

# Township of Hornepayne

## Community Improvement Plan (CIP)

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

This sheet provides answers to commonly asked questions about the Township's Community Improvement Plan (CIP).

#### 1. What is a Community Improvement Plan (CIP)?

A CIP is a municipal tool that provides financial incentives to encourage property and business owners to invest in the revitalization and development of their properties.

#### 2. Who can apply for CIP funding?

Property owners, tenants (with owner permission), and developers within the designated CIP area in good standing with the Township may apply.

### 3. What types of projects are eligible?

Eligible projects include façade improvements, signage, accessibility upgrades, structural repairs, new housing construction, and industrial or commercial redevelopment.

#### 4. How much funding can I receive?

Grants and rebates vary by program. For example, the Business Property Improvement Program offers up to 50% of eligible costs, to a maximum of \$5,000.

### 5. Is funding guaranteed once I apply?

No. All applications are reviewed for eligibility and scored. Funding is limited and awarded on a first-reviewed, first-approved basis.

### 6. Do I need permits for my project?

Yes. You are responsible for securing all necessary building and planning permits before starting work.

#### 7. When can I start my project?

Work must begin only after the application has been approved and a funding agreement has been signed with the Township.

### 8. How do I apply?

Contact the Economic Development Office to schedule a pre-application consultation, then complete and submit the application form with all required documents.

### 9. What happens after my project is complete?

You must submit proof of completion (invoices, photos) to receive the grant payment. A site inspection may be conducted by the Township.

## 10. Where can I get help with my application?

Contact the Economic Development Officer at edo@hornepayne.ca (807.632.1978) or Chief Administration Officer (CAO) at <a href="mailto:cao@hornepayne.ca">cao@hornepayne.ca</a> (807.868.2020 ext. 205 for assistance.

## 11. How many projects will be funded annually?

The number of projects per year are limited to the annual CIP project budget limits.