



# Approved Community Improvement Plan Applications – 2022

Community Services Committee  
February 15, 2023

## **Prosperous City KR3:**

- Commit spending 90% of the community improvement program grant funding allocation through the façade, business start-up, landscape and accessibility programs each fiscal year

## **Strategic Plan Pillars Supported:**

- Economy
- Finance
- Society & Culture

- In December of 2020, City Council passed By-law 2020-131, which had the effect of approving a new [Community Improvement Plan \(CIP\)](#) for the City.
- Of the 12 programs included in the CIP, there are five (5) active capital grant programs, including three (3) first come, first serve programs and two (2) intake programs.
- New program guidelines were developed and approved.
- The purpose of this presentation is to showcase the CIP grant applications approved from January to December of 2022. ■

# Summary of CIP Programs

Capital Grant Programs – First Come, First Serve	Capital Grant Programs – Intake Window	Tax Incentive Programs/ Asset Grants
<b>Accessibility Improvement</b>	<b>Landscaping &amp; Property Improvement</b>	Heritage Property Tax Relief
<b>Façade and Structural Improvement</b>	<b>Vacant Building Conversion/Expansion</b>	Brownfield Financial Tax Incentive
<b>Start-up Space Leasehold Improvement</b>		Vacant Lands Tax Assistance
		Surplus Lands and Buildings

**Note:** inactive CIP programs include the Study and Design Grant, Development Charges Rebate, and the Tax Increment Equivalent Grant

- 13 grant applications processed and approved including:
  - 2 Accessibility Improvement Grants
  - 6 Façade & Structural Improvement Grants
  - 3 Start-up Space Leasehold Improvement Grants
  - 1 Landscaping & Property Improvement Grants
  - 1 Vacant Building Conversion/Expansion Grant Program

# Budget Expenditure

Program	Total Project Value	Total Estimated Grant
Accessibility Improvement Grant	\$449,975.00	\$20,000.00
Façade & Structural Improvement Grant	\$310,235.08	\$30,111.16
Start-up Space Leasehold Improvement Grant	\$97,318.34	\$15,000.00
Landscaping & Property Improvement Grant	\$61,000.00	\$10,000.00
Vacant Building Conversion/ Expansion Grant	\$464,000.00	\$10,000.00
<b>Overall Total:</b>	<b>\$1,382,528.42</b>	<b>\$85,111.15</b>

- **2022 CIP Operating Budget = \$20,000 Capital Grant from the County of Grey + \$60,000 from the City of Owen Sound**

# Budget Expenditure Cont.

- The total value of grants \$85,111.15 for eligible works under the grant programs.
- Resulting in an over expenditure of the 2022 budget by \$5,111.15.
- This over expenditure will be funded through existing CIP reserves.

- In 2022, the project value of all CIP grant applications approved is approximately \$1,382,528.42 and the total value of grants is \$85,111.15

## **2022**

- For every \$1 invested by the City, \$16.24 is invested by grant applicants.

## **2021**

- For every \$1 invested by the City, \$6.20 is invested by grant applicants.



# Accessibility Improvement Grant Overview

Incentive	Purpose	Funding
<b>Accessibility Improvement Grant (First come, first serve)</b>	To promote improvements to properties for the purposes of enhancing accessibility.	Capital grant up to 50% of eligible costs, to a maximum of \$10,000, whichever is less.

# Accessibility Improvement Grants

Applicant	Address	Project Description	Total Project Value	Estimated Grant
St. George's Anglican Church	1049 4th Ave E	Installation of one (1) elevator	\$427,975.00	\$10,000.00
Rakson Hospitality	837 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave E	Installation of one (1) accessible ramp	\$22,000.00	\$10,000.00
<b>Totals:</b>			<b>\$449,975.00</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>

Incentive	Purpose	Funding
<p><b>Façade &amp; Structural Improvement (First come, first serve)</b></p>	<p>To encourage restoration and rehabilitation of street-facing exteriors of buildings within the City’s Downtown and Harbour Area. Properties on the City’s Heritage Register are also eligible.</p>	<p>Capital grant up to 33% of eligible costs, to a maximum of \$5,000 for single facades; capital grant up to 50% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$7,500 for double facades; waiving of Building and Sign Permit fees.</p>

# Façade & Structural Improvement Grants

Applicant	Address	Single Façade: Project Description	Total Project Value	Estimated Grant
St. George's Anglican Church	1049 4th Ave E	Repair three (3) original stained-glass windows, repair masonry	\$132,560.00	\$5,000.00
Sunday's Ice Cream Parlour	842 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave E	Replacement of existing exterior door.	\$5,311.00	\$1,752.63
Owen Sound Wellness	221 8th St E	Replace existing windows on front façade.	\$12,067.65	\$3,982.32
<b>Single Façade Grant</b>				
<b>Totals:</b>			<b>\$149,938.65</b>	<b>\$10,734.95</b>

