



Heritage Community Investment Program Grants

RECOMMENDATION

That Community and Public Services Committee recommend to City Council:

That the recommendations for grant funding, as outlined in the January 16, 2023, Edmonton Heritage Council report EXT01618, be approved.

Report Purpose

Council decision required

Executive Summary

- The Heritage Community Investment Program (HCIP) is a City of Edmonton funded program, administered by the Edmonton Heritage Council (EHC), which provides funding for Edmonton's heritage organizations, individual heritage practitioners, and communities to support a more vibrant heritage sector.
- HCIP addresses key aims in *Connections & Exchanges: a 10 Year Plan for Transforming Arts & Heritage in Edmonton*, which is aligned with the *City Plan*.
- There are six streams of funding available through HCIP: Operational Grants, Change Capital, Research and Planning, Project Accelerator, Community Impact Project, and Career Development.
- Through HCIP Operational Grants, two organizations received individual grant recommendations of \$30,000 or more, which requires Council approval in accordance with City Policy C211H- Community Investment Grants to Organizations and Individuals.
- These two organizations are the Alberta Aviation Museum (\$168,710) and Société historique francophone de l'Alberta (\$42,539.95) totaling \$211,249.95 for Council Approval.

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- A total of \$323,086.20 has been allocated for 2023 Operational Grants for nine organizations. The recommended grants for seven of the recipient organizations fall below the \$30,000 threshold.

REPORT

Applicant Name	Recommended Amount
Alberta Aviation Museum	\$168,710.00
Société Historique Francophone de L'Alberta	\$42,539.95
SUBTOTAL:	\$211,249.95
Alberta Genealogical Society	\$22,919.40
Alberta Labour History Institute	\$9,845.00
Alberta Pioneer Railway Association	\$22,995.00
Edmonton Chinatown Chinese Library	\$20,162.00
Edmonton and District Historical Society	\$8,095.00
Edmonton Radial Railway Society	\$17,687.15
Société Genealogique du Nord Ouest	\$10,132.70
TOTAL:	\$323,086.20

EHC recommends that a total of \$323,086.20 in Operational Grants be distributed to nine heritage organizations operating in Edmonton in 2023. Of that amount, \$211,249.95 is recommended for disbursement to two heritage organizations eligible for support exceeding the \$30,000 threshold in accordance with City Policy C211H. The two organizations exceeding said threshold are Alberta Aviation Museum and Société historique francophone de l'Alberta, both of which have been longtime recipients of operational funding through HCIP.

Organizations can apply for a maximum of 25% of their total eligible operations and programming expenses. Heritage organizations, particularly museums, have been challenged by the pandemic, and continue to adapt in response to COVID-19. Given this, EHC recommends that

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organizations maintain their pre-pandemic funding levels or 25% of their total eligible operational grant request (whichever is higher) which is consistent with EHC strategy practice through the pandemic. Organizations have been informed that this practice will likely change in 2024, provided COVID-19 recovery continues at its current pace.

Highlights of 2022 Grant Requests

- Organizations receiving operational funding cover a wide range of subjects including: labour history, Chinese language preservation, genealogy, Francophone history, rail and transport, and aviation history.
- Operational Grants work to address a specific aim in *Connections & Exchanges*: New and existing arts and heritage organizational capacity enables innovation and builds resilience in the sector. This is further supported through the Change Capital grants offered by EHC.
- The applications were submitted through EHC's grants portal, allowing for more consistency in the application process, as well as simplicity for answering questions and uploading supporting documents. All applications were reviewed for completeness and eligibility by EHC staff.
- In addition to EHC administrative review, all applications were reviewed by an external accountant prior to proceeding to a peer jury review.
- The Edmonton Heritage Council uses peer juries to evaluate applications. Jurors are screened and trained by EHC staff in advance of their participation. Juries are also chaired by community members.
- EHC's Board of Directors ratified the decisions and supported the recommendations made by the peer jury at their December 7, 2022 board meeting.
- Operational Grant applications are accepted in the fall, and are intended to support the subsequent calendar year's operations.
- Applicants are asked to comment on whether or not they have an equity policy, their approaches to sustainable governance practices, and organizational approaches to addressing the Edmonton Indigenous Framework, including the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action that relate to the heritage sector.
- Information on EHC grants and funded projects is provided in Attachment 2.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Edmonton Heritage Council 2021 Annual Report
2. Edmonton Heritage Council 2022 Grant Recipients