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CITY OF KINGSTON OFFERING \$338,773 IN HERITAGE GRANTS

Information sessions on 24 June and 29 July plus free grant writing workshops July 15 and 12 August 2019

[KINGSTON, ONTARIO – 19 June 2019] Applications are open for The City of Kingston Heritage Fund (CKHF) to provide support to organizations dedicated to ethically preserving the history and stories of Kingston through unique exhibit programming, cultural visitor engagement and reaching into the current social landscape.

“The City of Kingston Heritage Fund is an innovative and incredibly important municipal investment in Kingston’s heritage sector. With opportunities for operational, investment and project funding, the CKHF grant program supports local museums and other heritage venues through program development, capacity-building and professional development. This type of investment in museums and heritage sites serves to support and enrich vibrant, diverse and culturally-active communities.” explains Jamie McKenzie-Naish, Managing Director of the Kingston Association of Museums, Art Galleries and Historic Sites (KAM).

“This fund contributes to maintaining a sustainable Cultural Heritage sector, a sector that is an essential part of our community and that provides Cultural Heritage opportunities and experiences to residents and visitors alike,” says Jennifer Campbell, Manager, Cultural Heritage at the City of Kingston. “The sites and projects that receive this funding help to preserve our community history and they affirm our connections to each other through cultural heritage events and experiences.”

Moving into its seventh cycle, the City of Kingston Heritage Fund was established in 2013 as a means to enrich the cultural experiences available to Kingston residents and to increase the profile, capacity, impact, relevance and sustainability of Culture & Heritage organizations.

Museums, Heritage Projects, Cultural Groups & Historical Societies are encouraged to attend an information session on either Monday, 24 June 2019 at 3:00 pm or Monday, 29 July 2019 at 5:00 pm in the office of the Kingston Association of Museums, Art Galleries and Historic Sites (KAM) at 837 Princess Street Suite 203A. An additional *free* grant writing workshops will be offered on Monday 15 July 2019 at 4:00 pm and Monday 12 August 2019 at 6:00 pm, also in the KAM offices.

CKHF supports organizations in both an operational capacity and for project specific endeavours. Application packages and guidelines for both the CKHF project and operating grants are online with a limited amount of hard copies available at the information sessions. CKHF operating grant applications are due to KAM by Wednesday, September 11, 2019, 3:00 pm, while CKHF project grant applications are due to KAM by Wednesday, September 18, 2019, 3:00 pm.

Further details about the City of Kingston Heritage Fund, including program eligibility and objectives can be found at 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.