



Section: Public		Approved: September 7, 2016
Huron Heritage Fund Policy		To be reviewed by: 2021

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Huron Heritage Fund is to encourage the preservation of heritage assets and activities of heritage importance to the County of Huron and its residents.

Projects will assist in the preservation and restoration of heritage landmarks, historic buildings, and objects of historical significance not owned by the County of Huron. Heritage events and publications may also qualify for support under this program.

2. Priorities

Priorities will include but are not limited to:

- A) Projects located within the County of Huron;
- B) Projects with heritage significance to the County;
- C) Projects where preservation and restoration are done in a historically appropriate method;
- D) Projects open to or viewable by the public;
- E) Projects have a cost-sharing component with the contribution from the Huron Heritage Fund not to exceed 50%;
- F) The maximum grant to any one project will not exceed \$5,000.

3. Eligibility of Applicant

- A) Any individual or organization, public or private, in Huron County, may apply for a grant;
- B) An organization must show proof of resolution from its board through minutes of a meeting, a letter, or formal resolution;
- C) An individual must include two letters of support.

4. Criteria for heritage building projects

- A) The buildings must have one of the following:

- 1) A heritage designation under Part IV or Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act;
- 2) A conservation easement;
- 3) Special consideration may be made for buildings outside the regular criteria.

5. Application

- A) Application deadlines are May 1 and November 1.
- B) Applications will be considered only if they are received before the project occurs and any eligible costs associated with the projects are incurred. If a project is started between the submission of an application for a grant and funding approval, this will not disqualify the project from consideration but is done at the applicant's own risk.
- C) Grants are valid for 12 months from the date of approval by County Council. Grants are normally paid when all grant conditions are met and the project is completed in full.
- D) Applicants are eligible to receive one grant per fiscal year. Previous approved projects must be completed before another application will be considered.
- E) Preference will be given to those who have not received funding within the past three years.
- F) Applications that are being submitted on behalf of lower-tier municipalities or sub-committees may be considered on the condition that matching funds to the funding request are provided by the lower-tier municipality.
- G) Applicants are required to disclose whether they have applied for or received or will apply for funding from other grant programs through the County of Huron.
- H) Applications will be submitted to the Director of Cultural Services for consideration by the Huron Heritage Fund Committee.
- I) Applications for grant funding will be reviewed and awarded based on need, merit, and public benefit.
- J) Acknowledgement of the grant will be required in signage or promotional material.

Suggested attachments to the Application:

- Proof of ownership of the property;
- Resolution from governing authority for grant request;
- Heritage designation;
- Two quotations for major suppliers of goods or services, including proof of expertise in heritage restoration;
- Committee of in-kind contributions, if applicable;
- Other financial assistance approved or applied for towards this project;
- Letters of support.

6. Date comes into Effect



This policy replaces any previous and comes into effect on the date ratified by County Council.