



## 2024 Façade Grant Program Municipality Of Central Huron

### **Purpose**

The Façade Grant Program assists property owners in business areas of the Municipality of Central Huron by providing grants to improve the facades of buildings as outlined in the Municipality's Façade Improvement Design. The goal of the program is to enhance the appearance of the commercial businesses and in so doing refresh the sense of pride within our community.

### **Area of Application**

All properties assessed for Commercial use, in whole or in part, at the time of application within the Municipality will be considered eligible for the program.

### **General Provisions**

This municipal assistance program provides grants to property owners who improve and enhance the 'cosmetic' appeal of the structure from a streetscape viewpoint. The grant amount is 50% of the cost to improve the appearance of the façade up to a maximum of \$5,000.00.

The eligible improvements must follow the guidelines as outlined on the Façade Improvement Concept for the building in question. The list of eligible improvements includes:

- 1) Façade restoration of brickwork, wood, masonry and metal cladding;
- 2) Replacement or repair of entablature, eaves, parapets and other architectural details;
- 3) Window and door repair or replacement;
- 4) Signage in accordance with the Municipality of Central Huron bylaw respecting signs and the Ontario Building Code and Regulations;
- 5) Painting or cleaning of the façade exterior;
- 6) Exterior lighting;
- 7) Repair, replacement or addition of awnings, marquees or canopies;
- 8) Replacement of façade elements originally in place during initial construction of the building
- 9) Entranceway/walkway modifications: sidewalks, steps, and landscaping associated with entranceway and walkway (not entire property) including provisions to improve accessibility for those with mobility limitations;
- 10) Redesigned shop fronts;
- 11) Such other improvements/additions to the building exterior as may be approved by the Municipal Chief Building Official or designate;
- 12) Professional fees



## **Administration**

The Clerk's Office is responsible for the administration of the Façade Grant Program. Prior to the receipt of a completed application form a pre-consultation meeting with the Clerk may be held with the applicant. The Clerk shall explain in depth the requirements of the program. Confirmation will be required from the Building Department and Fire Department that no outstanding work orders apply to the property, the Clerk will confirm eligibility for funding and make a recommendation with final approval of Council. If an appeal is lodged regarding a recommendation of the Clerk, the appeal shall be reviewed and decided upon by the Council of the Municipality of Central Huron.

The Council of the Municipality of Central Huron in its sole discretion may change or discontinue this program at any time.

## **Eligibility Requirements**

- 1) Any property owner (or tenant upon approval of property owner) desiring to be considered for a grant under this program must make an application to the Clerk.
- 2) To qualify, property owners must satisfy the following conditions:
  - (a) The subject property must be assessed as Commercial, in whole or in part, in the property assessment roll at the time of application;
  - (b) Outstanding work orders from the Municipal Fire Department or Building Department must be fully satisfied prior to grant approval;
  - (c) The subject property shall not be in a position of tax arrears;
  - (d) If a property for façade improvement is designated under the Ontario Heritage Act, the improvement shall not compromise the reasons for designation;
  - (e) Grants will be approved at the sole discretion of the Municipality;
  - (f) All applicable permits shall be applied for and approved prior to construction;
- 3) Where possible, the application must be approved prior to commencing any work related to the grant. Please note: there are no guarantees of grant funding should work commence prior to grant approval.

## **Reimbursement**

Applicants will be reimbursed the approved amount following the completion of the work and submission of a copy of all paid project receipts. All receipts must be received by December 31, 2024. Please advise our office in writing if you no longer wish to complete the work your grant was approved for, or if you require an extension past December 31, 2024. By notifying us we can ensure the grant funds can be reallocated.



Application No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Office Use)

## Central Huron Façade Improvement Program Grant Application

### Please Print

Name of Property Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Tenant/Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Project \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Property Roll No. \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Description \_\_\_\_\_

Is this property zoned Commercial \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Is this property designated under the Ontario Heritage Act? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Designating By-law No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Office Use)



**Property Information**

1. Work Order/Requests to Comply:

Are there any outstanding:

(a) Fire Department Work Orders \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

(b) Building Department Work Orders \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Attach copies of existing work orders/requests to comply to this application

2. Taxes

The undersigned certifies that all taxes, rates and levies in respect of the property are current.

3. Improvements (Please use separate sheet if required)

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4. Cost Estimates

Attach written estimates from independent contractors/suppliers.

5. Financing of Work

(a) Total cost of proposed work \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Requested Municipal Grant \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Balance required \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If grant approved, how will you fund the above balance? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Project Benefit

What benefits to the Business Area will result from construction of the improvements?

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7. Owner's Acknowledgment and Certificate

The Owner acknowledges that the approval of a grant is in the sole discretion of the Municipality of Central Huron. Notwithstanding any representation by or on behalf of the Municipality, or any statement contained in the program, no right to any grant arises until it has been duly and individually approved and all preliminary matters completed to the satisfaction of the Municipality. The Municipality has no responsibility for any costs incurred by the Owner in any way relating to the program, including, without limitation, costs incurred in anticipation of a grant.

**The Owner certifies that the information given herein and otherwise in connection with the grant application is true, correct and complete in every respect and may be verified by the Municipality.**

I/We have the authority to bind the company

Signature of Owner(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Tenant(s)/Applicant(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

***\*Please Specify to whom the Façade Grant Cheque is to be payable to\****

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Note: The information in this application is collected by the Municipality of Central Huron pursuant to the authority of Section 28 of the Planning Act and is for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public.

For Office Use Only			
Date Received:	_____		
Information Complete	Yes _____	No _____	
Grant Approved	_____ Yes	_____ No	Date approved _____
Grant Rejected	_____ Yes	_____ No	Date Rejected _____