



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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Meeting Date: April 11, 2017

TO: Vancouver City Council
FROM: General Manager of Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability
SUBJECT: Grant Funding to the Chinatown Society Heritage Buildings Association

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approve a grant of \$15,000 to the Chinatown Society Heritage Buildings Association (CSHBA) to complete business plans for two additional Society heritage buildings, as part of phase one of the Chinese Society Legacy Program; source of funding is the 2017 Capital budget - DTES Chinatown Society Heritage Buildings Grant Program.

Approval of grant recommendations requires eight affirmative votes.

REPORT SUMMARY

In 2016, the Chinatown Society Heritage Buildings Association (CSHBA) received a grant from the City of Vancouver to hire a program coordination position, complete three business plans for Society heritage buildings, and develop a fundraising strategy for the Program.

Since then, the CSHBA was successful in getting commitment from five Societies to complete business plans. As such, the CSHBA requested an additional grant from the City of Vancouver in the amount of \$15,000 to complete two additional business plans (for a total of five). The City's grant funding is leveraging matching funding from Vancity Community Foundation and the participating Societies.

COUNCIL AUTHORITY/PREVIOUS DECISIONS

On July 25, 2012, Council approved the *Chinatown neighbourhood Plan and Economic Revitalization Strategy*, which identified restoration of the Society heritage buildings as a priority action.

On July 9, 2014, Council approved the *Chinese Society Buildings Matching Grant Program*, which included a \$400,000 allocation for a consultant study and a Societies capacity building initiative.

On December 10, 2015, Council approved the Chinese Society Legacy Program for the rehabilitation of twelve Society heritage buildings in Chinatown, and committed \$3.6 million from future development contributions in and around the Chinatown area as the City's contribution (10%) toward the \$36 million program.

On June 15, 2016, Council approved a grant of \$100,000 to the Chinatown Society Heritage Buildings Association (CSHBA) as seed capital to implement phase one of the Chinese Society Legacy Program.

CITY MANAGER'S/GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The City Manager recommends approval of the foregoing.

REPORT

Background/Context

In 2016, Council approved a grant of \$100,000 to the Chinatown Society Heritage Buildings Association (CHSBA) as seed capital to implement phase one of the Chinese Society Legacy Program. The goal of phase one is to have three Society buildings complete business plans and other pre-construction work and be ready for rehabilitation in 2017. The grant included:

- \$50,000 for a program coordination position, called the program champion, to assist the CSHBA in phase 1 implementation
- \$25,000 for a project manager to complete business plans for three Society heritage buildings
- \$25,000 for a professional fundraiser to develop a fundraising strategy, including investigation of setting up community bonds for the Program.

The CSHBA was successful in hiring qualified consultants for the three positions. With the assistance of the program champion, the CSHBA requested expression of interests to complete business plans from the twelve Society buildings. Participating Societies are required to commit \$2,000 of their own funds towards the business plans. The responses from Societies were positive and the CSHBA was successful in getting commitment from five Societies to complete business plans.

The 2016 grant to the CSHBA was sufficient to cover the cost of three business plans. To respond to the interests received, the CSHBA has requested an additional grant from the City of Vancouver in the amount of \$15,000 to complete two additional business plans (for a total of five).

Strategic Analysis

The grant supports the implementation of phase one of the Chinese Society Legacy Program. It creates an important opportunity to leverage matching funds from Vancity Community Foundation and participating Societies to increase the number of business plans from three heritage Society buildings to five. The funding partners and their contributions, including the recommended 2017 grant, are shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Funding partners' contributions

Funding partners for business plans	Amount
City of Vancouver grant, business plan portion (2016)	\$25,000
City of Vancouver grant (2017)	\$15,000
Vancity Community Foundation	\$40,000
Participating Societies	\$10,000
Total	\$90,000

Financial

This report recommends awarding a grant in the amount of \$15,000 to the Chinatown Society Heritage Buildings Association for the completion of two additional (for a total of five) business plans for Society heritage buildings.

The source of funding is the 2017 Capital budget - DTES Chinatown Society Heritage Buildings Grant Program. The remaining balance, upon approval of this report, is \$35,000.

Table 2: Allocation of Funds

	Amount
Starting amount of funds approved by Council (2014)	\$400,000
Consultant study and capacity building (2015 and 2016)	(250,000)
City grant to CSHBA, including business plan portion (2016)	(100,000)
Currently available balance	\$50,000
Additional City grant to CSHBA (2017) (this report)	(15,000)
Remaining balance	\$35,000

CONCLUSION

Staff recommend approval of the grant to support the Chinatown Society Heritage Buildings Association (CSHBA) in phase one implementation of the Program.

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Letter from Chinatown Society Heritage Buildings Association

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March 2, 2017

Ms. Helen Ma, Planner
c/o City of Vancouver

Re: Request for additional funding to support Business Plan Project Manager

Dear Helen,

We would like to request additional funding of \$15,000 for the extension of the Business Plan Project Manager's scope to include for completion of 5 business plans as compared to the original of 3.

As decided by the hiring committee, it would be beneficial for the Chinese Society Legacy Program to work with all 5 Societies who submitted Expressions of Interest to complete business plans. Vancity will also contribute \$15,000 to support this additional work.

Please refer to executed contract between JTW Consulting Inc. and CSHBA for terms.

Sincerely,



Fred Mah
Chinatown Society Heritage Buildings Association President

encl. executed contract for JTW Consulting Inc.