



Program 10: Downtown Accessibility Grant

What is the intent of the program?

The purpose of the program is to increase the accessibility of downtown shops, services, and housing by offering an added financial incentive for pursuing universal design standards. A developer may apply for a grant of up to 50% of eligible costs, to a maximum of \$10,000 for interior and/or exterior improvements that make the property **barrier-free**.

Are you eligible to apply?

You are eligible to apply for CIP Program 10 funding, if:

Your property is:

Zoned commercial or mixed-use; and,

Located in the Downtown Improvement Area;

You have gone through pre-consultation with City staff to discuss requirements for a complete application; and,

You are proposing updates to the interior and/or exterior of your property to make it accessible for persons with disabilities.

If your application is approved, how do you get the incentive?

To receive the incentive for CIP Program 10:

The City has received your complete “CIP Program 10” application in writing, before the commencement of work;

You have entered into an agreement with the City;

The City has received professionally prepared drawings to a scale that have been approved by the City’s Chief Building Official (CBO) or designate, illustrating the nature of the proposed **barrier-free** features; and,

The work has been designed to be barrier-free in accordance with the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act*, and as confirmed by the CBO or designate during the building permitting stage.

Additional Considerations

- Accessibility improvements may include, but are not limited to the following: ramps, automatic doors, accessible washrooms, lifts, and elevators.
- At the City’s discretion, documentation required to support the application may be required, including but not limited to photographs of the existing building.



- Exterior improvements must not create unnecessary negative impact on the building's façade or to surrounding buildings and streetscapes.

By signing below, the Applicant/Agent confirms review and understanding of the requirements for Program 10: Downtown Accessibility Grant.

Applicant/Agent Signature: _____

Date: _____