

2026 Toronto Heritage Grant Awards

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To: Planning and Housing Committee

From: Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning

Wards: 4-Parkdale-High Park, 11-University-Rosedale, 13-Toronto Centre

SUMMARY

This report recommends the approval of seven grants totaling \$110,000.00 under the Toronto Heritage Grant Program. The recommended recipients will generate approximately \$668,696.28 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 restoration-based conservation work for heritage properties within the City of Toronto that are 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 or not-for-profit properties (including house form buildings) may be eligible for a grant equivalent to 50% of the cost of eligible work, with no maximum limit.

The Toronto Heritage Grant Program has a budget of \$317,000.00 in the City Planning 2026 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 South Rosedale, Cabbagetown North, Cabbagetown Northwest, Cabbagetown South, and North Rosedale HCDs. In addition, there is one notable Part IV-designated property benefitting from a heritage grant this year, including 2154 Dundas St W.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. City Council approve the grant awards for the 2026 Toronto Heritage Grant Program for the following seven heritage properties to assist grant recipients in funding the scope of conservation works generally described in Attachment 1 of this report.

55 Castle Frank Road
9 Laurier Avenue
505 Ontario Street
58 Rose Avenue
138 Spruce Street
8 Whitney Avenue
2154 Dundas Street West

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 \$110,000 of grant awards in 2026 as part of the Toronto Heritage Grant Program, which supports eligible heritage conservation work in the City.

A call for a second round of applications was issued in January 2026 and is anticipated to be brought to Council in the spring.

The 2026 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 10, 2026, adopted the Operating and Capital budgets. The link to the Council decision is below:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2026.MPB38.1>

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 June 25 and 26, 2025, City Council approved grant awards for the 2025 Toronto Heritage Grant program to 22 designated properties.

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2025.PH22.10>

BACKGROUND

The Toronto Heritage Grant Program is administered by Heritage Planning, City Planning. Ten applications (one of which was deemed ineligible because the property was not designated) were submitted to the 2026 Heritage Grant Program. Seven grant awards are being recommended, including six properties contributing to the historic character of the heritage conservation districts of South Rosedale, Cabbagetown North, Cabbagetown Northwest, Cabbagetown South, and North Rosedale. One application was submitted for the conservation of tax-exempt properties that is owned and occupied by a not-for-profit organization.

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 tax-exempt or not-for-profit 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 awards. The volunteer Committee was made up of individuals chosen for their expertise in heritage conservation, including a member of the Toronto Preservation Board, the chair of the North York Community Preservation Panel, and qualified heritage professionals.

The following individuals reviewed the 2026 submissions:

Mitchell May, OAA, CAHP, CPHD, Member, Toronto Preservation Board
Mitchell Bubulji, Chair, North York Community Preservation Panel
Robyn Huether, OAA, CAHP, Architect
Joey Giaimo, OAA, CAHP, Architect
Roberto Chiotti, CAHP, Heritage Consultant

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 January 9, 2026.

The eligible projects encompassed a wide range of conservation work, including slate restoration, decorative wood repair and masonry conservation. Regrettably one application was disqualified by the Grant Selection Committee and staff as the quotes were insufficiently detailed and were therefore not eligible in accordance with the Terms and Conditions. Heritage Planning staff requested additional information from the applicant, but they decided to withdraw.

As a result of its deliberations, the Toronto Heritage Grant Selection Committee recommended a total of \$110,000.00 be awarded to seven properties. (See Attachment 1)

Notable among the recommended recipients is:

2154 Dundas Street West designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act to repair masonry.

58 Rose Avenue designated under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act to repair a roof and a wood dormer.

55 Castle Frank Road designated under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act for masonry repairs.

The recommended recipients will generate approximately \$668,696.28 in private investment for work to conserve irreplaceable heritage resources that contribute to the City's historic character and sense of place.

To more closely align with the typical timeline of conservation projects, Heritage Planning staff initiated the call for applications to the Toronto Heritage Grant Program in late 2025.

A second call for applications was initiated in January 2026 and is anticipated to be brought to Council for consideration in the spring of 2026 to award the remainder of the grant program budget.

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ATTACHMENT

Attachment 1: Toronto Heritage Grant Awards 2026: Properties and Scope of Work

ATTACHMENT**1**

Toronto Heritage Grant Awards 2026: Properties and Scope of Work

Designation	Address	Ward	Recommended Scope of Work	Grant Awards
House Form Category				
Part V	55 Castle Frank Rd	11	Masonry repairs	\$10,000.00
Part V	9 Laurier Ave	13	Repairs to decorative wooden elements and restoration of balcony	\$10,000.00
Part V	505 Ontario St	13	Repair of wooden door	\$10,000.00
Part V	58 Rose Ave	13	Roof repairs and replacement of custom wood dormer	\$20,000.00
Part V	138 Spruce St	13	Replacement of windows	\$10,000.00
Part V	8 Whitney Ave	11	Roof repairs	\$20,000.00
Non-House Form and Non-Profit Category				
Part IV	2154 Dundas St W	4	Masonry repairs	\$ 30,000.00
			Totals:	\$110,000.00