

How to Apply

1. Consult with Township staff outlining project details.
2. Submit a CIP Grant Application form along with supporting materials such as:
 - detailed work plans
 - cost estimates and contracts
 - applicable reports
 - and any additional information as required by the Township's CIP Review Panel and/or Administrator.
3. Proposal is evaluated by steering committee for eligibility criteria. The committee will then make a recommendation to Warwick Township Council.
4. Application is brought to Council for review and final approval.
5. An agreement is executed between the Township and the applicant based on the cost structure of the project.
6. Re-imbursement is given after the satisfactory completion of the project.

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Eligibility

The Financial Incentive Programs made available through the Township of Warwick Community Improvement Plan can be used individually or in combination with another CIP Financial Incentive Program with some exceptions (see chart).

	Façade Improvement Grant	Brownfield Environmental Study Grant	Structural Improvement Grant	Tax Increment-Equivalent Grant	Application and Permit Fee Grant	Building Accessibility Grant
Façade Improvement Grant		Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Brownfield Environmental Study Grant	Yes		Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Structural Improvement Grant	Yes	Yes		No	No	Yes
Tax Increment-Equivalent Grant	No	No	No		No	No
Application and Permit Fee Grant	Yes	Yes	No	No		Yes
Building Accessibility Grant	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	

The Façade Improvement, Structural Improvement, and Building Accessibility Grants are only available for properties in the CIP Target Areas of downtown Warwick and Watford. The Brownfield Environmental Study, Application and Permit Fee, and Tax Increment-Equivalent Grants apply to all properties in the Township. For more eligibility information see the full Community Improvement Plan document or contact the Township of Warwick.

Warwick Township Community Improvement Plan



A Community In Action



Warwick Township Community Improvement Plan: Grant Information

Purpose

The Township of Warwick Community Improvement Plan (CIP) reflects the economic development vision of the community and establishes revitalization goals and priorities for action. The CIP will establish revitalization and economic development goals to stimulate growth



Warwick's Available CIP Grants

1. 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 downtown Warwick or Watford. Projects which utilize original architecture and materials (wood, masonry), and incorporate heritage themes are encouraged and prioritized. Incentives include:

- Grant of up to 50 % of the cost of front façade renewal up to a maximum of \$5000;
- Grant of up to 50 % for side and back facades up to a maximum of \$2000 if a 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

2. Structural Improvement Grant

The program offers incentives to landowners, businesses and developers that propose significant commercial or industrial projects that substantially renovate, restore, improve and update a prominent building or structure or key vacant property

Grant assistance is provided in the form of an up to 50% matching grant, which is paid upon

3. Building Accessibility Grant

The building accessibility grant promotes improvements to buildings which result in the removal of physical barriers and greater accessibility to persons with disabilities.

The maximum amount of the grant is \$5,000.00 or 50% of the eligible costs, whichever is less.

4. Brownfield Environmental Study Grant

This grant is offered to diminish the cost of conducting an environmental site assessment (ESA). The Township of Warwick will contribute a one time grant for a Phase 1 ESA study. The amount of the study grant will be 50% of the cost of the Phase 1 ESA



5. Application and Permit Fee Grant

The Permit Fee Grant Program offers grants to eligible applicants for certain building permit fees related to the development or redevelopment, construction, reconstruction and rehabilitation, and/or the improvement of energy efficiency of buildings or properties within the designated CIP Area.

Building permit fee grants may be made available for Building Permit fees and/or Demolition Permit fees to a maximum of \$5,000.

6. Tax Increment-Equivalent Grant

This Program offers grants to eligible applicants whose Municipal property tax has increased as a result of the development or redevelopment, construction, reconstruction and rehabilitation, and/or the improvement of energy efficiency of buildings or properties within the designated CIP Area.

- The program allows a municipal tax increment equivalent to the taxes levied on the increased assessment as a result of undertaking the project as determined by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) The municipal tax increment will be used in the calculation of the amount of the grant.
- The total amount of any tax increment equivalent shall not exceed 50% of the original total cost of the improvements or \$10,000 annually whichever is lesser.
- The grant will be phased down by a percentage each year thereafter, for a maximum of 5 years. Phase down rate as approved by Council.
- This grant cannot be used in conjunction with any other CIP grant.