Each year, with the support of the Heritage Branch, Heritage BC assesses the economic and social impacts of heritage-related activities in BC.

This report provides information collected from 14 funders (see list on last page) that manage grant programs specifically for heritage projects and programs. The funders responded to a survey about their 2018 funding activities, the value of their grants, and the total project costs included in grant applications.

The results demonstrate the importance of heritage-related activities to the public, government and stakeholder groups, and helps the heritage sector to advocate for expanded heritage conservation granting activities and programs.

Many kinds of **eligible applicants** for heritage funding.

(#=number of respondents that support each type of applicant.)

- **11** Individuals
- **11** Not-for-profit organizations
- **8** Private businesses
- **8** Charities
- **7** First Nations
- **6** Local Governments
- **4** School Boards
- **2** Other *

* Strata Councils; Property owner of an identified heritage building in the Heritage Conservation Area
Many types of **eligible programs and projects** for heritage funding.  
(Respondents selected all that apply.)

- **14** Heritage preservation/rehabilitation/restoration
- **8** Heritage interpretation, awareness or promotion
- **6** Heritage research and documentation
- **4** Archives and records management
- **3** Collections management
- **3** First Nations projects and programs
- **2** Other *
- **1** Archaeological activities
- **1** Operating/organizational sustaining grants

* Property maintenance; Planning
Return on Investment is 290% 
54% of the total requests received funding.
The respondents’ investment of $2.35M supported projects totalling $6.8M.

Total value of funded projects

$6.8 M

FOR EVERY DOLLAR GRANTED,
an additional $2.90 was generated by the grant recipients.
Sources of additional revenue include: self-funding, other grants, and incentives such as tax abatements.

Total requests

$4.4 M

Total granted

$2.35 M

54% of total requests
Applicants may be required to meet different recognition and/or protection requirements.

(#=number of funding programs with specific requirements)

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Respondents support heritage projects and programs from 35% to 100% of costs.

6 respondents fund 50% of project costs to a certain limit (varies from $750 to $150,000)
1 respondent provides up to 50% to designated properties and up to 10% to properties on a register (but which are not designated).
1 respondent funds 35% of project costs up to $10,000, with no more than $20,000 in a ten year span.
1 respondent funds 40% of project costs to a maximum of $10,000.
4 respondents fund to a maximum amount with no percentage (between $500 and $100,000).
1 respondent sets no limits on funding.

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* Heritage Revitalization Agreements or Heritage Inventory or Statement of Significance; Scheduled Property in a Heritage Conservation Area
† Including the Heritage Legacy Fund, an endowment from the Province of B.C. that is managed by Heritage BC
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

When considering the past few years, respondents feel the demand for their programs are:
- Increasing 57%
- Steady 43%
- Decreasing 0%

Respondents believe their programs are meeting their community’s needs:
- Very well 14%
- On par with demand 57%
- We are not meeting demand 29%

Respondents report varying timelines for funding increase.
The longest period without an increase was 10 years. The most recent increase occurred in 2018.
Five respondents (34%) have seen an increase in the last 5 years (2014-2018). The average increase was 8%.

Respondents report different reasons for the increases:
Two respondents received increased resources as a result of a new program that came with new funds.
Seven respondents received increased resources because an existing program received increased funds.

Approximately 50% of the surveyed respondents also fund areas other than heritage.

Respondents identify challenges facing the applicants to their grant programs.
Difficulties with the application process 29%
Costs of construction increasing 64%
Difficulties finding matching funds 21%
Difficulties finding skilled heritage tradespeople 71%
Other 29%

Application criteria for grant program were last changed:
The longest time since changes were made was 2003. The most recent changes were 2018.
6 respondents (43%) reported changing criteria within the last 5 years (2014-2018)

Majority of responses, if not all in this document, include the following respondents:
District of Saanich, Heritage BC, Vancouver Heritage Foundation, Columbia Basin Trust, City of Delta,
Central Okanagan Heritage Society, Township of Langley, City of Richmond,
New Westminster Museums and Heritage Services, City of Nanaimo, District of North Vancouver,
City of Surrey, Victoria Civic Heritage Trust, Victoria Heritage Foundation

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