



Oak Ridge Historic Heritage Grant Program

2017-18 Grant Information Sheet

What's the purpose of the Historic Heritage Grants?

To strengthen and preserve Oak Ridge's rich historic heritage by providing grant funding to owners of historic properties. The program provides small scale, high impact grants to help preserve the properties that are at the heart of what many Oak Ridge residents love most about our community—its historic, village-like atmosphere.

Who can apply for a grant?

Owners of historic properties located in Oak Ridge. Although priority will be given to projects located in the Historic District, urgent preservation projects for significant properties elsewhere in Oak Ridge will be considered.

How much can I apply for? And how much do I need to contribute?

Owners of historic properties can apply for up to 50% of the cost of the entire project, to a maximum of \$2,000. Owners must contribute at least 50% of the project costs. Since grants will be paid on a reimbursement basis, owners must cover the full costs of the project out-of-pocket until all reporting requirements have been completed.

What kinds of projects are eligible?

Eligible projects may include condition surveys, structural repairs, restoration of historic materials, or other conservation work related to preserving the exterior of a historic site as visible from the street. Typically a property must be at least 75 years old to be considered historic, although architectural and cultural significance will also be considered. Work must comply with the Oak Ridge Historic District Design Guidelines (available at www.oakridgenc.com). Interior work, new construction (including additions), and work that has already been completed are not eligible.

How can I learn more?

An information session will be held on **Monday, March 6, 7-8 p.m.** at Town Hall. The information session will include time for potential applicants to describe their projects and ask questions. Applicants can also call Town Hall at 336.644.7009 with questions.

How do I apply?

Application forms are available online at www.oakridgenc.com and at the Oak Ridge Town Hall. Application forms can also be requested by mail by calling Town Hall at 336.644.7009. The application deadline is **Monday, March 27, 2017, at 4 p.m.**

How will grant decisions be made?

Grant applications will be evaluated using the following criteria:

- Architectural, historical, and cultural significance of the property
- Appropriateness and urgency of proposed work for preserving the property
- Potential positive impact of the project

A committee of outside preservation experts will evaluate the applications against the criteria above and make recommendations to the Historic Preservation Commission, who will make the final decisions regarding grant awards.