

Historic Preservation Grant Program Status Report

On July 9, 2019, City Council approved a new Historic Preservation Grant Program and new Grant Guidelines. The Preservation Grant Program is a reimbursable grant for exterior historic rehabilitation projects. The minimum amount of each grant is \$5,000 and the maximum is \$20,000. All grants at or under \$10,000 require no cash match. All grants over \$10,000 require a dollar for dollar cash match for every dollar over \$10,000. Properties must be owner-occupied and designated as historic within the City of Aurora and must meet all other eligibility requirements.

In 2019, the Historic Preservation Commission received 45 applications requesting a total of \$516,300 in grant funding that would see \$588,840 of work being invested in the historic districts and landmarks. The application process was highly competitive with many worthwhile projects. City Council awarded 14 projects grant funding for a total of \$176,488 in grant funding that would see \$215,117 of work being invested in the historic districts and landmarks. The projects ranged from porch restoration, chimney rebuilds and desiding to window restoration, historic gutter replacements, and painting.

After a small deadline extension, ten of the projects were completed and approved in 2020 leading to a reimbursement of \$116,295. The projects came under budget by \$7,906. Four of the projects were unable to pursue the project in 2019 due to COVID related issues, including supply chain disruptions, contractor availabilities, and personal finances. Those projects were prioritized for 2021 funding, and three of the projects are included in the Preservation Commission's 2021 recommended grant projects. Please see below for a detail summary by project.

Location	Scope	Estimated Project Cost	Status	Payments
077 S.View Street	Siding Restoration and Gutter Repair or Replacement	\$37,083.50	Completed 12/2020	\$21,000.00
102 N View Street	Window Restoration	\$19,886.90	Completed 12/2020	\$14,944.00
112 S 4th Street	Wood Trim Repair, Gutter Replacement	\$13,530.00	Unable to complete due to COVID	
203 N. View Street	Window Restoration & Painting Trim	\$12,650.00	Completed 10/2020	\$11,250.00
204 S. Lincoln Avenue	Rebuild chimney	\$4,950.00	Completed 9/2020	\$4,864.50
325 Sunset Avenue	Open Porch Restoration	\$10,879.00	Completed 7/2020	\$10,879.00
351 Lawndale Avenue	Window Restoration	\$11,022.00	Unable to complete due to COVID	
415 Oak Avenue	Rebuild Chimney (New Storm Windows/Doors not included)	\$5,720.00	Completed 11/2019	\$3,985.00
424 W New York Street	Gutter Replacement, Stucco Repair, Painting	\$30,672.40	Completed 8/2020	\$20,000.00
435 W. New York	Gutter repair, Siding repair, and Painting	\$18,700.00	Completed 10/2020	\$13,129.21
437 East Downer Place	Siding Repair	\$21,000.00	Unable to complete due to COVID	
453 Iowa Avenue	Painting	\$11,303.00	Completed 2/2020	\$10,900.00
518 Oak Avenue	Rebuild Chimney (Steps not included)	\$5,720.00	Completed 8/2020	\$5,343.12
702 Palace Street	Desiding	\$12,000.00	Unable to complete due to COVID	

Total

\$215,116.80

\$116,294.83