

Community Grant Application

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Name of Applicant/Organization/Service Club/Community Group *

Tyrconnell Heritage Society (Backus-Page House Museum)

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Specifics of Event/Project/ Program funds or in kind support is requested for:

Fleming 225th anniversary events/exhibit/program to be held in 2022 requires staff time for research, finding and contacting living descendants, grant writing, planning and meetings with the organizing committee. This is outside of the normal activities staff does on a yearly basis. As these were the first settlers in historic Aldborough Township (and Elgin County) we are requesting support from council.

It is anticipated that approximately 4 hours/week during 2021 will be needed to prepare for this commemoration while also continuing to tell the story of the Municipality of West Elgin through tours and exhibits on a daily basis in the house museum and new Agricultural Centre.

At this time a complete project budget has not yet been created, but similar commemorations of anniversaries have had budgets of \$15000 minimum (not including staff wages). This is the figure included below. As this is also a county-wide anniversary we expect this to be larger in scope and budget.

Total Project Budget

\$15000

Amount of Funds Requested from Municipality of West Elgin

\$3000

In Kind Support Requested from Municipality (please indicated In Kind request and any monetary value associated with this)

Access to historic documents and photographs if available.

1 council member or designate to serve on the organizing committee and make reports to council on a regular basis.

Have you applied to the Municipality of West Elgin for Community Funding in the past? if so please detail

2020 we were approved for \$3000 towards a West Elgin specific exhibit. Due to COVID-19 we have not yet been able to work on that project and have not received the funds. Before December 31, 2020 we may have the exhibit built in the new Agricultural Centre. We will keep the municipality informed of our progress. At the latest we expect to have all Agricultural Centre exhibits installed by March 31, 2021.

Do you wish to present your request in person to Council?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☒ If required

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Are you a non-profit organization?



☒ Yes

☐ No

Please enter your Charitable registration number

892297136RR0001

Date of Incorporation

6/1/1994

Grant Category

- ☐ Youth/Senior Event
- ☐ Community Beautification
- ☒ Arts, Culture and Heritage Tourism Development
- ☐ Community Special Event
- ☐ Capital Funding for Specific Project
- ☐ Other - one time grant request

Please provide a brief history of your organization.

Backus-Page House Museum is operated by the Tyrconnell Heritage Society, situated in picturesque John E. Pearce Provincial Park, just south of Wallacetown, Ontario. We are in the heart of the Talbot Settlement, on the shores of Lake Erie. Enjoy the Spicer Trail, Storey Wetlands Trail, heritage gardens, historic barn, outbuildings, 1850's Georgian style house museum and coming soon our Agricultural History Centre. Discover period room settings that tell the story of the Backus family and changing exhibits showcasing the rural communities of Dutton Dunwich and West Elgin.

The Ministry of Natural Resources (Ontario Parks) currently retains ownership of the Backus-Page House. The Ministry entered into a lease agreement with the Tyrconnell Heritage Society. The society was incorporated in 1994 with the express purpose of restoring the house and property to its 1850's condition. In 1998 the society undertook a restoration of the property, renamed the house in tribute to both its longtime owners and undertook a mandate of preservation and historical education regarding the estate and the Talbot Settlement in general. In 2020 Tyrconnell Heritage Society welcomed the West Elgin Genealogical & Historical Society as one of their standing committees in a new partnership.

Is your group able to issue charitable tax receipts on its own?

☒ Yes

☐ No

What are the general objectives/services of your organization?

To preserve and promote the history, culture and area surrounding the Backus-Page House Museum within the Talbot Settlement for the greater community and future generations while celebrating the past.

Museum Tours, public events and programs, archives and genealogy research assistance. maintenance of John E. Pearce Provincial Park and trails

In what geographical area does your organization operate?

Western Elgin County (historic Aldborough and Dunwich Townships)

Do Volunteers participate in your organization?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Number of Volunteers

50

Please Provide a list of Executive Officers of your organization

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Project Information

Please provide a brief description of the event, program or event. Include goals and timelines.

Nov. & Dec. 2020 & Jan. 2021 - organizing committee to meet to sketch out plans and preliminary budgets

January 31, 2021 - grant is due for Community Anniversaries from Building Communities through Arts and Heritage

2021 - research will be conducted and contacts made with living descendants plus committee meetings monthly

2022 - event planning and preparation with the event taking place possibly in June

James Fleming and wife Barbara Windecker settled in Aldborough Township in 1797 (some documents say 1796, but this is most likely the year James travelled with John Graves Simcoe along the Thames). They are the first settlers of European descent in not only Aldborough but all of Elgin County. A 225th anniversary event is to be held in 2022 at Backus-Page House Museum with the possibility of a commemoration at the site of the Fleming farm (permission needed for owners).

Is this a new project or initiative?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Describe the specific purpose that the grant funds would be used for.

As this project is outside the usual activities of museum staff, wages are required throughout 2021 and 2022 for research and planning. We anticipate 4 hours/week on average since this is a special historic anniversary for West Elgin and Elgin County. Mileage, photocopies, postage, etc. will also be necessary for meetings, research and contacting Fleming descendants.

Does this application include in kind grant requests?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Please list all other funding sources for supporting this event/program/project

Building Communities through Arts and Heritage
Elgin County (Museum and Archives) will be asked to participate.
Tyrconnell Heritage Society
Community Donors and Sponsors

Who will benefit from the proposed Event/Project/Program?

Visitors to the anniversary event(s)
Readers of Fleming blog posts and social media
Listeners of podcasts and viewers of YouTube videos about the Fleming history
Volunteers, reenactors, artists, artisans, musicians and staff participating in the project
Elgin County and Municipality of West Elgin and Dutton Dunwich raising awareness of our history and tourism destination


Is your grant request for more than \$500.00?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Grant request over \$500.00 require submission of Financial Statements. Please submit Financial Statements.

Please upload a project budget [?](#)

File Name	
	Preliminary Draft Project Budget West Elgin 21.3 KB

Thank You for Submitting your Community Grant Application.

Application deadline is December 31, 2020. Groups will be contacted with information regarding the date of the meeting when the Grant Applications will be discussed.