



Heritage House Grants Application Guidelines

Is My House Eligible?

Your house is eligible for a grant if:

- ❖ It is listed on the Heritage Register of the City of Vancouver. To find out visit www.vancouver.ca and search <heritage>.
- ❖ It is designated, or is in the process of being designated, as a legally protected heritage building in the City of Vancouver.
- ❖ Its property taxes are paid and there are no liens against the property.
- ❖ It is covered by fire insurance. We also recommend earthquake insurance.

What projects receive funding?

Grants are given to projects that undertake the maintenance and restoration of the original exterior fabric of heritage buildings. Funded projects include:

- ❖ Restoration of original exterior chimney and masonry work
- ❖ Restoration of original exterior cladding such as shingles, siding, stucco
- ❖ Restoration of original windows and doors
- ❖ Historically accurate and documented fences and gates and outbuildings
- ❖ Structural work such as roofs, gutters, foundations, perimeter and storm drains

Overall restoration plans are highly recommended so that the grants committee can see your project in the context of plans for the whole house. On-going maintenance work grants will be awarded only after restoration projects are funded.

Preference will be given to projects that restore the original fabric of a house. When original detail is missing, new work should be based on historic and photographic research in the same or similar buildings.

When do I apply?

Applications are available from the Vancouver Heritage Foundation by phoning 604 264 9642 or they can be downloaded from www.vancouverheritagefoundation.org. Completed applications must be received by the Vancouver Heritage Foundation before October 31st of each year. Successful applicants will be notified in writing before December 31st. Owners are restricted to one RESTORE IT! grant per year. All applications of eligible houses will be considered. No application will be considered to form any contractual or other obligation on the part of the Vancouver Heritage Foundation.

How do I apply?

Complete the application form in full, including the requested photographs and price quotes for the work to be done. Application forms and guidelines for House Grants and True Colours the exterior paint granting program can be downloaded by visiting www.vancouverheritagefoundation.org. Or, by phoning 604 264 9642 to receive an application package by mail.

Note that you must submit photos and 3 price quotes with your application. Include photos showing neighbourhood context, the entire house and the details that are part of your project. Please date your photos.

Do I need a permit?

Any exterior change to a building on the heritage register or to a designated building requires review by City of Vancouver Heritage Conservation Planning Group and possibly the Heritage Commission. Designated buildings also require approval by Vancouver City Council. Please contact the City of Vancouver Heritage Planning Group at 604 873 7056 for further information.

The City of Vancouver requires a building permit for most construction, alteration, addition, reconstruction or demolition. For more information on building permits contact the city at 604 873 7011.

The submission to, or approval of, an application to the Vancouver Heritage Foundation does not eliminate the need to apply to the City of Vancouver for a building permit.

When is the grant paid?

All work must be completed before December 31st in the year the grant is awarded. This includes an on site quality inspection by the Vancouver Heritage Foundation, evidence of full payment to contractor (submit paid invoices signed by contractor) and submission of photos of project details and entire house, including photos taken before, during and after completion. Please date photos.

Where do I submit my application?

Send your completed application to:

Vancouver Heritage Foundation
402 - 510 W Hastings St.
Vancouver BC V6B 1L8

For more information please contact:

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