

2026 Toronto Heritage Grant Awards - Second Round

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To: Planning and Housing Committee

From: Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning

Wards: 11-University-Rosedale, 13-Toronto Centre

SUMMARY

This report recommends the approval of five grants totaling \$207,000.00 under the Toronto Heritage Grant Program. The recommended recipients will generate approximately \$347,584.78 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 five properties that have been recommended for grant awards vary in size and location across Toronto. Three projects are at residential properties (one of which is owned and operated by a not for profit organization) located within the Cabbagetown North, Cabbagetown South and Cabbagetown Northwest Heritage Conservation Districts (HCDs). Two other notable properties will benefit from heritage grants this year including Rosedale United Church, a 'Category A' property located in the North Rosedale Heritage Conservation District, and The Royal Conservatory of Music, an individually designated property under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

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 five heritage properties to assist the recipients in funding the scope of conservation works generally described in Attachment 1 of this report:

152 Spruce St
113 Winchester St
159 Roxborough Dr
41 Winchester St
273 Bloor St W

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 \$207,000 in grant awards in 2026 as part of a second round of funding under the Toronto Heritage Grant Program, which supports eligible heritage conservation work in the City.

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.

A first round of applications for the 2026 Heritage Grant Program providing \$110,000 to seven designated properties was approved at the March 25, 26, 27 City Council. Leaving a residual of \$207,000 from the funds allocated annually in the City's operating budget for the 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

On June 29, 2020, City Council approved grant awards for the 2020 Toronto Heritage Grant Program to 17 designated properties, and amended 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>

City Council, at its meeting of February 10, 2026, adopted the 2026 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 March 25, 26 and 27, 2026, City Council approved grant awards for the 2026 Toronto Heritage Grant Program Part 1 to 7 designated properties:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2026.PH28.9>

BACKGROUND

The Toronto Heritage Grant Program is administered by Heritage Planning, City Planning. Heritage Planning staff opted to initiate the call for applications earlier in the calendar year to better align with the typical timeline of conservation projects. This adjustment resulted in undersubscription to the program; as a result, a second application round was launched to expend the remaining funds. In January of 2026, the first round of applications for the program were reviewed and \$110,000 of the \$317,000 annual program budget was recommended for awards by Council. With \$207,000 remaining, staff undertook a second round and solicited suitable projects from owners of eligible properties. Seven applications (two of which were deemed ineligible) were submitted to the second round of the program. Five grant awards are being recommended, including four properties contributing to the historic character of the heritage conservation districts of North Rosedale, Cabbagetown North, Cabbagetown South, and Cabbagetown Northwest. Three applications were submitted for the conservation of tax-exempt properties that are owned and occupied by a not-for-profit organization.

The recommended grant awards are under the two categories:

- House form properties (up to 50% of the cost of eligible conservation work to a maximum of \$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 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
Joey Giaimo, 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. A committee meeting was held on March 27, 2026 to review and discuss the applications.

The eligible projects encompassed a wide range of conservation work, including slate roof rehabilitation, masonry conservation and window restoration.

As a result of its deliberations, the Toronto Heritage Grant Selection Committee recommended a total of \$207,000.00 be awarded to five properties (See Attachment 1).

Notable among the recommended recipients is:

159 Roxborough Drive (Rosedale United Church) designated under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act to conduct masonry repairs and restore the slate roof.

273 Bloor Street West (The Royal Conservatory of Music) designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act to conduct masonry repairs and restore the slate roof.

The work undertaken by the recommended recipients will generate approximately \$347,584.78 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 2026: Properties and Scope of Work

ATTACHMENT**1**

Toronto Heritage Grant Awards 2026 - Round 2: Properties and Scope of Work

Designation	Address	Ward	Recommended Scope of Work	Grant Awards
House Form Category				
Part V	152 Spruce St	11	Window replacements	\$ 9,584.20
Part V	113 Winchester St	11	Window replacements	\$ 9,176.52
Non-House Form and Non-Profit Category				
Part V	159 Roxborough Dr	13	Masonry repairs and slate roof restoration	\$ 154,915.83
Part V	41 Winchester St	11	Window and door replacements	\$13,323.45
Part IV	273 Bloor St W	13	Masonry repairs and slate roof restoration	\$20,000.00
			Totals:	\$207,000.00