

## BARRIER FREE ACCESS



# Program 4: Accessibility

## Description:

The purpose of this grant is to provide funding to assist commercial property Owners in improvements to existing buildings such as the removal of barriers to increase accessibility for people with disabilities that may otherwise be considered cost prohibitive. This program is intended to support improvements to private property to meet the current Building Code and Ontario's Accessibility laws and standards to

## 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. The grant is payable upon completion of the works as set out in the Agreement.

## Grant Amount:

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

A maximum of \$4,000 towards the cost of accessible improvements to the principal façade that provides access to the buildings

A maximum of \$2,000 towards the cost of accessible improvements for the interior that impairs access to patrons, to a total maximum improvement grant of \$6,000.

## Examples of Eligible Costs:

Installation of ramps, lifts, and/or automatic door openers; and

Any other improvements that may bring a building up to code, address health and safety concerns or improve accessibility and removal of barriers, as approved by the Township.

## 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) Must conform to Ontario Building Code, as amended.
- b) Costs can include the levelling or repairs to pathways/access and stairs.
- c) Renovations or repairs must conform with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005, as amended.

