

City of Mississauga Corporate Report



Date: May 13, 2022

To: Chair and Members of Heritage Advisory Committee

From: Jodi Robillos, Commissioner of Community Services

Originator's files:

Meeting date:
June 14, 2022

Subject

2022 Designated Heritage Property Grant Allocations

Recommendation

1. That the Corporate Report entitled "2022 Designated Heritage Property Grant Allocations" dated May 13, 2022 from the Commissioner of Community Services be approved.
2. That \$9,665 be transferred from the Arts Reserve (#30195) to Heritage Grants CC (#21133) to fund an additional three applications as part of the Designated Heritage Property Grant program.

Executive Summary

- 17 applications were received during the 2022 application period.
- 12 applications were recommended for funding.
- \$9,665 is being requested to be transferred from the Arts Reserve to fund three additional projects.
- The Designated Heritage Property Grant pilot project is completed with this allocation of funding. Review and recommendations for the pilot will be forthcoming in an additional report.

Background

Council adopted the Heritage Grant By-law in May 2007 to provide grants to owners of heritage designated properties to address conservation and restoration work on these properties. The program assists heritage designated property owners with financial assistance from a minimum of \$500 to a maximum of \$5,000 in matching funds for conservation projects, and up to \$10,000 for structural projects. Properties must be designated under the *Ontario Heritage Act* and the work proposed must be a restoration or reconstruction of original architectural elements.

In 2019, the Heritage Advisory Committee approved a three-year pilot program to demonstrate demand for designated heritage property restoration and conservation grants. (GC-0199-2019) This pilot project included adding a third-tier value of \$25,000 as well as rolling application periods throughout the year if there was capacity within the annual budget to support new projects. In 2021, an extension of two years was granted due to the impacts of COVID-19.

Comments

2022 Designated Heritage Grants Program

The Designated Heritage Property Grant program has approved 12 applications for 2022 totalling \$71,723 (Appendix 1). Due to the high number of applications and the budget already being allocated, an additional three projects have not been approved despite these applications receiving a strong score in their review.

Additional Applications

Staff are recommending that an additional \$9,665 be transferred from the Arts Reserve and added to the remaining budget of \$3,277 to fund three additional projects, which were in line with the grant programs priorities but which could not be approved, as their addition would exceed the budgeted amount.

Over the past nine years, the Designated Heritage Property Grant program has transferred \$105,883 (Appendix 2) of unspent funding to the Arts Reserve. These funds are the result of unused funding from successive years of the program. Drawing from these previously unused funds to support the additional applications would be in line with its purpose.

Designated Heritage Property Grants Pilot Project

This round of grant allocations closes the pilot project which began in 2019. Heritage Planning staff will report back to committee with the analysis and findings from the pilot project and provide any recommendations forthcoming from this review.

Financial Impact

City Council approved a \$75,000 budget for the 2022 Designated Heritage Property Grant program. Of which \$71,723 has been allocated to 12 eligible applicants.

An additional \$9,665 is required from the Arts Reserve to fund three additional eligible applications.

Conclusion

Of the 17 applications received only 12 could be funded under the annual project budget. Staff are requesting \$9,665 be transferred from the Arts Reserve to supplement the remaining budget of \$3,277, which will support an additional three application being funded.

Attachments

Appendix 1: 2022 Summary of Designated Heritage Property Grants

Appendix 2: Amounts Transferred to Arts Reserve

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Jodi Robillos, Commissioner of Community Services

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