



ONTARIO HERITAGE

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ONTARIO HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT

2025 Historic Preservation Grant Program

Ontario Heritage is proud to be the local non-profit advocacy organization within the City of Ontario whose mission is the protection and preservation of our city's architectural heritage.

We are pleased to announce our [Historic Preservation](#) Grant Program for 2025. Proceeds from our historic home tour, cemetery tour, and walking tour fundraisers, as well as membership dues, sponsorship, and donations, provide financial support for projects focused on preserving Ontario's history and culture. A total of \$10,000 will be awarded towards this year's Preservation Grants. Grants up to a maximum of \$5,000 each will be awarded for up to 50% of the project cost on each selected project.

Applications are now available to any Ontario Heritage member wishing to make certain preservation improvements to their historic home, building, or structure that has architectural or historical significance AND is located within the City of Ontario. Projects under consideration may include exterior or interior restoration or repair, structural restoration, painting, or roofing. Applicants may submit multiple projects for consideration; however, one application is required for each project.

The application deadline is on April 9th and the grant recipients will be notified by April 23rd. A panel of qualified individuals selected by the Ontario Heritage Board of Directors will review the applications and may request on-site visits to select the best candidates to receive grant funds. Ontario Heritage will officially announce the results at their General Membership meeting on April 27, 2025.

Ontario Heritage Historic Preservation Grant Program (continued)

- The Historic Preservation Grant Program is available to any Ontario Heritage member for projects on a property with historic and or architectural significance that is located within the City of Ontario. Grants will be awarded to property owners whose projects best represent the spirit of historic preservation within Ontario's historic homes and neighborhoods.
- The program helps:
 - Complement existing neighborhood preservation projects
 - Enhance the quality and value of our historic areas by maintaining and preserving existing historic properties.
 - Extend the life, appeal and integrity of our architectural legacy for years to come.
- The program award grants up to a maximum of \$10,000 for up to 50% of the cost of the project. Grants will be awarded based on the decision of our panel of judges and decisions are final.
- Priority will be given to exterior restoration, historical authenticity and "curb appeal" projects. Projects include but are not limited to:
 - Historic exterior painting
 - Chimney repairs or rebuilds
 - Foundation repairs or rebuilds
 - Exterior woodwork repair or rebuilds, including trim, rafter tails, beam ends, etc.
 - Interior woodwork repair or rebuilds
 - Porch and stairway repair or rebuilds
 - Removal and replacement of inappropriate windows or doors to meet historical standards
 - Restoration of authentic siding or removal of added stucco to meet historical standards
 - Removal of inappropriate fencing
- Application is attached below or visit ontarioheritage.org for an online application.

For questions or project assistance send message to:

ontarioheritage.org

or contact

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Application Process and Timeline

February 20– April 9: Grant Application Acceptance Window

- Make sure your Ontario Heritage membership dues are up-to-date.
- Confirm that your property is eligible to apply and that the proposed work qualifies for grant.
- Submit the completed application form and “before” photos (in high resolution jpg file format) of your project area before April 9th

April 23- Applicants will be notified if their project was selected

April 27- Awarded (selected) projects will be announced at the General Membership Meeting

April 27 – November 30

- Property owners with awarded projects will put the small yard sign promoting the Grant Program in their front yard during the 2025 grant period. Signs will be provided by Ontario Heritage. All projects must be completed by October 15, 2025.

October 15- October 29: Upon completion of the project, recipients will submit reimbursement request to [Ontario Heritage](#) through the website. Grants will be disbursed upon completion of the following:

- Submit all project receipts for expenses
- Submit “after” photographs of the project area (in high resolution jpg file format)
- For projects that include exterior work, submit a city issued Certificate of Approval. Submit a city issued building permit for all work, where required.
- Schedule an on-site visit with an Ontario Heritage Board member to verify completion of work before October 29th.
- All completed requests for reimbursement shall be received by October 29th.

November 7- Present funds to award recipients at the General Membership Meeting

Note: It is the responsibility of the homeowner to obtain the necessary building permits and Certificate of Appropriateness from the City of Ontario when applicable.

**Ontario Heritage Historic Preservation Grant
Application Form**

Applicant's Name _____

Property Address _____

Telephone Number _____ Email Address _____

Do you own this Property (Circle One)? YES NO If not, please explain _____

Property Owner & Address (If different from above) _____

Proposed Restoration Project _____

Estimated Cost \$: _____

Attach "before" images as supporting documents

**Ontario Heritage Historic Preservation Grant
Application Form Continued**

I hereby release Ontario Heritage, its board, and members from all liability regarding the proposed restoration project. If I receive a grant, and agree to indemnify Ontario Heritage, its board, and members from all damages, cost or attorney fees associated with any claims of liability. I understand that this program grants funds to reimburse the cost of preservation projects only. Ontario Heritage and its Grant Committee do not themselves approve or disapprove of any plans or projects submitted to the Grant Program. I understand it is the responsibility of the applicant to obtain all necessary City permits and Certificates of Appropriateness where applicable.

Furthermore, if I receive a Grant, I fully agree to permit Ontario Heritage to use information and photographs of my project as necessary for promotion and publicity purposes.

I hereby declare that the forgoing information regarding this grant application and restoration project is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant(s)

Signature of Property Owner(s) if other than Applicant

Return completed application by April 9th deadline

to:

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