

DATE OF MEETING DECEMBER 18, 2019

AUTHORED BY CHRIS SHOLBERG, CULTURE & HERITAGE PLANNER

SUBJECT HERITAGE HOME GRANT APPLICATION – 442 MILTON STREET

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To obtain Council approval for a Heritage Home Grant for the Leynard Residence located at 442 Milton Street.

Recommendation

That the Finance & Audit Committee recommend that Council approve a \$1,624 Heritage Home Grant for window repair to the Leynard Residence located at 442 Milton Street.

BACKGROUND

A Heritage Home Grant application has been submitted by the owners of the Leynard Residence (442 Milton Street), to repair a number of the residence's original wood frame windows.

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

DISCUSSION

Staff have 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 proposed repair work will rehabilitate and reseal the residence's original wood frame windows preventing water penetration and improving the insulation value of the home.

The total estimated project cost is \$3,248. The project is eligible for up to \$1,624 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 is currently \$7,000. Approval of this grant will reduce the program budget to \$5,376.

OPTIONS

1. That the Finance & Audit Committee recommend that Council approve a \$1,624 Heritage Home Grant for window repair to the Leynard Residence located at 442 Milton Street.
 - The advantages of this option: The Heritage Home Grant Program furthers the Livability and Economic Health Strategic goals of the 2019-2022 Strategic Plan, as well as the conservation objectives of the City's Heritage Conservation Program.
 - The disadvantages of this option: None.
 - Financial Implications: The Heritage Home Grant Program currently has a \$7,000 budget available to cover the application. There would be \$5,376 left in the budget for 2019 should Council approve the application.

2. That the Finance & Audit Committee recommend Council deny a \$1,624 Heritage Home Grant application for window repair to the Leynard Residence located at 442 Milton Street.
 - The advantages of this option: None.
 - The disadvantages of this option: 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: 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 Leynard Residence (442 Milton Street), to repair a number of the residence's original wood frame windows.
- The total estimated project cost is \$3,248. The project is eligible for up to \$1,624 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 – Leynard Residence History and Significance

ATTACHMENT B – Heritage Home Grant Program Purpose and Conditions

ATTACHMENT C – Photos of Existing Window Condition |

Submitted by:

Lisa Bhopalsingh
Manager, Community Planning|

Concurrence by:

Bill Corsan
Director of Community Development

Dale Lindsay
General Manager of Development Services

Laura Mercer
Director of Finance |