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Historic Preservation Grant Application

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Section Four: Future Steps/Process

The grant applications will be ranked based upon project scope with the highest rated projects being recommended to the City Council by the Preservation Commission for approval. Following approval, a meeting with staff is required to review the project agreement and the grant process. Below is a list of additional items that may also be required as part of the review process:

- Historic Certificate of Appropriateness (HCOA) Application (required for all projects)
- Building Permit Application
- Scaled drawings of the proposed project
- Specifications and/or product information for materials to be used
- Material and/or color samples
- W-9 form upon approval of the grant



Lucy H. Johnson House

435 W. NEW YORK ST.

In the summer of 2018 we purchased our charming blue bungalow, the <u>Lucy H. Johnson House</u>. Built in 1911, this home has been a part of so many of the changes of this great city, and we have been proud to take up the mantle of caring for this property with so much historical significance in Aurora.

Situated on the prominent corner of New York Street and Blackhawk, our house is visible from Galena Boulevard, just blocks from Aurora's downtown, and directly across the street from Blackhawk Park. On warm nights our family loves to look over at Blackhawk Park and watch children and families from a variety of ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds playing and laughing together. From our sprawling porch we get a glimpse of the diverse beauty that Aurora embodies.

Because we love this neighborhood and this house so much, we have already taken major steps to invest in Aurora and improve the value and functionality of our family's home—which was largely unoccupied in the last decade—in the short amount of time we have owned it.

We immediately replaced the very old, leaking roof (approx. \$15k; see enclosed photos for before and after photos of the exterior), gutted and replaced the dated and non-functional full bathroom upstairs, and renovated the aging kitchen, replacing rotten cabinets from the 1960s to showcase the beauty of the original built-in cabinetry and windows.





(LEFT) Before we purchased in 2018. (RIGHT) After we purchased, replaced the roof, and began landscaping.

Even with the house's existing charm and the investments we have made, the exterior of our home is in critical need of repair to prevent further rot and water damage from damaged gutters and downspouts and to restore it to its original glory for years to come. With these grant funds, we would be able to make a big impact on the exterior and longevity of this very visible, prominent historic home and improve not only this home, but the integrity and value of our neighborhood as a whole.

PROPOSED RESTORATION

In order of priority, we are applying for this grant to:

- 1. Repair the damaged built-in gutters and downspouts, which are the primary source of the rot,
- 2. Restore and replace rotten wood on the exterior of the home, and
- 3. Repaint the exterior of the home.

These repairs would prevent further deterioration and preserve the exterior structure of the home for many years.

Attached are quotes from Kevin Caliendo from Caliendo Painting and Terry from Distinctive Woodworks. We are still waiting for a quote from Historic Home and Window Restoration, but they were not able to provide it in time for this application.

Because of the time constraint of the application deadline and busy season for exterior home repair, the contractors we contacted were only able to provide general quotes. If we receive this grant, we look forward to working more closely with them to determine the specific costs of repairing the gutters, replacing the rotten wood, and repainting the exterior.

We would like to apply for a \$13,000 grant. We can contribute a maximum of \$3,000 for the matching portion. If we qualify for the bonus \$1,000 for an Aurora contractor, that will allow us to complete \$17,000 of work. We would prioritize repairing gutters—the source of the issues—

replacing the rotten wood, and then completing all or as much of the scraping and painting as we are able with the rest of the funds.



We are committed to Aurora and to this beautiful home. Without this grant, however, it would take us many years of saving before we could begin the exterior restoration. Receiving this grant would mean that we can restore this shining jewel to what it once was for the betterment of not only our family, but for our neighborhood and the City of Lights we call home.

—The McMakens (Trevor, Bonnie, Nora, Finn, and Gus)

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Kevin Caliendo's Quote:

All materials needed to complete the job will be supplied by caliendo painting, all paint will be sherwinn williams super paint. areas to be painted will be scraped in accordance with EPA protocol. prior to being painted all bare wood will be primed with a oil base primer, caulked as needed and have 2 finish coats applied. areas to be painted include entire home exterior and garage, with all exterior window frames which will be re glazed as needed. over hangs ,gutters, trim work ,doors ,poche floors , siding etc...

work would take approximately 3-4 business weeks to complete

the price for the project is \$ 13,625.00 with a deposit of \$ 4,541.66 a few days prior to start of project, a payment of \$4,541.66 due at end of second work week (weather provided) and the balance of \$ 4,541.66 due the day of completion

the house needs a lot of prep, and its very deceiving from the street just how much square footage that needs to be painted is present. I understand that this is a lot of money, being that ive been painting 23 years i know what is involved to bring the home up to snuff on the exterior and anything EPA is always a big game changer.

i appreciate you considering us for your project, if you have any questions, comments or concerns please feel free to email or call

best regards, Kevin













