



Supporting Local Business in Puslinch: A Township-wide Community Improvement Plan

2026 Update

Frequently Asked Questions

When can I apply?

You are welcome to submit an application anytime throughout the year, however applications will be reviewed bi-annually. If funding is exhausted, you will be invited to apply the following year.

How much does the Township allocate to the program each year?

Council makes the decision to allocate funding to the incentive program as part of its annual budgeting process. Funding availability could vary from year to year.

How can I review the Community Improvement Plan?

Applicants are encouraged to review the Community Improvement Plan (CIP) to understand the eligibility requirements. Please visit the Township's website to view and/or download a PDF version of the document. puslinch.ca/cip

Am I able to also access the County of Wellington funds?

County funding may be available to owners/ tenants of land and buildings that have been approved for incentives through the Township CIP. County of Wellington CIP grants act as "top-up" funding for residents and business owners who are already receiving grant funding from the Township. wellington.ca/cip

Can I apply for multiple grants?

Yes, as long as the total combined value of grants provided to the applicant by the Township per year does not exceed \$7,500 (or the total value of eligible costs, whichever is less).

To discuss your potential application with the Township or to receive additional assistance, please contact:

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What Does This Plan Do?

- 1** Promote revitalization, beautification, renewal, and economic activity. The plan reflects the current planning context, County participation, and satisfies the Township's evolving needs.
- 2** Outlines financial incentive opportunities for property owners and businesses to provide financial assistance and stimulate private sector investment.
- 3** Supports the overall goals for community improvement, to serve the full-extent of the Township, enhance the viability and accessibility of businesses, address countryside matters, and encourage the redevelopment of vacant and underutilized lands.



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Am I Eligible to Apply for Incentives?

Are you a property owner or a tenant operating a business within the Township?

Please note, if you are a tenant, you will need the permission of the owner.

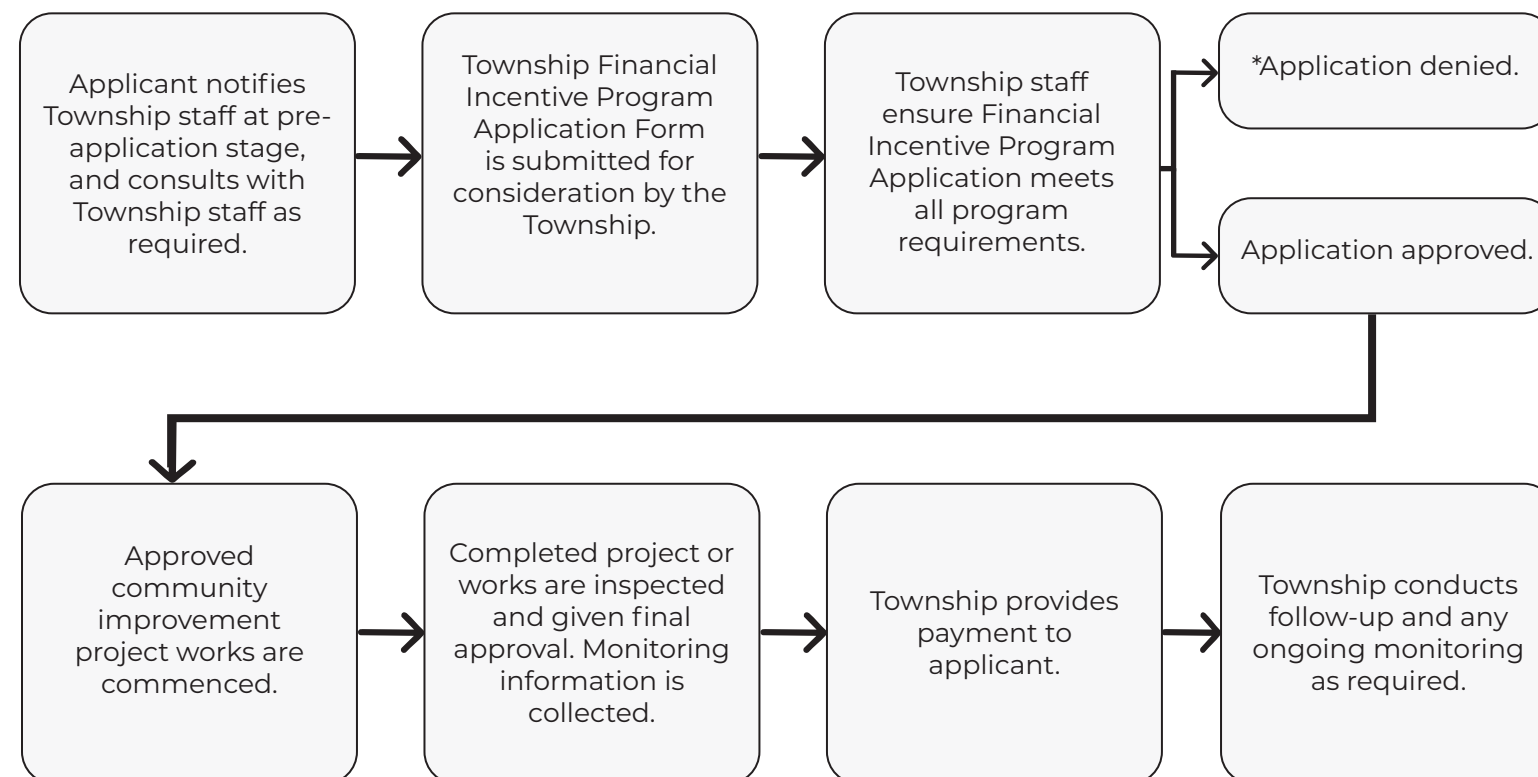
Does your project meet the eligibility criteria outlined in the CIP?

