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CITY OF KINGSTON HERITAGE FUND CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Seeking community volunteers to help adjudicate the CKHF 2022-2023 Grant Cycle.

[KINGSTON, ONT./ 5 August 2022] The Kingston & Area Association of Museums, Art Galleries and Historic Sites (KAM) is seeking interested community volunteers to help adjudicate the 2022-2023 City of Kingston Heritage Fund grant program.

The City of Kingston Heritage Fund is entering its tenth 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 program, with its operating and project categories, continues to transform Kingston's cultural heritage landscape in positive, innovative and diverse ways, improving access and community engagement. A vibrant, diverse, and responsive cultural heritage sector reflects and amplifies vibrant, diverse and responsive communities. Now more than ever, this type of investment is critical to support community resiliency. KAM, as always, is pleased to work in partnership with the City of Kingston to help deliver this important municipal funding program," explains Jamie McKenzie-Naish, KAM Managing Director.

"Community museums, historic sites, art galleries and cultural heritage projects are essential contributors to Kingston's vibrant community and a key component of Kingston's tourism and hospitality markets. They build community by creating meaningful and human connections between heritage sites, history and identity. The City of Kingston Heritage Fund provides a sustained source of funding that allows the cultural sector to leverage municipal investments to enhance their profile, capacity, impact, relevance and sustainability," explains Kevin Gibbs, Manager, Heritage Programming 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 experiences, who are passionate about Kingston's cultural heritage, and where possible, are reflective of the gender, demographic, and cultural diversity of Kingston itself. CKHF jurors reflect Kingston's cultural diversity, including race, religion, sexual orientation and gender identity, people with disabilities, and Indigenous culture and heritage. One of the City of Kingston's 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." CKHF jurors value and participate in cultural groups, centers, and/or historical/archival sites across Kingston that contribute to Kingston's the distinct and diverse heritage and culture.

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 2022-2023 grant cycle, the Adjudication Committee meeting will take place through Microsoft Teams, 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 26th, 2022**, 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 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.

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