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Program Guidelines 2025

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2025 deadline for applications:

May 15th, 2025

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Grants for new original publications funded by the *Yosef Wosk Publication Fund at Vancouver Heritage Foundation*.

The Yosef Wosk Publication Fund has been established with Vancouver Heritage Foundation (VHF) through a generous donation from Dr. Yosef Wosk. The Yosef Wosk Publication Grant program has been established from the Fund to support new, original publications on Vancouver's history and heritage places, and their conservation. A variety of media can be eligible for support through the program including printed books, digital publications and film.

2025 Applications:

For the 2025 grant cycle, applications for a Yosef Wosk Publication Grant will be accepted until May 15th, 2025. Applications must be made using the Publication Grant Application Form and submitted online.

After reviewing the program materials, applicants must contact the program manager in advance of applying to discuss their project to receive the link to the application.

All applications received will be acknowledged by VHF staff within one week of receipt. If an applicant does not receive this confirmation, the applicant is responsible for checking with VHF that their application has been received.

Grants are awarded at the sole discretion of Vancouver Heritage Foundation. VHF is under no obligation to award a grant and reserves the right, without incurring any liability, to reject applications even if all criteria are met.

Application Process:

A project proponent (writer, filmmaker, or other creator) contacts the Grant Programs Manager to discuss their project, once eligibility is confirmed, the Grant Programs Manager shares the application link. The applicant then applies online to the Yosef Wosk Publication Grant Program.

Applications will be reviewed by the VHF Publication Grant Committee. Final approval of grants is by the Vancouver Heritage Foundation Board of Directors. All applicants will be notified of the status of their application in writing by mid June 2025.

If a grant is awarded, the applicant will sign an agreement with VHF to confirm their acceptance of the grant. The agreement will set out how the grant will be distributed including the initial payment, final grant on project completion, and conditions to be met.

Timeline:

Based on the successful applicants being notified by mid June 2025, the portion of the project receiving Yosef Wosk Publication Funds, will be completed by June 30th, 2026.

Objectives of the Yosef Wosk Publication Grant program:

The program's objective is to support new, original publications on aspects of Vancouver's heritage and related topics to increase public awareness, knowledge, and appreciation.

Projects supported by the program could include those that:

- Record and document information about Vancouver's past and cultural heritage, architectural history and/or heritage places*;
- Share heritage conservation techniques and case studies with specific relevance to Vancouver;
- Further the understanding of the value of historic buildings and sites to the culture, economy and sustainability of Vancouver and its communities.
- Addresses gaps in the available research and materials for diverse audiences (e.g. students, younger learners, multilingual)

*Heritage places: Includes buildings, structures, districts, landscapes, archaeological sites and other places that have heritage value. Heritage value can include a wide variety of ways that a place is meaningful to a community. The Canadian Register of Historic places defines this as "the aesthetic, historic, scientific, cultural, social or spiritual importance or significance for past, current and future generations."

Grants available:

Up to $10,000 in total is available each year for Yosef Wosk Publication Grants. The Publication Grants Committee may choose to recommend one or several projects for support from this budget total. Grants from the program can be used in conjunction with funds from other funders but not to exceed the total project costs. The Publication Grant can be for a maximum of 100% of eligible project costs.

Eligible projects:

The program invites applications for funding for a wide variety of projects and from individuals and organizations.

Supported publication projects will have a tangible long-lasting product and aim to increase public awareness, knowledge, and appreciation of heritage places or heritage conservation in Vancouver. This can include cultural landscapes and intangible cultural heritage. The finished project should have a permanent format and be publicly accessible and have a plan for distribution. An individual project can only receive one Yosef Wosk Publication Grant and must be completed before the same applicant can reapply to the program.

Eligible projects could include (but are not limited to):

- Print and online books or booklets
- Technical guides
- Videos or documentary films
- Websites
- Audio publications
- Exhibits

The grant can be used to support a defined phase of a larger project.

Review Criteria:

Applications will be evaluated on various criteria including (but not limited to):

- Original contribution to current knowledge.
- Ability to reach a relevant and sizeable audience.
- Likelihood to be successfully completed within one year of grant acceptance.
- Relevance to the objectives of the Yosef Wosk Publication Grant program.
- Demonstrated financial need.

Eligible applicants:

Applications to the program can be made by one or more of the following:

- Individuals – one or more.
- Registered non-profit societies and federally registered charities.

Organizations must be a registered non-profit society in good standing in Canada.

A principal contact must be identified for all communication on behalf of the applicant(s) but all contributors to the project must also be identified.

Eligible Costs:

The Grant program aims to support projects near completion so is designed to assist with the professional services and fees that will be incurred at that stage. This may include but is not limited to:

- Professional services such as editing, graphic design, photography, web development, technical drawing, printing
- Fees such as photo acquisitions, use permissions
- Specialized equipment rental

Ineligible aspects of funding:
- Any costs that have already been incurred or aspects already completed before 2025 announcement of successful grantees.
- Authors/creators using grant funds to pay themselves for the granted work.

Payment Schedule:

The Publication Grant may be paid out on the following schedule. However, each individual project will be assessed, and a schedule agreed to by both parties.

- On signing of the agreement: A portion of the grant may be paid to the applicant (up to 50%)
- On completion of the project (to the satisfaction of VHF) including submission of a brief project report to VHF: The balance of the grant. The applicant will need to provide documentation of actual costs and the final grant will be assessed based on this.

Any applicant not completing their funded project will be ineligible for future VHF grants.

Requirements:

VHF will be provided with a copy of the finished project to make available publicly through its Reading Room or online as appropriate.

The *Yosef Wosk Publication Fund at Vancouver Heritage Foundation* must be acknowledged by Yosef Wosk Publication Grant recipients in project information, media releases, promotional materials, public

events, and other publicity related to the funded project, as well as prominently on/in the publication. A program logo will be provided.

Each completed project will be reported on and reviewed as part of ongoing program evaluation.

VHF will communicate publicly about completed projects to help in promoting the program, VHF, its goals, and activities.