THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
COMMUNITY INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM
APPLICATION

Please refer to the "Guide to Applicants" for assistance completing this form.

1. Name of Organization: John Black Memorial United Church
2. Mailing Address: 898 Henderson Highway
   Postal Code: R2K 3T4 Phone No.: 661-2579
   Fax No: 661-2581 Email: jblackuc@mts.net

3. Name of designated officials to be contacted about this application:
   Name: Cathy Sokolowski Phone (Res.): 667-1655
   Position: Board Chairperson Phone (Bus.): 349-2710
   Name: Denis Lavallee Phone (Res.): 668-3477
   Position: Finance Committee Chair Phone (Bus.): 888-0100

4. How long has the organization been in operation? 90 years

5. **CIGP Requested Amount** $ 6,448.00 (Max. 50% of Total Project Cost)

LIST OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING	AMOUNT	CONFIRMED
SOURCE # 1. Congregation Fundraising	$ 8,000.00	YES ☒ NO ☐
SOURCE # 2. Community Places	$ 10,749.00	YES ☐ NO ☒
SOURCE # 3.	$	YES ☐ NO ☐
SOURCE # 4.	$	YES ☐ NO ☐
Total Project Cost	$ 25,197.00	

Has this project received prior funding under the Community Incentive Grant Program? YES ☐ NO ☒

6. Name of Project: John Black Memorial United Church Roof Re-Shingling + Repair

7. Location of Project: 898 Henderson Highway
   Preferred Start Date: August 1, 2004 End Date: August 31, 2004

8. **Detailed Project Description: Attach on separate sheets or use the reverse side of this application.**

APPLICANT SIGNATURES

I/We hereby certify that I/we am/are the authorized signing officer(s) of the applying organization and this application is accurate to the best of my/our knowledge.

SIGNATURE	TITLE/POSITION	DATE
[signature]	Board Chair	June 9/04
[signature]	Finance	June 10/04

SIGNATURE TITLE/POSITION DATE

Project Summary

John Black Memorial United Church needs to replace the roof shingles and make repairs to the roof as necessary. Part of the church complex is 77 years old. The newer part of the building is 47 years old. The shingles were last replaced 25 years ago.

Please see the attached estimate from Transcona Roofing. The company has agreed to do the work for $25,197.00

Although the church is not a recreational facility, it does provide a home for 13 non-church groups, including a before and after school program for 50 children. Two dance groups, a weight loss group, a community choir, Scouts and Guides programs, and Child and Family Services parenting and anger management groups call John Black Memorial United Church home. As well, the parents of SPIKE residents use the church for meetings as does Kairos, an ecumenical peace and justice organization.

Repairs to the roof of the church, and new shingles, will guarantee the church can continue to be a viable venue for these community groups and others in the future. It is hoped the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee will waive the criteria and approve a community incentive grant for this project.

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENTS:

Detailed description of project and use of building by community groups

Programming/facility-use chart

Financial statements

Copies of two estimates from roofing companies

Copies of two supporting letters from user groups

John Black Memorial United Church Roof Re-shingling and Repair Project

Project Description:

To replace the shingles and make roof repairs as necessary, at a cost of $25,197.00

Need for Repair:

The shingles on the church were last replaced 25 years ago. Currently, they are in very bad shape, resulting in water seepage into the building in some areas. New shingles will prevent any further water damage to the interior of the church and ensure the building continues to be a viable venue for church and community use. Replacing the shingles will enhance the exterior appearance of the church and could improve the energy efficiency of the building.

History:

John Black Memorial United Church, founded in 1914, is among the oldest Protestant churches in the East and North Kildonan area. The original building was constructed where Sobeys grocery store on Henderson Highway is now located. The present-day church was built at the corner of Roberta Avenue and Henderson Highway in 1927. In 1957, the church was expanded to include more meeting space and offices and a new sanctuary.

Community use:

Throughout its history, the John Black Memorial United Church has played a key role in the life of the community.

