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## CITY OF KINGSTON HERITAGE FUND GRANT LAUNCHES FOR 2025 \$466,390 available in cultural heritage grants

**[KINGSTON, ONT./ 28 June 2024]** The Kingston & Area Association of Museums, Art Galleries and Historic Sites (KAM) is pleased to announce the launch of the 2024-2025 City of Kingston Heritage Fund. \$466,390 is available through this year's City of Kingston Heritage Fund in two different grant streams: operating and project grants. Two grant categories are available within the operating grant stream: *Large Operating Grants* and *Small Operating Grants*. Two grant categories are available within the project grant stream: *Community Cultural Heritage Project Grants* and *Cultural Heritage Development Project Grants*. The *Cultural Heritage Development* grants are intended to respond to identified thematic gaps or product readiness challenges within Kingston's cultural heritage landscape. For 2024-2025, applicants to the Cultural Heritage Development Project Grant will choose one of two themes to address: 1) "Indigenization, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility Program Development," or 2) "Placemaking in Kingston."

The deadline to apply for 2024-2025 CKHF Operating Grants is **Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 11:59 pm**, while the deadline to apply for CKHF Project Grants is **Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 11:59 pm**. All information pertaining to the City of Kingston Heritage Fund and the 2024-2025 grant cycle will be posted on the KAM website: [www.kingstonmuseums.ca/ckhf](http://www.kingstonmuseums.ca/ckhf).

Those interested in applying are encouraged to attend an **Information Webinar** about the CKHF 2024-2025 grant cycle. Webinars will be held on **Wednesday July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 11am-12:30pm** and **Thursday August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 1:00pm-2:30pm**. KAM will also be hosting **two free Grant Writing webinars**. The first webinar will focus on project grants and will take place on **Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 11am -1pm**. The second webinar will focus on operating grants and will take place on **Thursday August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, 11am-1pm**. Interested participants can register through Eventbrite. Please see the KAM website for more information: <https://www.kingstonmuseums.ca/professional-development/professional-development-events>.

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," 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.

One-on-one IN-PERSON or ZOOM meetings with the Grant Review Officer or Grant Support Coordinator regarding 2024-2025 CKHF grant applications will be available every Wednesday in August, between 10 am and 3pm. Please make an appointment via [info@kingstonmuseums.ca](mailto:info@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 [www.kingstonmuseums.ca/ckhf](http://www.kingstonmuseums.ca/ckhf).

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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, Grant Review Officer or Debbie Holdich, Grant Support Coordinator, at 613-507-4014 or [info@kingstonmuseums.ca](mailto:info@kingstonmuseums.ca). For more information on the City of Kingston, call the media hotline at 613-546-4291, ext. 2300.