Including but not limited to:

- The improvement project has not yet been started: work can commence when your application has been approved.
- General compliance with development standards and urban design guidelines.
- Compliance with applicable provincial, County, and Township policies, plans, guidelines, procedures, by-laws, codes, and strategic priorities.
- There are no outstanding tax arrears or Township obligations.

***Please note that only “eligible costs”, as outlined for each incentive program in the CIP, can be included in the calculation of the grant value. The Township can help clarify which aspects of your project are eligible for incentives.**

What is the Application Process?



Available Financial Incentives

Note: Not all grant programs listed below are currently accepting applications

Planning and Building Fees Grant

- Support in covering the fees required by the Township in relation to the proposed improvement project
- Up to 50% of the eligible costs from the Township; maximum of \$7,500

Building Improvement Grant

- Support towards improvements to existing buildings to meet the current Building Code, improve aesthetic quality, provide for safe and usable eligible uses, and assist with accessibility improvements
- Up to 50% of the eligible costs, before tax; maximum of \$5,000

Facade, Signage, and Landscape Improvement Grant

- Support towards improvements to an existing building's façade or signage, or to assist with other eligible improvements to private property, and farm-based businesses
- Up to 50% of the eligible costs, before tax; maximum of \$4,500

Building Conversion, Expansion, and Accessibility Improvement Grant

- Assistance with the conversion of existing unused or underused space into new eligible uses, removal of barriers and increase accessibility for people with disabilities
- Up to \$10 per square foot of the eligible costs, before tax; maximum of \$3,000

Licensed Home Child Care Grant

- Support towards improvements to private property to meet the requirements of Licensed Home Child Care Provider, as defined by Wellington County Home Child Care and the Ministry of Education
- Up to 50% of the eligible costs, before tax; maximum of \$2,000

Green Energy, Infrastructure, and Sustainable Development Grant

- Supporting projects on existing buildings and new developments that implement natural systems and infrastructure
- Up to 50% of the eligible costs, before tax; maximum of \$3,000

Commercial Conversion Start-Up Grant

- With the small-scale conversion of existing vacant or underutilized space and to support new small business start-ups
- Up to 50% of the eligible costs, before tax; maximum of \$7,500 per property