

Bielenberg Historic Pullman House Foundation

641 East 111th Street | Chicago, IL 60628 |
A 501(c)(3) not for profit organization

April 14, 2021

TO:

Pullman House Tour Fund Committee Members – Tom McMahon, Jim Bidali, Debbie Newman, and or John Swenkala

RE: Request for Project Funding

On behalf of the Bielenberg Historic Pullman House Foundation we are requesting approval from the Pullman House Tour Fund for a preservation/restoration grant in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 to fund needed repair-replacement and restoration to the Yankee gutters and downspouts, fascia boards and fish-scale trim on the north and west elevations of the “Thomas Dunbar House” at 641 East 111th Street. (photo documentation attached)

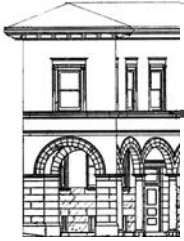
Annually since 2014 the Bielenberg Foundation has volunteered the availability of the Dunbar House to be included as a part of the Annual Pullman House Tour. More recently we also made the 1890’s Honeymoon Row tenement flat and the shoe repair shop available to be included in the House Tour. While most house exhibit/museums in Chicago charge visitors an entrance fee to help sustain the costs associated with maintaining historic properties, we have made these properties available to the House Tour and attendees without a separate charge.

As a 501(c)(3) organization, the Bielenberg Foundation is requesting House Tour Fund support for needed façade restoration work on the Dunbar House. The fascia boards and fish scale details on the house are deteriorating and restoration of these important elements with replacement where needed, scraping and painting, will contribute to maintaining the character of the historic façade. Likewise, reconstructing and restoring the long ago removed Yankee gutter and associated drainage will both restore a critical façade element but will also mitigate deterioration of the masonry walls and structural foundations. The proposed not to exceed budget for this project is based on our understanding of similar work. If this grant is approved, detailed plans and specifications for the work will be prepared, bids will be secured, and permits as required will be obtained.

Respectfully,

Patricia Shymanski, President

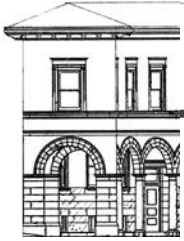
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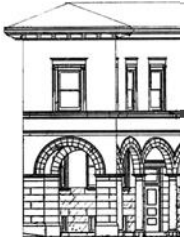




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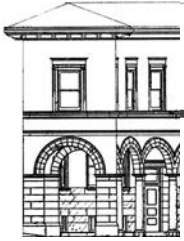


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