

BUILDING IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

Program Description

The purpose of this program is to promote the maintenance and physical improvement of existing commercial, mixed use, institutional, industrial and agricultural (with a retail commercial and/or agri-tourism component) buildings, in order to improve their attractiveness and safety, and provide usable space.

What is the Maximum Grant Amount?

This program will provide a grant equal to up to 50% of the cost of eligible interior and exterior building improvement works, to a maximum grant per project of \$10,000. The maximum grant available under this program may be increased up to \$12,500 on a matching 50/50 basis if the building interior has heritage features that are being restored.

What Type of Building Improvement Works are Eligible for a Grant?

- exterior modifications to provide barrier-free accessibility.
- structural repairs to walls, ceilings, floors and foundations.
- repair/replacement of roofing, windows and doors.
- water/flood/weatherproofing.
- extension/upgrading of plumbing, electrical, HVAC services for the creation of retail, office or residential space.
- installation/alteration of required window openings to residential spaces.
- installation/upgrading of fire protection systems.
- energy efficiency retrofits and improvements.
- other similar repairs/improvements related to health, safety and risk management issues, as may be approved by the Township.

Are There Additional Conditions to be Met to be Eligible for a Grant?

For buildings where heritage features are being restored or reconstructed and for buildings designated under Parts IV and V of the Ontario Heritage Act, the restoration and reconstruction works should be supported by documentation in the form of historic photographs or drawings clearly showing the heritage feature(s) to be restored or reconstructed.

