



Program 2: Façade Improvement

Description:

The purpose of this grant is to provide funding to assist commercial property owners in improving the aesthetic qualities of their buildings by renovating building facades that are visible from the street.

Program Specifics:

Available to both Owners and Tenants (with written consent from the Owner). The Township will not grant funds for labour if the work is completed by the Owner of the property.

The Work to be completed must be completed within 18 months of the date of the Agreement, or written request for an extension must be submitted to the CIP Approvals Committee. The grant is payable upon completion of the works as set out in the signed Agreement and upon submission by the Applicant of proof of payment for the works performed, photographs of completed work, and a site visit by the CIP Approvals Committee or their representative, to inspect the completed works.

Grant Amount:

The Township will provide a grant that will cover up to 50% of the costs to a maximum of:

- 1) \$4,000 towards the cost of façade improvements to the front façade that is visible from the street;
- 2) \$1,500 for a secondary façade visible to the street;

Total maximum façade grant of \$5,500.

Applications for both facades must be submitted simultaneously unless the front façade was completed at an earlier date and is acceptable to the CIP Approvals Committee

Examples of Eligible Costs:

Costs associated with materials and third-party labour.

Repairs and restoration of existing facades and original architectural elements such as facing materials, doors, windows, cornices, porches and verandas.

Goals and Objectives

- a) Preserve and enhance the visual unity of the streetscape.
- b) Create an attractive image of the Township that reflects, protects and promotes the local history, culture and heritage.
- c) Encourage regeneration, building stock enhancement and longevity of the villages, hamlets and rural area.
- d) Integrate the conservation of heritage resources within development and infrastructure decisions.

Design Guidelines

- a) Repainting, cleaning or resurfacing of the street visible facades.
- b) Repair or restoration of façade masonry, brickwork or wood.
- c) Exterior woodwork.
- d) Replacement, repair or restoration of cornices, eaves, parapets and other architectural features.
- e) Paint, including removal, surface preparation, cleaning and/or painting
- f) Installation or repair of streets visible exterior lighting.
- g) Continuity with existing/surrounding buildings.



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