

Community Housing Improvement Initiatives (CHII) Grant Program 2017 Criteria

The CHII Exterior Fix up Grant program aims to improve the property's exterior quality, safety, appearance, and to extend its physical longevity. The **William Whyte Community Association (WWCA)** and the **Point Douglas Residents Committee (PDRC)** in partnership with North End Revitalization Incorporated (NERI) have developed the program criteria and eligibility for this grant. Funding is provided by the City of Winnipeg and Province of Manitoba.

Types of Acceptable Projects:

Exterior painting	Exterior lighting	Fences
Outside stairs	Exterior doors	Sidewalk repair/replace
Porch/veranda repair	Eaves troughs/fascia	Roof
Windows	Siding	Stucco/ repair

* Garage projects may only involve graffiti removal and installation of security lighting

ELIGIBILITY

- The grant is for improvements to house and land only, and does not include sheds, garages, or changes to the house that are already in good repair.
- All applicants must **have their address on the front and REAR of their property** (on fence or garage if applicable) when they apply. This benefits the community for a number of health and safety reasons including faster response from emergency services (fire/paramedics). It also means you are in compliance with the City of Winnipeg Neighbourhood Liveability By-Law.
- A landlord may receive a maximum grant of \$2,000.
- Minimum cost of the total project must be at least \$2,000 (match dollar for dollar).
- A landlord receiving a William Whyte CHII Grant is still eligible to receive grants in other communities.

Participation in the Tenant Landlord Cooperation (TLC) is mandatory. The TLC program ensures minimum standards of health and safety are met for rental properties and is a valuable tool for both landlords and tenants. If your application is accepted, you will be contacted to arrange an inspection and complete any mandatory **interior** repairs prior to final approval. Should you have mandatory **exterior** repairs, these may be completed using the grant money and must be completed before any grant monies will be paid out.

GRANT RECIPIENT SELECTION

In general the following priorities will be followed:

1st priority: Properties which have not received a grant in the past

2nd priority: Previous grant recipients (2015 and prior, same property) – when/how often the property has received a grant will also be a factor

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- You may not receive a grant for the same property two years in a row.
- The property may not be listed for sale at any point during grant process.
- The Grant Coordinator must take "before" photos and approve the project before any work can start. Once the project is completed, the Coordinator will take "after" photos. The repairs must be approved for the grant to be paid out.
- If you are selected you will be required to submit quotes from two contractors OR if doing the work yourself, you must provide receipts for materials only, no labour cost can be included.
- Proof of property ownership must be provided **with the application**. A recent copy of the City of Winnipeg property tax assessment is usually the easiest format (Status of Title or mortgage papers less than two years old are also acceptable).

APPLICATION DEADLINE & NOTIFICATIONS

1. All applicants will be notified by mail or email. Work **may NOT begin** before notification from the Housing Coordinator.
2. **Application deadline: Friday May 19th 2017 at 4:00 p.m.**
3. **Must show evidence of work in progress: Wednesday July 12th 2017.** Receipts for materials purchased or a contractor's written guarantee that the work will be completed by the September 30th 2017 end date must be provided, or the grant will be withdrawn.
4. **Project end date:** All work must be completed by **September 30th 2017** and all receipts submitted in order to receive reimbursement.

If you have questions or concerns about the grants, call the Housing Coordinator at 204-927-2341

