	\$5,000	\$10,500
7 Winchester Street	28	Restore masonry and porch	\$10,000	\$20,000
80 Winchester Street	28	Restore stained glass and roof	\$42,500	\$120,000
TOTAL			210,000	\$777,700