



Grant Application Steps

Application	An application is submitted after consultation with staff outlining the proposed project details.
Evaluation	The proposal is evaluated by a Steering Committee for eligibility criteria. The Committee will review and make recommendations to Warwick Township Council.
Grant Approval	The application is brought to Council for review and final approval.
Undertaking	An agreement is executed between the Township of Warwick and Applicants based on the cost structure of the project.
Implementation	Reimbursement is given after satisfactory completion of the project.



Programs and Grants

- Grants will be accessible through an application process;
- Permission of grants will be reviewed and approved by Council and an appointed committee;
- Funding will include a one-time grant for the cost of the mural of up to \$5000.00 for murals located within permitted zones of the plan;
- Available funding will be reviewed annually by the Township of Warwick. The Township of Warwick may discontinue grants for murals at their discretion;
- Priority will be given to mural projects that demonstrate local involvement, community partnerships, and commitment to promoting economic development initiatives;
- Partnerships between property owners, community organizations and the Township of Warwick will be encouraged;
- Grants will be prioritized on outdoor murals which are highly visible and have potential to revitalize the surroundings.

For further information on the Community Improvement Plan, please inquire at:

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Township of Warwick Community Improvement Plan (CIP)

The Township of Warwick Community Improvement Plan (CIP) provides framework for encouraging redevelopment and reinvestment within the Township of Warwick through the implementation of financial incentives.

Purpose

The purpose of this program is to encourage property owners to renovate, preserve, and beautify downtown. The Community Improvement Plan (CIP) uses financial incentive programs to encourage investment and redevelopment of properties to ultimately improve the Township of Warwick. In order to revitalize and encourage property owners, the Township may offer incentives in the form of grants to registered owners to provide relief for the financial cost of improving your structures within the Community Improvement Project Area.



* All applications are subject to the Requirements of the Township of Warwick Community Improvement Plan and the Township of Warwick Mural Guideline by-laws.



Township of Warwick VISION

- A vibrant and diverse commercial area is an important asset in building a healthy, attractive environmentally aware and economically strong viable community;
- Downtown business operators, building owners and the community have important roles and interests in working together to sustain and grow successful commercial downtown area; a strong downtown is an important contributor in achieving both broader community economic development and quality of life goals.

Goals

- Encourage restoration and rehabilitation of buildings and properties in the Watford and Warwick commercial corridors;
- Encourage investment in the Township of Warwick;
- Improve Accessibility; and promote beautification of commercial corridors;
- To maintain and preserve the architectural heritage and character of the Watford and Warwick corridors.

Objectives

The Community Improvement Plan (CIP) is expected to promote and implement a number of the goals and objectives of the Township of Warwick Official Plan. It will provide for improvement and rehabilitation of the commercial and other sectors; it will generate additional employment and business opportunities by creating a positive and co-operative investment climate; it will stimulate private investment; it will improve the appearance of the commercial corridors and it will eliminate deterioration and stimulate pride in ownership and occupancy.

Façade Improvement Grant

The program allows a one-time grant available for registered owners, tenants and assignees to improve the façade of the building in accordance with the Warwick Township Community Improvement Plan (CIP) and Township of Warwick Official Plan. Priorities will be given to existing commercial businesses or buildings that are being renovated for commercial purposes.

- Priority may be given for historic buildings used for commercial purposes;
- Significant improvement of the façade will be favoured;
- Improvements that are aesthetically visible in the Community Improvement Area.

Program Incentives

- Grant of up to 50% of the cost of front façade renewal up to a maximum of \$5000.00;
- Grant of up to 50% for side and back façade up to a maximum of \$2000.00 if the façade faces onto a side street or back of building in public parking area;
- Grant to replace façade signs and street awnings of up to 50% of the replacement cost up to a \$2000.00 maximum.



Design Criteria

It is the intention of the plan to encourage maintaining consistency and strong architectural tradition upon which the original commercial districts were built. Maintenance includes preservation of the building inventory in the commercial district and provides opportunity for preservation and restoration. Traditional façade improvement will be given prime consideration under this plan.

Priorities include:

- Consistencies with the design and structural guidelines of the original architectural design of the building;
- The extent to which a project improves the overall appearance of the property;
- Overall benefit to the downtown and consistency with the Township of Warwick Official Plan policies;
- To the extent which a project incorporates and or promotes aspects of the Township's heritage through elements of design and construction as stated in the Township of Warwick Official Plan;
- Urban design and heritage themes are to be incorporated into the renovations. The removal of vinyl and aluminum coverings and other materials inconsistent with the CIP theme are encouraged to be restored with wood, masonry and other coverings consistent with architectural era, along with windows, cornices, doors, signs/awnings and other components also being consistent.