# Façade & Structural Improvement Grants Cont.

Applicant	Address	Double Façade Project Description	Total Project Value	Estimated Grant
Shoppers Clothing Co.	849 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave E	Front façade renovation including installation of new doors and windows.	\$37,000.00	\$7,500.00
F.W. Harrison House	1050 4th Ave W	Repaint exterior façade features	\$8,752.43	\$4,376.21
Northridge Property Management	345 8th St E	Double Façade: Recladding of exterior façade. Installation of windows, doors, and exterior lighting.	\$114,544.00	\$7,500.00
<b>Double Façade Totals :</b>			<b>\$160,296.43</b>	<b>\$19,376.21</b>
<b>Combined Single and Double Façade Grant Total:</b>			<b>\$310,235.08</b>	<b>\$30,111.16</b>

# Single Façade - Sundays Ice Cream Parlour 842 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue East

**Before**



**After**



## Before



## After



# Double Façade - F.W. Harrison House 1050 4th Avenue West

**Before**



**After**





# Start-up Space Leasehold Improvement Grant Overview

Incentive	Purpose	Funding
<b>Start-up Space Leasehold Improvement Program (First come, first serve)</b>	To assist new businesses and start-up companies to 'set-up shop' by providing grants for the financing of permanent leasehold improvements	Capital grant up to 50% of eligible costs, to a maximum of \$5,000, whichever is less.

# Start-up Space Leasehold Improvement Grants

Applicant	Address	Project Description	Total Project Value	Grant Payout
Rrampt Social Club	235 9 <sup>th</sup> St E	Install hardwood flooring throughout	\$13,361.00	\$5,000.00
Papi's Eatery	211 8 <sup>th</sup> St E	Install new plumbing and electrical fixtures, new flooring and millwork.	\$22,184.76	\$5,000.00
Sunday Service	945 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave E	Install a permanent walk-in refrigeration unit	\$61,772.58	\$5,000.00
<b>Totals :</b>			<b>\$97,318.34</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>

# Rrampt Social Club 235 9<sup>th</sup> Street East

Before



After

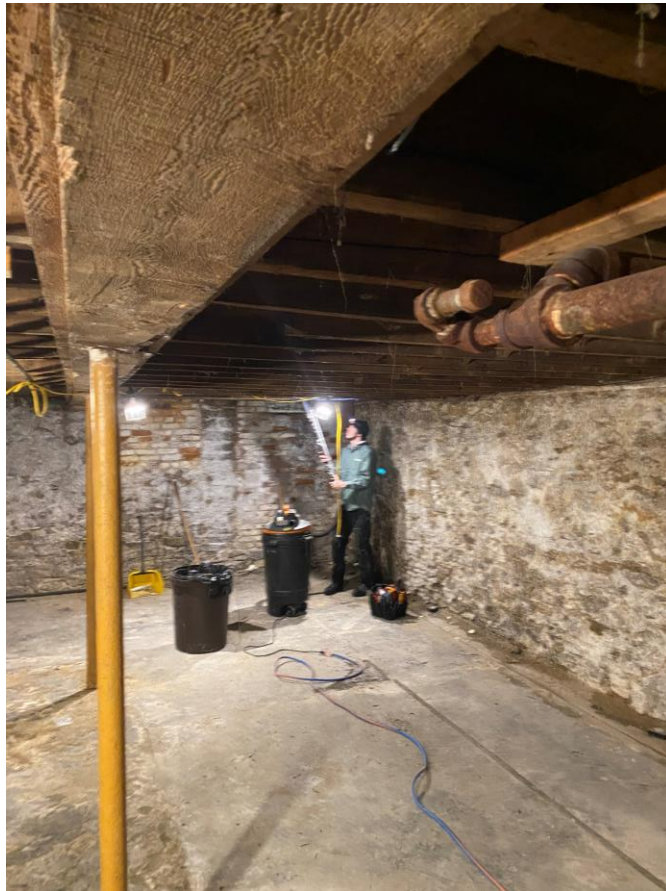


# Papi's Eatery & Lounge 211 8<sup>th</sup> Street East

After



Before



After



Incentive	Purpose	Funding
<p><b>Property &amp; Landscaping Improvement Grant (Intake window)</b></p>	<p>To encourage property owners and tenants of land to improve their properties, including parking areas, through the installation of appropriate landscaping, exterior lighting, pedestrian connections, street furniture, and patios.</p>	<p>Capital grant up to 50% of eligible costs, to a maximum of \$5,000 for projects outside a Priority Area, or to a maximum of \$10,000 for projects within a Priority Area, whichever is less.</p>

# Property & Landscaping Improvement Grants

Applicant	Address	Project Description	Total Project Value	Estimated Grant
Edgewater	920 1 <sup>st</sup> Ave W	Construction and installation of a patio, including design services from an Architect	\$61,000.00	\$10,000.00
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$61,000.00</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>

# Vacant Building Conversion and Expansion Grant Overview

Incentive	Purpose	Funding
<p><b>Vacant Buildings Expansion/ Conversion Grant (Intake window)</b></p>	<p>To assist in the small-scale conversion of existing vacant space into a new or more suitable commercial use or a mixed use.</p>	<p>Capital grant up to 50% of eligible costs, to a maximum of \$10,000, whichever is less.</p>



# Vacant Building Conversion and Expansion Grants

Applicant	Address	Project Description	Total Project Value	Estimated Grant
Rakson Hospitality	837 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave E	Conversion of vacant second storey commercial office space into eight (8) residential dwelling units	\$464,000.00	\$10,000.00
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$464,000.00</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>

