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RE: COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN SUMMARY – JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2023

DATE: FEBRUARY 14, 2024

The purpose of this Memorandum is to provide members of the General Committee with an overview of the Community Improvement Plan (CIP) Grant applications that were reviewed last year.

Please note that further to the direction provided by motion 23-G-038, attached as Appendix "A" to Memorandum dated February 14, 2024, both the Affordable Housing and Redevelopment Grant Programs offered through the CIP remain on hold pending the completion of the Affordable Housing Strategy and its implementation plan.

Application Summary

The City received one (1) complete application for the preservation of built heritage grant, being application CIP-013-2022 for 25 William Street. Staff received this application in December 2022, and the CIP Grant Review Committee considered the application, at its meeting on October 13, 2023.

The Applicant sought funding for the replacement of five (5) windows on the dwelling located on the subject property. This would both enhance the appearance of the historic building and improve its energy efficiency. The application was approved by the CIP Grant Committee, for the Preservation of Built Heritage Grant Program.

CIP Reserve and Approved Funding

Table 1 identifies the total amount of funding available in the CIP reserve for each program. The table also identifies the total amount of funding granted to the one complete application that received approval in 2023. The total balance of the CIP reserve is \$2,041,650.04 as of the end of 2023.



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Table 1: CIP Reserve Balance after the First and Second Application Intake Period (2023)

CIP Program	Current Balance (2023)	Funding for Applications	Remaining Balance (2023)
Affordable Housing (55%)	\$997,173.97	-	\$997,173.97
Redevelopment (40%)	\$905,789.44	-	\$905,789.44
Heritage (5%)	\$142,736.63	\$4,050.00	\$138,686.63
Total	\$2,045,700.04	\$2,045,700.04	\$2,041,650.04

Planning staff have both notified the applicant of the Grant Committee's decision and provided the recipient with the awarded amount. The applicant has entered into the required agreement, which has been registered on title of the subject property.

Council approved an additional \$1,200,000.00 to be added to the CIP program in 2024, therefore, the current balance is \$3,241,650.04. This allocates \$1,782,907.52 to the affordable housing grant, \$1,296,660.02 to the redevelopment grant, and \$162,082.50 to the heritage grant.

Next Steps

Staff will schedule a statutory public meeting, in accordance with the *Planning Act*, to initiate the process to update section 8.2 to provide further clarity with respect to the eligibility requirements for renovations and improvements to heritage buildings that qualify for funding through the Preservation of Built Heritage Grant Program as per Council direction in Staff Report DEV008-23.

Following approval of the implementation plan of the Affordable Housing Strategy, expected in June 2024, staff will schedule a public meeting to amend the CIP for the other aspects of the program such as the: Affordable Housing Grant and the Redevelopment Grant.

Conclusion

Staff expect to receive more CIP applications in the first quarter of 2024 as property owners continue to express interest in the various incentives offered by the City's CIP program.



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APPENDIX "A"

City of Barrie Direction Memo 23-G-038

MARCH 8, 2023

23-G-038

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP) SUMMARY REPORT - 2022

1. That Staff Report DEV008-23 regarding the status of the Community Improvement Plan (CIP) Grant Program be received for information purposes.
2. That the application in-take periods for the Affordable Housing and Redevelopment Grant Programs offered through the City of Barrie CIP be put on hold until:
 - a) The Development Services and Finance Departments have had an opportunity to investigate the financial implications associated with the passing of the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 (Bill 23), as it relates to Development Charge (DC) exemptions and reductions for affordable, attainable, rental, and non-profit housing, as defined by the Act; and,
 - b) The Development Services Department updates the Affordable Housing Strategy which may include amending the CIP to respond to legislative changes associated with Bill 23, as well as to improve the financial incentives offered by the Affordable Housing and Redevelopment Grant Programs to better deliver affordable housing to the community.
3. That staff schedule a statutory public meeting, in accordance with the Planning Act, as soon as possible to initiate the process for the following amendments to the City's Community Improvement Plan:
 - a) Update section 8.2 to provide further clarity with respect to the eligibility requirements for renovations and improvements to heritage buildings that qualify for funding through the Preservation of Built Heritage Grant Program.
4. That, in the future, staff can schedule statutory public meetings when deemed appropriate to amend the CIP, such as: following the review and update of the Affordable Housing Strategy. (DEV008-23)