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CITY OF KINGSTON HERITAGE FUND CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Seeking community volunteers to help adjudicate the CKHF 2024-2025 Grant Cycle.

[KINGSTON, ONT./ 15 July 2024] The Kingston & Area Association of Museums, Art Galleries and Historic Sites (KAM) is seeking interested community volunteers to help adjudicate the 2024-2025 City of Kingston Heritage Fund grant program.

The City of Kingston Heritage Fund is entering its twelfth grant cycle. KAM has administered the heritage fund on behalf of the City of Kingston since its introduction to the Kingston community. “The City of Kingston Heritage Fund is a critical and innovative municipal investment in local cultural heritage. Cultural heritage sites and organizations are empowered to expand and improve practice, build better and stronger connections with their communities, and most of all, create wonderful cultural heritage experiences for all to enjoy and to share. This grant program, in terms of its size and scope, is unique within the province, and reflects the City of Kingston’s drive towards innovation and excellence. One of my favourite aspects of this program is that community residents are involved in the adjudication of the applications,” explains Jamie McKenzie-Naish, KAM Managing Director.

“The City of Kingston Heritage Fund helps cultural organizations and projects expand their capacity, impact, and relevance. Community museums, historic sites, art galleries and cultural heritage projects play an important role in creating meaningful and human connections between heritage sites, history, and identity. They are essential contributors to Kingston’s community and an important part of Kingston’s tourism and hospitality sectors,” says Kevin Gibbs, Director of Heritage Services 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. One of the key objectives for the CKHF is to “enhance Kingston’s distinctive identity, enrich the cultural life of residents, and attract newcomers, audiences, and visitors from around the world.” In support of this, jury members are community volunteers, with a range of knowledge, skills, and experiences, who are passionate about Kingston’s cultural heritage, and are reflective of the gender, demographic, cultural, and neurodiversity 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 Grant Review Officer and Grant Support Coordinator.

For the 2024-2025 grant cycle, the Adjudication Committee meeting will take place in-person and will involve two separate sessions over a period of two weeks. Hybrid meeting option is available upon request.

For those interested in volunteering, please complete **the CKHF Juror Expression of Interest form** and return by **Friday, August 23rd, 2024**, to the Grant Review Officer via info@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 www.kingstonmuseums.ca/ckhf.

For more information on Kingston & Area 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 info@kingstonmuseums.ca.

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