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## Grant Program Gives Extra Help for Energy and Water Retrofits in Older Homes

**After a successful pilot program, the Heritage Energy Retrofit Grant program has been renewed and expanded and is now accepting new applications. The program gives extra help to owners of older homes for energy and water retrofits. Homes built before 1940 and those listed on the Vancouver Heritage Register are eligible to apply. To find out more visit [www.vancouverheritagefoundation.org](http://www.vancouverheritagefoundation.org) or call 604 264 9642.**

Support for energy efficiency upgrades to older homes and navigating other rebate programs



VHF and the City of Vancouver Sustainability Group, with assistance from City Green Solutions, have teamed up to create a grant program to help older homes, including pre-1940s homes not on the Vancouver Heritage Register, with energy improvements. The **Heritage Energy Retrofit Grant** supports efforts to retain heritage and character homes, while also contributing to the City's greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets as part of the Greenest City Action Plan. During the successful pilot program, some participating homes saw GHG reductions of over 4 tonnes per year. The program has now been

retooled to offer even more resources to participants, and expanded to include storm windows and water conservation methods.

Homeowners who participate in the program will receive more than just funding as the program also includes valuable assistance and insightful reports. These added benefits mean improvements are tailored to specific homes and homeowners receive the information needed to make decisions about the most effective and appropriate retrofits to pursue. Participants will also receive guidance on how to get the most out of all rebate and retrofit programs, including those available from BC Hydro and FortisBC. Funding can include assistance with storm windows and installation, heating, fuel switching, insulation, air sealing and other upgrades. Free water saving devices are also available.

All retrofits must be completed by October 31st, 2018. Houses must either be on the Vancouver Heritage Register or built in Vancouver before 1940 and only houses with primarily oil or gas heating are eligible as these offer the largest GHG reduction opportunities.



## Vancouver Heritage Foundation Grant Program

VHF has been offering grants to support heritage conservation for 16 years. Our four other grant programs are available to owners of buildings and sites on the Vancouver Heritage Register. Applications for these grants are due February 1st, 2017. Full information about each is available at [vancouverheritagefoundation.org/get-a-grant](http://vancouverheritagefoundation.org/get-a-grant).

*True Colours* (in partnership with Benjamin Moore) offers funds and paint to restore original exterior paint schemes

*Restore It* offers funds to restore or repair original historic exterior fabric

*House Call* assists with the costs of hiring a heritage consultant to create a Conservation Plan

*Get on the Register* assists with costs associated with adding a building or site to Vancouver's Heritage Register

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