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CITY OF KINGSTON HERITAGE FUND GRANT LAUNCHES FOR 2021

\$396,000 available in cultural heritage community grants

[KINGSTON, ONT./ 29 June 2020] The Kingston Association of Museums, Art Galleries and Historic Sites (KAM) is pleased to announce the launch of the 2020-2021 City of Kingston Heritage Fund. \$396,000 is available through this year's City of Kingston Heritage Fund for project and operating support. The deadline to apply for 2020-2021 CKHF Operating Grants is **Tuesday, September 8, 2020, 3:00 pm**, while the deadline to apply for CKHF Project Grants is **Tuesday, September 15, 2020, 3:00 pm**.

All information pertaining to the City of Kingston Heritage Fund and the 2020-2021 grant cycle will be posted on the KAM website - <https://www.kingstonmuseums.ca/ckhf>.

In support of the 2020-2021 grant cycle, KAM will be hosting two Grant Writing webinars. The first webinar will focus on project grants and will take place on **July 16th 2020**. The second webinar will focus on operating grants and will take place on **July 23rd 2020**. Interested participants can register through Eventbrite. Please see the KAM website for more information.

The City of Kingston Heritage Fund is entering its eighth grant cycle. KAM has administered the heritage fund on behalf of the City of Kingston since its introduction to the Kingston community. "KAM is both pleased and privileged to work in partnership with the City of Kingston to help deliver this important municipal funding program. Healthy communities are diverse, vibrant and responsive. As part of this, cultural heritage plays a critical role in wellbeing both on a personal and community level. The CKHF supports and strengthens innovative programming, capacity-building and professional development within local museums and other cultural heritage organizations through operational and project funding. In these challenging times, a strongly and thoughtfully supported cultural heritage sector is an investment our community's resiliency," explains Jamie McKenzie-Naish, Managing Director.

"Community museums, historic sites, art galleries and cultural heritage projects are essential contributors to Kingston's vibrant community and frontline products in the recovery of Kingston's tourism and hospitality markets. These organizations, spaces and projects build community by creating meaningful and human connections between heritage sites, history and identity. The City of Kingston Heritage Fund continues to provide a sustained source of funding that allows the cultural sector to

leverage municipal investments to enhance their profile, capacity, impact, relevance and sustainability," explains Jennifer Campbell, Manager of Cultural Heritage at the City of Kingston.

One-on-One ZOOM meetings with the Grant Review Officer or Grant Coordinator regarding 2020-2021 CKHF grant applications will be available every Wednesday, in July and August, between 10 am and 3pm. Please make an appointment via grants@kingstonmuseums.ca .

Application packages and guidelines for both the CKHF project and operating grants are available online through the KAM website. Alternate formats are available upon request through the KAM office.

All CKHF applications are adjudicated through a community, peer-review process. Successful applicants will be notified in December. Further details about the City of Kingston Heritage Fund, including program objectives, eligibility and adjudication processes can be found at <https://www.kingstonmuseums.ca/ckhf>

For more information on Kingston Association of Museums, Art Galleries and Historic Sites, or the City of Kingston Heritage Fund, contact Jamie McKenzie-Naish, Grants Officer or Debbie Holdich, Grants Coordinator, at 613-507-4014 or grants@kingstonmuseums.ca.

For more information on the City of Kingston, call the media hotline at 613-546-4291, ext. 2300.