The church provided a headquarters for volunteers fighting the Great Flood of 1950 and in 1997 its members mobilized to aid people throughout northeast Winnipeg who needed help sandbagging or removing sandbags. The church has always been a bustling place, donating space and sponsorship for Scouts and Guides programs for over 50 years; renting space to a fledgling seniors organization from 1993 to 1994 (Good Neighbours Senior Centre which quickly outgrew the church space and is now one of the largest seniors organizations in the province); renting space for ESL classes for seven years, until the program relocated in 2003; hosting art shows that provide a venue for local artists and draw visitors from across the city; and hosting an annual fundraising fall supper and spring garage sale that attracts people from throughout the city. Many other special events at the church have involved community residents who are not members of John Black as well. John Black also rents its manse to SPIKE, which uses it as a residence for three adults with mental disabilities. SPIKE parents hold meetings in the church. For several years, John Black has operated a winter shuttle bus service to Sunday worship for seniors living in apartment buildings along Henderson Highway. The service is free and open to all, whether they are members of the church or not. Approximately 15-20 seniors use the service each week.

Currently, the church is home to these community groups:*

- Learning Rainbow Before and After School Program, which cares for 50 children from East and North Kildonan attending Angus McKay and Lord Wolseley School
- Sacred Dancers, a group of 14 people
- Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Sparks and Guides programs for 58 children in total
- Child and Family Services parenting and anger management classes
- Winnipeg Circle Dancers, a group of 15 people
- TOPS weight loss group, with 13 members
- SPIKE parents meetings
- Kairos, an ecumenical social justice organization
- RESOUND (community choir) rehearsals

Financial Impact**

Like many charitable organizations that derive their revenue from donations and fundraising, John Black Memorial United Church struggles to meet its operating budget. A major expenditure to repair infrastructure seriously stretches the limits of its budget. To date, the church has succeeded in raising $8,000 towards the cost of repairing the roof. The church has applied for a Community Places Grant of $10,749. (Approval is pending.) With a grant of $6,448 from the City of Winnipeg Community Incentive Grant program, the church will have the money needed to pay for the re-shingling project.

* Please see attached document which shows the "units of use" for the building by various groups.
The names and addresses of users, except for Child and Family Services participants, can be provided upon request.

** Please see attached financial statement for 2003.

John Black Memorial United Church
Programming/Facility-Use Chart

Worship Related Function/activity	Timing	duration ½ hr units	frequency (monthly)	participants	monthly units
Sunday services	Sunday	2	4	250	4000
Sunday school	Sunday	2	4	90	720
Senior Choir rehearsals	Thursday	4	4	16	256
Angel Chorus rehearsals	Sunday	2	2	12	48
Baptisms/seminar	varies	3	4 yr	6-12	72-131
Confirmation	varies	3	8 sessions	6-12	144-288

Congregatonal related Function/activity	Timing	duration ½ hr units	frequency (monthly)	participants	monthly units
Church Sponsored Youth Groups:					
Beavers	Wednesday	3	4	19	228
Cubs	Wednesday	3	4	10	120
Scouts	Tuesday	4	4	9	144
Sparks	Monday	2	4	10	80
Girl Guides	Thursday	3	4	10	120
Congregational lunch	Sunday	4	1	80	320
Adult Study Groups	Tuesday	4	4	9-20	114
Mission and Outreach	Sun/Tues	2	4	250	2000
Banners Group Meeting	Thursday	4	4	7	112
Committee meetings	monthly	4	1	5-12	400
Exec/Board meetings	monthly	5	1	20	100
Weddings	Saturday	3	20 in 2003	avg 150	9000 yearly
Funerals	varies	2	16 in 2003	avg 200	6400 yearly
Funeral Receptions	varies	4	8 in 2003	avg 150	4800 yearly
Congregational suppers(5)	varies	5	5xyr	120-250	11,040 yrly
Annual Congregation mtg	yearly	5	1xyr	80	400 yearly
Drama Stage rehearsals	varies	2	15	25	750 yrly
Showers/Anniversaries	varies	6	3-4 yrly	50-100	2400 yrly
Yard Sale	yearly	10	1 yrly	varies100-200	2000 yrly
Art Show	varies	52	3 days/1 yrly	250	15,000 yrly