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Case H00562:

2023/2024 Financial Incentives Program for Schmidtville and Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation Districts

Heritage Advisory Committee
May 24th, 2023

Financial Incentives Program



- Supports the conservation of contributing heritage resources and the revitalization of all existing buildings located in the Region's two newest heritage conservation districts.
- The program's guidelines and budget were approved by Regional Council on March 23, 2021 through Administration Order 2020-005-ADM.
- The program runs for five (5) fiscal years beginning with fiscal year 2021-2022 ending in fiscal year 2025-2026.

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Two Types of Grants

Conservation Grants:

- Applicable to projects that preserve, rehabilitate, and restore character defining elements on the exterior of contributing heritage resources.
- Awarded on a 50% cost-sharing basis for eligible costs exclusive of HST.
- A maximum of two (2) grants per contributing heritage resource or existing building can be awarded. The maximum cumulative grant over lifetime of the program \$50,000.

Functional Improvement Grants:

- Applicable to projects that improve the overall quality of existing building systems (including accessibility, HVAC, Electrical, structure, etc.).
- Awarded on a 15% cost-sharing basis for eligible costs exclusive of HST.
- A maximum of two (2) grants per contributing heritage resource or existing building can be awarded. The maximum cumulative grant over lifetime of the program is \$800,000.

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Evaluation Process

- In fiscal year 2023-2024 applications were accepted from January 1st to March 1st 2023.
- Staff ensured the eligibility criteria contained in the administrative order are satisfied
- Staff scored and ranked each application based on adopted criteria
- The anticipated 2023/2024 cumulative pay-out is \$148,034.57.



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Prioritization Criteria

Criterion	Score	
Is the building identified in the application as a contributing heritage resource?	If no: no point	If yes: 1 point
Is this a first-time application?	If no: no point	If yes: 1 point
Is the application supported by a Building Conservation Plan prepared by an architect, or other qualified restoration professional which reasonably illustrates all work required for the building?	If no: no point	If yes: 1 point
Does the application propose preservation of structural building components, especially foundation and roof repairs, rather than cosmetic improvements?	If no: no point	If yes: 1 point
Is the application with respect to a rehabilitation or restoration project that improves the integrity of a building by introducing or revealing a more compatible building component through repair or alterations?	If no: no point	If yes: 1 point
Does the application propose conservation of features visible to the public?	If no: no point	If yes: 1 point
Is the application submitted as one of two or more applications for attached buildings on abutting properties?	If no: no point	If yes: 1 point
Is the application with respect to a building that is in poor condition and at greater risk of deterioration or loss?	If no: no point	If yes: 1 point
Total Points:	8 Points maximum	

Application Summary

- 9 applications were received for 2023/24
- One application was ineligible
- The cumulative value of eligible requests is \$148,034.57
- All eligible applications can be accommodated in this year's budget for the Financial Incentives Program



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Recommended Grant Recipients

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Recommended for Approval



24-001 – 1322 Birmingham Street

- Conservation grant (50%)
- Repainting the exterior of a semi-detached dwelling

Estimated Project Cost: \$15,181.00

Proposed Grant: \$7,590.50

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Recommended for Approval



24-002 – 1326 Birmingham Street

- Conservation grant (50%)
- Repainting the exterior of a semi-detached dwelling

Estimated Project Cost: \$15,181.00

Proposed Grant: \$7,590.50

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Recommended for Approval



24-003 – 1354 Birmingham Street

- Functional Improvement Grant (15%)
- Install a natural-gas hot water tank

Estimated Project Cost: \$5,254.50

Proposed Grant: \$788.18

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Recommended for Approval



24-004 – 1328 Birmingham Street

- Conservation Grant (50%)
- Repair/replace front door and transom with preservation of exterior trim and corbels

Estimated Project Cost: \$17,885.15

Proposed Grant: \$8,942.58

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Recommended for Approval



24-005 – 1300 Queen Street

- Conservation Grant (50%) + Functional Improvement Grant (15%)
- Second floor removal of aluminum siding, removal of 5 vinyl windows, removal of vinyl soffits & fascia, fabrication & installation of wooden windows, installation of wooden soffits, fascia, and shingles on exterior surfaces, and wall remediation and repair as required

Estimated Project Cost: \$122,778.00

Proposed Grant: \$53,416.70

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24-007 – 5178 Bishop Street

- Conservation Grant (50%)
- Replacement of rear landing and stairs, like-for-like in materials and design.

Estimated Project Cost: \$3,760.22

Proposed Grant: \$1,880.11

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24-008 – 1362 Queen Street

- Conservation Grant (50%) + Functional Improvement Grant (15%)
- Replacement of roof, siding, 19 windows and 2 exterior doors, and foundation repairs.

Estimated Project Cost: \$192,000.00

Proposed Grant: \$63,800.00

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Recommended for Approval



24-009 – 1261-63 Barrington Street

- Functional improvement grant (15%)
- Repair of brick masonry at the front of the building

Estimated Project Cost: \$26,840.00

Proposed Grant: \$4,026.00

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Recommendation

It is recommended that the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that Regional Council:

1. Approve the proposed grant applications 24-001 through 24-005 and 24-007 through 24-009 listed in Attachment A, conditional upon the applicant's compliance with sections 7 and 36-39 of Administrative Order Number 2020-005-ADM and the requirements specified in Attachment A being satisfied.

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Thank You