

October 10, 2022

Susanne Thompson
Director of Finance
City of Victoria
#1 Centennial Square
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Re: 2022 Grant Funding Request (REVISED)

Dear Ms. Thompson,

The Victoria Heritage Foundation (VHF) respectfully submits our 2022 direct-award funding request as approved by our Board of Directors on September 28, 2021.

The year 2021 saw the highest increase in grant applications since 2016, resulting in a shortfall of \$75,000.00 in funding. In order to stretch the budget as far as possible, and to assist as many properties, as possible, the VHF reduced its foundational funding goal of a 50/50 matching grant down to 34%. These grants leveraged at least \$76,190 in private investment. This still resulted in a significant budget shortfall. In addition, some homeowners opted to defer their projects until 2022.

The City of Victoria established the VHF in 1983 to administer a financial grant program to support the conservation of heritage-designated homes and to encourage additional designations. The program has been successful for 38 years, with 89% of the City's 422 designated homes receiving at least one grant towards restoration, enhancement and vital maintenance. Grants were approved across nine of Victoria's neighbourhoods. Continued support for the grant program upholds the City's Official Community Plan's commitment to enable and support heritage conservation through incentives. Since 1983 the VHF grant program has supported the community, small business, and local contractors and suppliers, while contributing to sustainable construction and the safety of homeowners through home improvement.

The VHF grant program helps and encourages homeowners to undertake a variety of work on their homes that meet a number of Council's Strategic Priorities. The rebuilding and reinforcing of chimneys, for example, increases the seismic resistance of the structure and plays a role in post-disaster recovery. The installation of storm windows increases the home's energy efficiency, to a standard that meets, or exceeds, the performance of new, energy-efficient windows. In addition to the added safety the program provides homeowners with, it also incentivizes the retention of existing homes and materials, which has been shown to be more environmentally sustainable than new construction. This includes the diversion of building materials being directed to landfill.

In 2021, VHF volunteers contributed countless volunteer hours towards the success of the VHF and its programs. The organization undertakes education projects, including our comprehensive website, neighbourhood walking tour brochures and the award-winning, four-volume, series: *This Old House: Victoria's*

Heritage Neighbourhoods, furthering knowledge and awareness of Victoria's built heritage. Th VHF also assists the City's Planning Department in researching potential new designations, when requested. In her greeting in the newly revised edition of: *This Old House, Volume Three: Rockland, Burnside, Harris Green, Hillside-Quadra, North Park and Oaklands*, Mayor Helps wrote: "Much of Victoria's charm and character stem from its unique collection of well-preserved historic buildings, many of which date back to the early days of settlement in British Columbia. These superb examples of 19th and 20th century architecture create a sense of pride among owners and the community. These heritage buildings are symbols of permanence and stability in an ever-changing world."

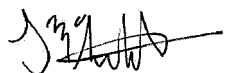
2022 Grant Request

VHF's Annual Report includes financial statements that document our yearly expenditures and budget allocations. The Annual report is also available to view on our website at victoriaheritagefoundation.ca.

1.8% Cost of Living (BC Stats for Victoria B.C., July 2020-July 2021)
10% increase in base funding.

If approved this increase of \$27,579 would bring our annual funding from the City to \$257,791. This amount would guarantee 35%-45% grants for homeowners, as well as fund education awareness projects and our operating costs. Construction costs, in general have continued to increase significantly. Building code, seismic requirements and hazardous material abatement also contribute to rising costs.

Respectfully,



Theresa McFarland,
Board President



Chris Hoggarth,
Treasurer



Maria Buhne,
Executive Director

cc: Karen Hoese, Director, Sustainable Planning & Community Development
Andrea Hudson, Assistant Director, Sustainable Planning & Community Development
John O'Reilly, Senior Heritage Planner
Laura Saretsky, Heritage Planner, VHF Board
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2021 VHF HOUSE GRANTS

ADDRESS		PROJECT	GRANT
215	Wilson	Prep and paint, MPDA	\$8,792
212	Raynor	New window, including storm and related woodwork repairs	\$2,073
353	Moss	Window repairs	\$2,256
3140	Balfour	Window repairs	\$682
2103	Fernwood	Gutters	\$2,901
1844	Hollywood	Chimney rebuild and repointing	\$3,280
737	Vancouver	Prep and paint, MPDA	\$9,288
43	Lewis	Re-roof	\$4,742
1231	Montrose	17 storm windows, installation	\$3,880
1116	Catherine	32 storm windows, installation	\$8,500
806	Linden	Prep and paint, MPDA	\$9,432
614	Seaforth	Prep and paint, MPDA	\$6,570
953	Empress	Gutters on rear dormer	\$699
1209	Yukon	Woodwork repairs	\$5,319
638	Battery	Prep and paint, MPDA	\$9,288
1320	Rockland	27 storm windows, top floor	\$5,968
811	St Charles	2 and 7 storm windows, suites 5 and 8	\$2,170
428	Heather	Prep and paint, MPDA	\$9,648
1964	Fairfield	Prep and paint, MPDA	\$6,974
223	Robert	New windows, installation	\$8,500
1124	Fort	4 new windows, installation	\$1,078
1001	Terrace	Windows, door, leaded glass	\$4,435
968	Balmoral	Masonry repair	\$8,500
2645	Fernwood	5 new windows, installation, repairs	\$3,390
2736	Fifth	Woodwork repairs, gutters, downspouts, chimney	\$8,500
106	Medana	Engineer, seismic	\$15,000
938	Collinson	Re-roof	\$4,677
1609	Gladstone	Chimney restoration	\$6,390
#5 906	Pemberton	3 chimneys	\$7,650
340	Wilson	Prep and paint, MPDA	\$9,266
1335	Johnson	Window repairs, 10 new sashes including paint	\$3,127
601	Trutch	Stucco repairs	\$634
31 GRANTS		@ 34% FUNDING	\$183,609