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CITY OF KINGSTON HERITAGE FUND CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Seeking community volunteers to help adjudicate the CKHF 2020-2021 Grant Cycle.

[KINGSTON, ONT./ 31 July 2020] The Kingston Association of Museums, Art Galleries and Historic Sites (KAM) is seeking interested community volunteers to help adjudicate the 2020-2021 City of Kingston Heritage Fund grant program.

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.

CKHF grant applications are adjudicated using an impartial, peer assessment process that engages stakeholders from across Kingston as jury members. Jury members are community volunteers, with a range of knowledge, skills, and experience, who are passionate about Kingston's cultural heritage, and where possible, are reflective of the gender, demographic and cultural diversity of Kingston itself.

As a CKHF Juror, you will be working with the CKHF Adjudication Chair, who oversees two separate adjudication committees – one for operating grants, the other for project grants, as well as the Grants Review Officer and Grants Coordinator.

For the 2020-2021 grant cycle, the Adjudication Committee meeting will take place through Zoom, and will involve two separate sessions over a period of two weeks.

For those interested in volunteering, please complete **the CKHF Juror Expression of Interest form** and return by **August 17th 2020** to the Grant Review Officer via grants@kingstonmuseums.ca.

The CKHF Juror Expression of Interest form is available through the KAM website - <https://www.kingstonmuseums.ca/ckhf/adjudication-process>. Alternate formats are available upon request through the KAM office.

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.