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VILLAGES & HAMLETS

# COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

BEACHBURG | COBDEN | FORESTERS FALLS | HALEY STATION | LAPASSE | WESTMEATH



### COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PLANNING

- ✔ Plan for creating vibrant neighbourhoods
- ✔ Encourage improvement, rehabilitation or redevelopment
- ✔ Provide financial incentives to encourage private sector investment
- ✔ Show municipal leadership with infrastructure, gateway & signage improvements



### APPLICATION PROCESS

- ✔ Eligible property owners and tenants
- ✔ Properties must be in designated villages & hamlets
- ✔ Complete application form
- ✔ Submit supporting documents (contracts, estimates, drawings, renderings, etc.)
- ✔ Reviewed by a Committee and approved by Council
- ✔ Grant paid if approved and after works are completed



### GOALS & OBJECTIVES

- 1 Improve municipal infrastructure and enhance quality of life
- 2 Enhance the public realm and streetscape
- 3 Upgrade existing signage and wayfinding
- 4 Remove barriers to accessibility
- 5 Foster economic development



### ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENT GRANT

- ✔ 50% of costs of improvements and enhancements
- ✔ Maximum of \$2,500
- ✔ Commercial, mixed-use and institutional buildings within villages & hamlets
- ✔ **Projects could include:** new automatic doors or mechanisms, ramps, widened entry ways, leveling or repairs to paths of travel, etc.



### BUILDING FAÇADE & PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT GRANT

- ✔ 50% of costs of construction and repairs
- ✔ Maximum of \$5,000
- ✔ Commercial and mixed-use buildings (priority)
- ✔ Residential properties with façades that front onto a County Road or Highway 17
- ✔ **Projects could include:** restoration / replacement/repairing of façades, cladding, storefronts, etc.



### HERITAGE PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT GRANT

- ✔ 50% of restoration and rehabilitation works
- ✔ Maximum of \$3,000
- ✔ Only application to properties designated under the Ontario Heritage Act



### PARKING & LANDSCAPING IMPROVEMENT GRANT

- ✔ 50% of costs of parking area and landscaping improvements
- ✔ Maximum of \$3,000
- ✔ Commercial and mixed-use properties
- ✔ **Projects could include:** resurfacing / paving pedestrian buffer zones, accessible parking, landscaping, etc.



### PLANNING APPLICATION & BUILDING PERMIT FEE GRANT

- ✔ 50% of costs associated with planning applications and building permit fees
- ✔ Maximum of \$1,000
- ✔ Commercial and mixed-used properties



### SIGN IMPROVEMENT GRANT

- ✔ 50% of costs associated with new signage, including design and installation
- ✔ Maximum of \$1,000
- ✔ Commercial, industrial and mixed-use properties
- ✔ **Projects could include:** awnings, hanging signs, embossed lettering, overhanging lighting, etc.
- ✔ Backlit and neon signs are discouraged

