

Community Grant Application

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

Tyrconnell Heritage Society (Backus-Page House Museum)

Contact Person Name

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Position held in organization/group

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Municipality

Dutton Dunwich (we share the history of West Elgin)

Postal Code

N0L 2M0

Website

<http://www.backuspagehouse.ca>

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

1. The 225th anniversary of the Fleming family settling in West Elgin. \$10,000 total project budget (\$6000 confirmed from the Department of Canadian Heritage).
 - a. Designating the Fleming Cemetery as a United Empire Loyalist graveyard.
 - b. Maintenance of the Fleming Cemetery.
 - c. Commemorative ceremony at the cemetery on June 24, 2022.
 - d. Event at Backus-Page House Museum on June 25 & 26, 2022.
2. Proposal to move St. Henry's Catholic Church in Churchville to Backus-Page House Museum for preservation, restoration and daily programming as a rural Victorian era schoolhouse. \$390000 total project budget. Still waiting on approval from Ontario Parks.

Total Project Budget

400000

Amount of Funds Requested from Municipality of West Elgin

1000

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

Should we get approval to move St. Henry's Catholic Church we request the following in kind support:

1. fill the church basement, cover with topsoil, grade and plant grass seed as per the Catholic Diocese request
2. provide and truck fill and topsoil for the foundation of the church at Backus-Page House Museum

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

Yes , we have received \$3000.00 for an exhibit in the new Agricultural Centre and \$3000.00 to research and plan for the 225th Fleming anniversary event in 2022.
The municipality also paid for the reprint of Pioneer Days in Aldborough book.

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

6/24/1994

Grant Category

☐ Youth/Senior Event

☒ Arts, Culture and Heritage Tourism Development

☐ Capital Funding for Specific Project

☐ Community Beautification

☐ Community Special Event

☐ Other - one time grant request

Please provide a brief history of your organization.

The Backus-Page House Museum is located within the grounds of the John E. Pearce Provincial Park, within a restored Georgian style house which was constructed in 1850. It is one of the first brick homes built in what would eventually become Dunwich Township, now the Municipality of Dutton Dunwich. We also preserve and promote the history of the Municipality of West Elgin (formerly Aldborough Township).

The house was commissioned by Andrew and Mary Jane (Hamilton) Backus. The Backus family was one of several families that had obtained land from Colonel Thomas Talbot and settled in the area which quickly came to be known as Little Ireland (a namesake due to the Irish ancestry of the settlers).

The property that Andrew built his house on was given to him by his grandmother, Mary Storey, who received her original land grant in 1809.

The Backus-Page House and property was obtained by Jonas Page in 1925. Members of the Page family resided on the estate and farmed the property for over 40 years. Morley and Grace Page were the last of the Pages to live on the farm and they sold it to the Ministry of Natural Resources in 1968.

Ontario Parks currently retains ownership and has entered into a lease agreement with the Tyrconnell Heritage Society.

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 Backus-Page House Museum within the Talbot Settlement for the greater community and future generations while celebrating the past.

Backus-Page House Museum is in the heart of the Talbot Settlement, on the shores of Lake Erie. Enjoy the Spicer Trail, Wetlands Storey Trail, heritage gardens, historic barn, outbuildings, NEW Agricultural Centre and our 1850's Georgian style house museum. Discover period room settings that tell the story of the Backus and Page families and changing exhibits showcasing the rural communities of western Elgin County.

In what geographical area does your organization operate?

Southwestern Ontario

Do Volunteers participate in your organization?



Yes



No

Number of Volunteers

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.

For the St. Henry's Catholic Church project, please see the attached proposal for all information.

For the Fleming 225th event June 24 - 26, 2022:

Friday will be a ceremony at the Fleming Cemetery with an unveiling of the UEL plaque, followed by light refreshments.

Saturday & Sunday 10am - 4pm all activities are at Backus-Page House Museum: genealogy hub for Fleming history, house raid with narration of what happened to the Fleming property during the War of 1812, parade of descendants, music, speeches & flag raising, speaker explaining the history of the family and their neighbours at Moraviantown, all museum buildings open, food and vendors, and we are open to ideas from First Nations, council, the community and the descendants. As we get closer to the event more details will be available.

Is this a new project or initiative?



Yes



No

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

The funds would be used for advertising, promotion, and volunteer food and water at the the Fleming 225th event on June 24 - 26, 2022.

Does this application include in kind grant requests?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Please provide details of in kind requests (ex. Materials, equipment, staffing resources)

Museum staff are coordinating both projects mentioned in this application. Other in kind requests have gone out to the Municipality of Dutton Dunwich for special event signage, permits, advertising, and more. DJW Mini Backhoe, Golf Carts 2 Go, and other community partners will be approached for golf carts, tractors, and event setup as we get closer to the event and we receive approval for the church/schoolhouse project.

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

Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage \$6000 confirmed. Municipality of West Elgin \$3000 for research and contacting descendants in 2021 confirmed.

Church/Schoolhouse - Canada Cultural Spaces will accept an application for 40% of the total project costs and we have pledges from community members for other funding.

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

Everyone is invited to the 225th Fleming event .

Preserving the church at Churchville is critical to saving a piece of West Elgin's history. It has been boarded up for years. In making it a schoolhouse, museum visitors can use it on a daily basis. We also plan to have it available for special occasion rentals, an exhibit will be inside explaining the German settlers and the church's history, schoolhouse programming, music, workshops, art and artisans.

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.

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Proposal to Ontario Parks for St. Henry's Ca

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Thank You for Submitting your Community Grant Application.

Application deadline is January 7, 2022. Groups will be contacted with information regarding the date of the meeting when the Grant Applications will be discussed.