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SUBJECT HERITAGE HOME GRANT APPLICATION – 911 WENTWORTH STREET

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To obtain Council approval for a Heritage Home Grant for the Ivers/Honey Residence located at 911 Wentworth Street.

Recommendation

That the Finance & Audit Committee recommend that Council approve a \$2,500 Heritage Home Grant for reroofing the Ivers/Honey Residence located at 911 Wentworth Street.

BACKGROUND

A Heritage Home Grant application has been submitted by the owners of the Ivers/Honey Residence (911 Wentworth Street), to reroof the building.

The Ivers/Honey Residence is currently on the City's Heritage Register (see Attachment 'A' for the building's historical value statement).

DISCUSSION

Staff has reviewed and evaluated the grant application and note that the proposed project satisfies the relevant requirements and objectives of the Heritage Home Grant Program (as outlined in Attachment 'B' – Heritage Home Grant Program Purpose and Conditions).

The reroof will prolong the life of the building by removing moss buildup and preventing water penetration into the building interior. It will also reduce exterior building deterioration by improving overall weathering protection.

The total estimated project cost is \$16,230.90. The project is eligible for up to \$2,500 in grant assistance based on the 50/50 cost-sharing model specified under the program.

It should be noted that the property has not received a previous home grant. Under the conditions of the grant program, an eligible heritage property owner can apply for up to \$2,500 during the life of the building.

The Heritage Home Grant Program budget for 2019 is currently \$9,500. Should this grant be approved, there would be \$7,000 left in the program budget for use until the end of December 2019.

OPTIONS

1. That the Finance & Audit Committee recommend Council approve a \$2,500 Heritage Home Grant for reroofing the Ivers/Honey Residence located at 911 Wentworth Street.
 - Advantages: The Heritage Home Grant Program furthers the Livability and Economic Health goals of the 2019-2022 Strategic Plan, as well as the conservation objectives of the City's Heritage Conservation Program.
 - Disadvantages: None.
 - Financial Implications: The Heritage Home Grant Program currently has a \$9,500 budget available to cover the application. There would be \$7,000 left in the budget for 2019 should Council approve the application.

2. That the Finance & Audit Committee recommend Council deny a \$2,500 Heritage Home Grant application for reroofing the Ivers/Honey Residence located at 911 Wentworth Street.
 - Advantages: Would leave more funding for potential applications to be considered until December 2019.
 - Disadvantages: Could create uncertainty about the City's commitment to the grant program's purpose and parameters. Would run counter to the City's livability and heritage conservation objectives. Not awarding funding would be contrary to the first-come, first-served priority for eligible applications.
 - Financial Implications: A total of \$9,500 would remain available for further applications in 2019. If unused during 2019, this funding would not be carried forward for use in future years.

SUMMARY POINTS

- A Heritage Home Grant application has been submitted by the owners of the Ivers/Honey Residence (911 Wentworth Street), to reroof the building.
- The total estimated project cost is \$16,230.90. The project is eligible for up to \$2,500 in grant assistance based on the 50/50 cost-sharing model specified under the program.
- The grant application satisfies the relevant requirements and objectives of the Heritage Home Grant Program.

ATTACHMENTS:

ATTACHMENT A – Ivers/Honey Residence History and Significance
ATTACHMENT B – Heritage Home Grant Program Purpose and Conditions
ATTACHMENT C – Photos of Existing Roof Condition

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