

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Consult with Warwick Township's Economic Development Officer to discuss project details and determine what CIP grant submission would be of benefit to you.
2. Complete and submit a CIP Grant Application including supporting documents such as:
 - A detailed work plan
 - At least two (2) cost estimates for your project as well as applicable contracts
 - Applicable reports
 - Any additional information as requested by the Township's CIP Review Committee and/or Township Council.
3. Proposal is evaluated by steering committee for eligibility criteria. Applicants may be requested to attend a CIP Committee meeting. The committee will submit a recommendation report to Warwick Township Council.
4. Application is brought to Council meeting for review and approval.
5. An agreement is executed between the Township and the applicant based on the cost structure of the project.
6. Re-imbursement is provided upon satisfactory completion of the project.

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ELIGIBILITY

The Façade Improvement, Structural Improvement, and Building Accessibility Grants are only available for properties in the CIP Target Areas of downtown Warwick and Watford.

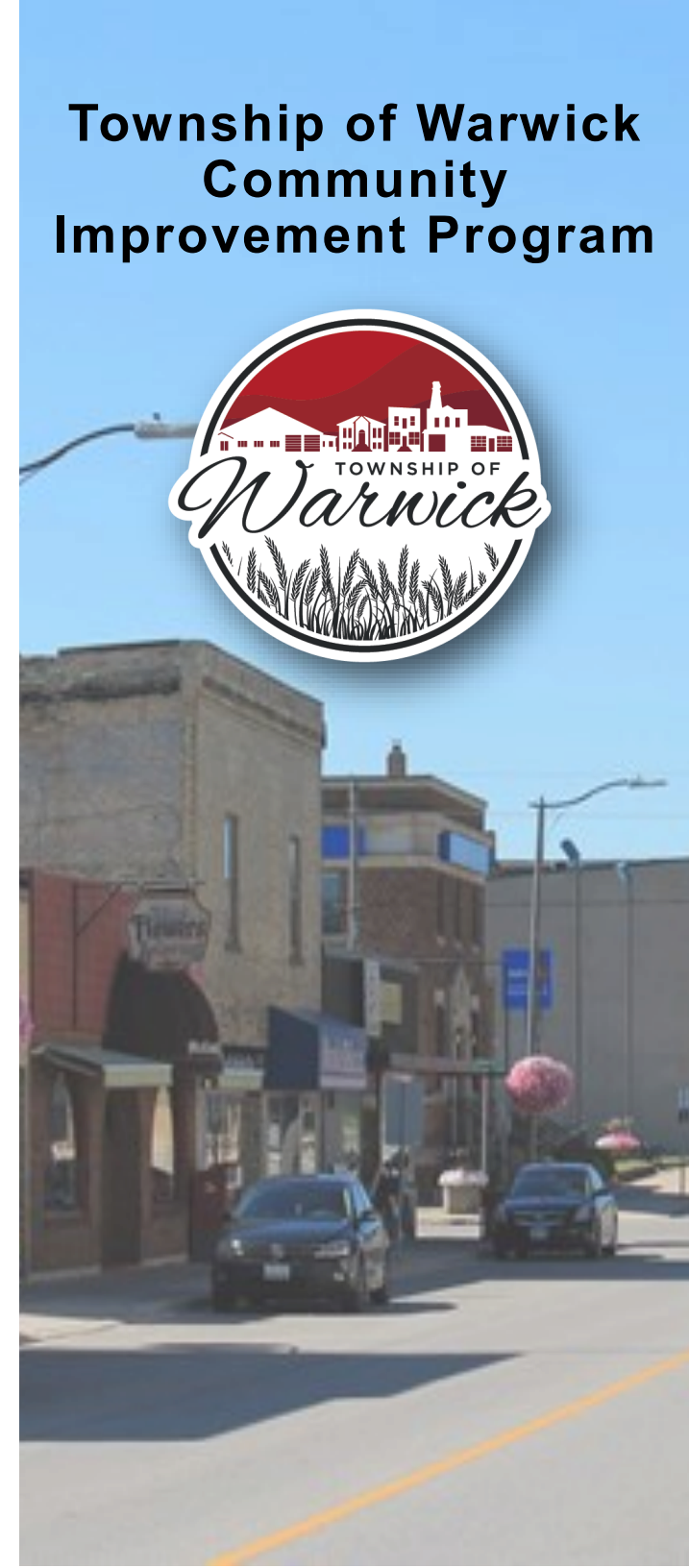
The Brownfield Environmental Study Grant, Permit Fee and Tax Increment-Equivalent Grants are available to all properties in the Township.

For more eligibility information see the full Community Improvement Plan document or contact the Township of Warwick.

The Financial Incentive Programs 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 below).

	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	

Township of Warwick Community Improvement Program





Warwick Township Community Improvement Program (CIP)

Warwick Township’s Community Improvement Program (CIP) offers incentives to landowners, businesses and developers that propose projects that substantially renovate, restore, improve or update a prominent building, structure or vacant property that accomplish more than one of the following:

- Address structural and life safety issues to create usable and efficient floor space
- Improve property standards or preserve architectural significance
- Remediate a brownfield site, or improve the environment by protecting habitats or enhancing natural ecosystems
- Upgrade public infrastructure



Available CIP Grants

Application and Permit Fee

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.

This grant may be considered for Building Permit fees and/or Demolition Permit fees to a maximum of \$5,000.

Brownfield Environmental Study

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 study, up to a maximum of \$1500 per property.

Building Accessibility

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.

Façade Improvement

This 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 that utilize original architecture and materials 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 up to a \$2000 maximum.

Structural Improvement

The Structural Improvement Grant 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 available up to 50% matching grant, which is paid upon completion of the previously approved work.

Tax Increment-Equivalent

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 is phased down by a percentage each year thereafter, for a maximum of 5 years. Phase down rate as approved by Council.