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TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH LAUNCHES ADDITIONAL RESIDENTIAL UNIT GRANT PROGRAM

PUSLINCH – The Township of Puslinch is pleased to announce the launch of its new Additional Residential Unit (ARU) Grant Program, made possible through funding from the County of Wellington’s Community Housing Development Grant Program.

The ARU Grant Program is designed to support homeowners in creating new, long-term rental units such as basement apartments, above-garage suites, and detached units. The program encourages gentle, low-impact intensification that aligns with provincial legislation and helps address evolving housing needs while preserving the Township’s rural character.

Through this initiative, eligible homeowners can receive grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$15,000 to help offset construction costs. In return, units must be rented at affordable rates - defined as no more than 80% of Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) Average Market Rent - for a specified period, ensuring long-term affordability within the community.

“This program is a meaningful step toward increasing housing options in Puslinch while maintaining the character that residents value,” said Mayor Seeley. “By supporting homeowners in creating additional residential units, we are not only helping families adapt to changing needs but contributing to a more diverse and affordable housing supply across the Township.”

The program will launch with \$200,000 in funding and is expected to support the creation of up to 20 new residential units. Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis from May 2026 through September 2027.

The program is administered by the Township in partnership with the County of Wellington, with individual funding agreements in place to ensure affordability requirements are maintained over time.

Homeowners interested in participating must meet eligibility requirements, including compliance with applicable zoning and building regulations, and must commit to maintaining affordable rental rates for the duration of the agreement.

For more information including program guidelines and application details, visit [Puslinch.ca/ARUGrants](https://puslinch.ca/ARUGrants), or contact the Township at building@puslinch.ca or 519-763-1226 ext. 180.

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