

Item 9.1.1

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**CASE H00582:  
2025/26 Heritage Incentive Program**

Heritage Advisory Committee  
March 12, 2025

# Heritage Incentive Program

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- Encourages the ongoing maintenance, restoration and rehabilitation of municipally registered heritage properties
- Approved by Regional Council on April 1, 2014, through Administration Order 2014-002-ADM
- Provides 50% matching grants for eligible exterior conservation work (*up to \$15,000 for residential properties and \$25,000 for commercial properties*)

# Evaluation Process

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- Applications accepted annually between September 1<sup>st</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>
- Staff ensure the eligibility criteria contained in the administrative order are satisfied
- Staff score and rank each application
- The Heritage Incentives Program's anticipated 2025/2026 budget is \$350,000

# Application Summary

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Staff received and reviewed 45 applications.

- 39 applications met the program's eligibility criteria;
- 5 applications do not meet the program's eligibility requirements; and
- 1 application was withdrawn by the applicant.
- Grant recipients for commercial applications were determined based on evaluation scores and submission times.
- Applications 26-005 and 26-019 achieved the highest scores among all commercial applications.
- Applications 26-015 and 26-033 to 26-045 scored equally at 10 points. Application 26-015 was prioritized due to an earlier submission.

# Budget Allocation

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## **Budget Allocation:**

- **Total budget:** \$350,000
- Commercial properties (25% allocation): \$87,500
- Residential properties (75% allocation): \$262,500

## **Residential Applications (22):**

- Total grant requests: \$242,439.74
- Recommendation: Approve all requests
- Remaining residential budget: \$107,560.26

## **Commercial Applications (17):**

- Total grant requests: \$242,337.50
- Available budget: \$107,560.26 (After Relocation)
- Shortfall: Not all applications can be funded

# Scoring System

Criteria	4 Points	3 Points	2 Points	1 Point
Location	Halifax County	North End Halifax	Dartmouth & Remainder of Halifax	South End Halifax
Type of Work	Roof and Foundation	Repair CDEs	Replace or Restore CDEs	Paint
Visibility	N/A	N/A	Front & Visible Sides	Rear & Non-Visible
Number / Amount of Previous Grants	N/A	First Time Applicants	Previous Grants <\$10,000 (Cumulative)	Previous Grants >\$10,000 (Cumulative)
Building Conservation Plan	N/A	N/A	N/A	Application Supported by BCP

# Recommend Grant Recipients

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Grant recipients for commercial applications were determined based on evaluation scores and submission times.

- Applications 26-005 and 26-019 achieved the highest scores among all commercial applications.
- Applications 26-015 and 26-033 to 26-045 scored equally at 10 points. Application 26-015 was prioritized due to an earlier submission.
- Applications 26-033 to 26-045 were submitted by the same applicant, who agreed to receive grants for applications 26-043, 26-044 and 26-045.

# Report Correction

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In page 3 of the report, an error was identified regarding the recipients.

## **Incorrect Statement:**

*"Applications 26-033 to 26-045 were submitted by the same applicant, who agreed to receive grants for applications 26-041, 26-042 and 26-043."*

## **Corrected Statement:**

*"Applications 26-033 to 26-045 were submitted by the same applicant, who agreed to receive grants for applications **26-043, 26-044 and 26-045.**"*



# Recommended for Approval

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- Staff recommend that all residential applications and a portion of the commercial applications listed in Attachment A receive a grant.
- The total grant amount is \$349,789.74, which will result in approximately \$1,148,910.47 total investment in these properties.
- Applications not selected for funding are recommended for inclusion on a standby list (Attachment B).

