

2024 Toronto Heritage Grant Awards

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To: Planning and Housing Committee

From: Interim Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning

Wards: Ward 2 - Etobicoke Centre, Ward 4 - Parkdale-High Park, Ward 11 - University-Rosedale, Ward 13 - Toronto Centre, Ward 19 - Beaches-East York

SUMMARY

This report recommends the approval of ten grants totalling \$317,000.00 under the Toronto Heritage Grant Program. The recommended recipients will generate approximately \$706,926.13 in private investment for work to conserve irreplaceable cultural heritage resources that contribute to the City's social and economic prosperity by maintaining Toronto's unique sense of place.

The Toronto Heritage Grant Program provides matching grant funds for eligible heritage conservation work on residential properties or tax-exempt properties in the City of Toronto designated under Part IV or V of the Ontario Heritage Act (OHA). Applicants may receive a grant once every five years for up to 50% of the cost of eligible conservation work. Owners of house form buildings may receive up to \$10,000.00 or, if replacing an entire cedar or slate roof assembly, up to \$20,000.00 every ten years.

Owners of non-house form buildings and any tax-exempt properties including house form buildings may be eligible for a grant equivalent to 50% of the cost of eligible conservation work, with no maximum limit.

The Toronto Heritage Grant Program has a budget of \$317,000.00 in the City Planning 2024 Operating Budget and is administered by Heritage Planning, City Planning.

The properties that have been recommended for a grant award vary in size and location across Toronto. Several grant projects are at residential properties located in Heritage Conservation Districts (HCDs), including properties located within the Cabbagetown North, Garden District, and Harbord Village Phase II HCDs. In addition, there are a few notable Part IV-designated properties benefitting from heritage grants this year, including Don Valley Brickworks and Epiphany and St. Mark, Parkdale.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Interim Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning recommends that:

1. City Council approve the grant awards for the 2024 Toronto Heritage Grant Program for the following 10 heritage properties, to assist grant recipients in funding the scope of conservation work generally described in Attachment 1 of this report.

288 Annette Street
407 Carlton Street
1 Heritage Place
16 Kimberley Avenue
69 Pembroke Street
231 Seaton Street
572-574 Spadina Avenue
550 Bayview Avenue
201 Cowan Avenue
384 Sunnyside Avenue

2. City Council direct that the use of the grant awards outlined in Recommendation 1 of this report be limited to only the conservation work approved by the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, and that the issuing of the grant awards 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

This report is seeking Council approval to provide \$317,000 of grant awards in 2024 as part of the Toronto Heritage Grant Program, which supports eligible heritage conservation work in the City.

The 2024 Operating Budget for City Planning includes a base budget of \$317,000.00 for the Toronto Heritage Grant Program, which will fund the grant awards recommended in this report.

The Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer has reviewed this report and agrees with the information as presented in the Financial Impact Section.

DECISION HISTORY

City Council, at its meeting of February 14, 2024, adopted the 2024 Operating and Capital budgets. The link to the Council decision is below:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2024.MPB15.1>

On June 29, 2020, City Council approved grant awards for the 2020 Toronto Heritage Grant Program to 17 designated properties, and to amend the eligibility requirements as set out in the Terms and Conditions for the Toronto Heritage Grant Program so that any tax-exempt property designated under Part IV or Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act including a house form building may be eligible for a grant equivalent to 50% of the cost of eligible conservation work, with no limit.

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2020.PH14.7>

On July 19, 2023, City Council approved grant awards for the 2023 Toronto Heritage Grant program to 10 designated properties.

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2023.PH5.8>

BACKGROUND

The Toronto Heritage Grant Program is administered by Heritage Planning, City Planning. Twelve applications were submitted to the 2024 Heritage Grant Program. Ten grant awards are being recommended, including three properties contributing to the historic character of the heritage conservation districts of Cabbagetown North, Garden District and Harbord Village Phase II. Four applications were submitted for the conservation of tax-exempt properties that are owned and occupied by not-for-profit organizations.

The recommended grant awards are under the two categories: House form properties (50% of the cost of eligible conservation work, up to \$10,000.00 every 5 years or up to \$20,000.00 for slate and cedar roof assemblies every 10 years), non-house form properties and any tax-exempt properties (including house form buildings) may be eligible for a grant equivalent to 50% of the cost of eligible conservation work, with no maximum limit.

Heritage Planning invited an independent Toronto Heritage Grant Selection Committee to review and evaluate the grant applications and to make recommendations for the grant awards. The volunteer Committee was made up of individuals chosen for their expertise in heritage conservation, including a member of the Toronto Preservation Board and a qualified heritage professional.

The following individuals reviewed the 2024 submissions:

Mitchell May, Member, Toronto Preservation Board
Robyn Huether, OAA, CAHP, Architect

Prior to the application evaluation and meeting, members were surveyed for any conflicts of interest and none were identified.

COMMENTS

City staff reviewed the applications for completeness and eligibility. The eligible applications were forwarded to the Toronto Heritage Grant Selection Committee for

evaluation. The Committee convened for a day-long in-person meeting with City staff on May 3, 2024.

The eligible projects encompassed a wide range of conservation work, including slate restoration, stained glass repair and masonry conservation. Regrettably one application was disqualified by the Grant Selection Committee and staff as the proposed works were not for the restoration of a heritage attribute and were therefore not eligible in accordance with the Terms and Conditions.

As a result of its deliberations, the Toronto Heritage Grant Selection Committee recommended a total of \$317,000.00 be awarded to ten properties. (See Attachment 1)

Notable among the recommended recipients are:

St. Mark Church, located at 201 Cowan Avenue, the proposed project is to restore and reinstate the original steeple.

384 Sunnyside Avenue, the former Howard Park Methodist Church, masonry cleaning, stained glass and wood framing restoration.

16 Kimberly Avenue, restoration of masonry.

Evergreen Brickworks, 550 Bayview Avenue, restoration of masonry

The recommended recipients will generate approximately \$706,926.13 in private investment for work to conserve irreplaceable heritage resources that contribute to the City's historic character and sense of place.

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ATTACHMENT

Attachment 1: Toronto Heritage Grant Awards 2024: Properties and Scope of Work

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Toronto Heritage Grant Awards 2024: Properties and Scope of Work

Designation	Address	Ward	Recommended Scope of Work	Grant Awards
House Form Category				
Part IV	288 Annette Street	4	Restoration of Chimney and Roof	\$7,500.00
Part V	407 Carlton Street	13	Restoration of Masonry	\$8,000.00
Part IV	1 Heritage Place	2	Restoration of Masonry	\$6,500.00
Part IV	16 Kimberley Avenue	19	Restoration of Masonry	\$10,000.00
Part V	69 Pembroke Street	13	Restoration of Masonry	\$ 10,000.00
Part IV	231 Seaton Street	13	Restoration of Slate Roof	\$ 20,000.00
Part V	572-574 Spadina Avenue	11	Restoration of Slate Roof	\$ 20,000.00
Non-House Form and Non-Profit Category				
Part IV	550 Bayview Avenue	11	Restoration of Masonry	\$ 110,000.00
Part IV	201 Cowan Avenue	4	Reinstatement of Original Steeple	\$ 105,000.00
Part IV	384 Sunnyside Avenue	4	Masonry Cleaning Stained Glass and Wood Framing Restoration	\$ 20,000.00
			Totals:	\$317,000.00