LIGHTING HERITAGE BUILDINGS

A Pilot Project to Install Creative Lighting on Historic Buildings in Edmonton

EDMONTON’S CREATIVE LIGHTING PROJECT

Interested in installing some creative lighting on your heritage building? You may be eligible for up to $50,000 in matching funding through our pilot project. This guide will give you the information you need about this exciting pilot project.

Please note that there is a separate information guide for applying for Development Permits which may be required for your creative lighting.
ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

• Owners of historic buildings that are designated as Municipal Historic Resources by the City of Edmonton or Provincial Historic Resources by the Province of Alberta.

• Owners of buildings that are identified on the Inventory of Historic Resources in Edmonton may qualify for the pilot project; however, preference will be given to fully-designated resources.

ELIGIBLE COSTS

• New or replacement exterior lighting fixtures.

• All associated electrical work and components (e.g. conduit) to service the new or replacement exterior lighting fixtures.

• Any special installation requirements or components to retain the original historic fabric and materials of the subject building.

Note: An applicant who is in property tax arrears is not eligible for pilot project funding.

INELIGIBLE COSTS

• Interior demolition.

• Operating or regular maintenance costs (including cost of electricity).

• New construction or reconstruction not related to the exterior lighting elements.

• Electrical service upgrades to meet current building code requirements.

• Utility services and installation costs.

PROGRAM PURPOSE

• To support exterior creative lighting that enhances and highlights the visual presence of Edmonton’s historic resources, adding to our sense of place, identity and pride.

• To demonstrate the benefits of creative lighting so that they are better understood by building owners and the public, thereby generating interest and support for the creative use of light, done well.

• To provide a strategy for how exterior lighting of historic buildings can be provided, while balancing the responsibilities of appropriate historic resource management and minimizing light pollution.

• To realize the potential that our long hours of darkness in wintertime offer as a palette for creative lighting while being mindful of light density, spread and colour.

• To provide an opportunity to learn how best to set up an ongoing lighting program.

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MORE INFORMATION AND GRANT APPLICATION FORM

For more information on lighting requirements, the grant approval process and conditions, and the application form, visit edmonton.ca/lightingpilotproject.

A complete application includes the application form and the following attachments:

- A current Certificate of Title of the subject property, and if necessary, written consent from the owner(s);
- Valid Development and Building Permits;
- Itemized estimate of the cost of the proposed creative lighting, certified by up to three (3) independent contractors;
- Colour rendering of the proposed lighting scheme;
- A copy of the City of Edmonton property tax notice showing that all property taxes and other levies have been paid in full for the year prior to the application; and,
- An outline of the total grant funding requested, and confirmation of project financing.

Approved building owners may be eligible for a reimbursement of up to fifty percent (50%) of the project’s eligible costs, to the maximum $50,000 grant amount.

Completed applications will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis.

PLEASE NOTE
A maximum of three large projects will be approved for the full $50,000 support. The remaining funds will be used to support a larger number of smaller creative lighting projects.

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ELIGIBLE PROPERTIES

- Buildings must be designated as a Municipal or Provincial Historic Resource or else be identified on the Inventory of Historic Resources in Edmonton.
- Properties must be located within the boundaries of the City of Edmonton.
- Properties must meet Edmonton Zoning Bylaw and Alberta Building Code requirements to permit the lighting.

Note: Buildings that are designated Provincial Historic Resources may require project approval from Alberta Culture and Tourism before qualifying for the pilot project.

In all cases, consent from the property owner or other applicable agencies will be required before qualifying for the pilot project.

The pilot project will focus primarily on designated structures that are particularly significant or are located in prominent locations with maximum exposure to the public.
1. I/We hereby grant permission to the City of Edmonton to carry out necessary inquiries to verify accuracy of information contained herein.

2. I/We hereby confirm that I am/we are the owner(s) of the said property or a representative authorized by the owner(s) to act on their behalf.

3. I/We commit to being the owner/occupier of the heritage building committed to meeting the terms of the five-year operating agreement.

4. I/We hereby authorize an inspection of my/our property at any reasonable time with the appropriate advance notice.

5. I/We acknowledge that any work carried out prior to receipt of written confirmation funding approval is not eligible for pilot project funding.

6. I/We hereby commit to maintaining the proposed creative lighting on the site for a period of five (5) years. (The five-year term commences from the first day of the month following the date the final Grant Funding cheque is issued.)

7. I/We acknowledge that I/we must expend one hundred percent (100%) of required owner contribution prior to receiving any City grant funding.

8. I/we understand that I/we must use my/our own funds and no other government funding for my/our proportionate share of the creative lighting project.

9. I/We acknowledge:
   (a) that I/we have read and understand the terms and conditions of the Information Guide that shall govern any funding that may be approved;
   (b) that I/we will enter into an operating agreement with the City of Edmonton; and,
   (c) that the information contained herein is true.

The personal information requested in this form is collected pursuant to Section 33(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act. It will be used for the purpose of operating the City's Pilot Project for Lighting Heritage Buildings and may be disclosed to the Government of Alberta for purposes of oversight and to ensure accountability. Your personal information will be protected in accordance with the FOIP Act. Any questions may be directed to the WinterCity Coordinator, 7th Floor, 10004 – 104 Avenue NW, Edmonton, Alberta, T5J 2R7. Phone: 311 or (780)-496-3664.