# Application Examples

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## 26-001 – 6 First Avenue, Bedford

- Halifax County
- Repair the roof.
- Quote 1: \$25,600.00
- Quote 2: \$29,678.00
- Recommended Grant: \$14,839.00
- Score: 12

# Application Examples

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## 26-002 – 2068 Brunswick St

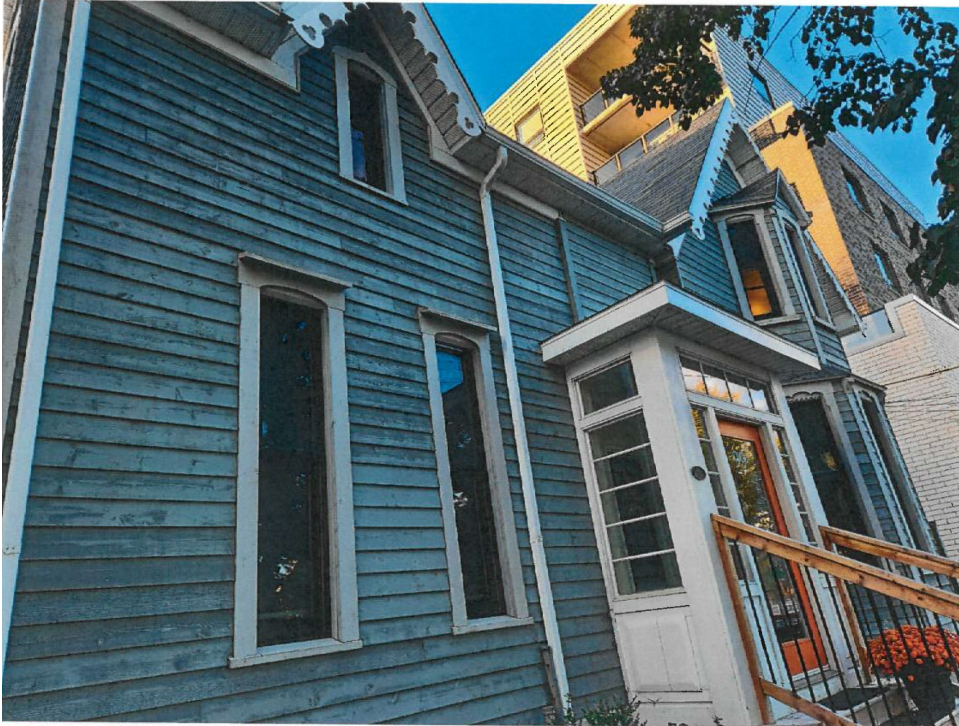
- North End
- Restore/replace two doors
- Quote 1: \$9,475 Quote 2: \$ 8,380
- Recommended Grant: \$4,737.50
- Score: 12





# Application Examples

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## 26-004 – 99 Ochterloney St

- Dartmouth
- Paint the house
- Quote 1: \$11,185.00
- Quote 2: \$16,995.00
- Recommended Grant: \$5,592.50
- Score: 8

# Application Examples

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## 26-019 – 5555 Young Street

- North end
- Repoint the Hydrostone blocks, repair the aggregate panel, and repair the woodwork.
- Quote 1: \$ 63,000      Quote 2: \$61,500
- Recommended Grant: \$ 25,000  
Commercial
- Score: 11

# Application Examples

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## 26-015 – 1253 Barrington Street

- South End
- Replace the front stair balustrades and railing
- Quote 1: \$48,275      Quote 2: \$53,650
- Recommended Grant: \$ 2,500.00
- Score: 10

# Recommendation

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

1. Approve the proposed grants to the properties listed in Attachment A, conditional upon the applicants' compliance with Sections 29 through 35 of Administrative Order Number 2014-002-ADM and subject to the approval of the proposed 2025/2026 budget.
2. Approve the reallocation of excess funds to the standby list properties in Attachment B if an approved project in Attachment A does not proceed or incurs expenses below the estimated amount, conditional upon the applicants' compliance with Sections 29 through 35 of Administrative Order Number 2014-002-ADM and subject to the approval of the proposed 2025/2026 budget.



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**Thank You**