

TOWN OF ESSEX

ACCESSIBILITY RESOURCES FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES



Greetings local business/property owner,

The Town of Essex is reaching out to local business and commercial property owners with a reminder about grant funds available through our Community Improvement Plans.

Our Community Improvement Plans offer incentives to help revitalize specific areas as the social, economic and cultural hearts of our community. The Plans provide funding incentives to property owners to stimulate physical improvements to commercial buildings, new business activities, and residential accommodation in the downtown or qualifying project area. The Plans also provide funding which can assist with making your property more accessible, which has been identified as a priority by Town of Essex Council and the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Below are some highlights for grants which you may be eligible for:

- **Up to \$6,000** to cover 50 percent of the cost for the **reconstruction of an existing public entrance to make it accessible.**
- **Up to \$4,000** to cover 50 percent of the cost for the **construction of an outdoor patio or shelter space, including accessible entrances, new signage, and bike storage.**
- **Up to \$2,000** to cover 50 percent of the cost for the **rehabilitation of existing residential dwelling units.**

As a reminder, the Essex Centre and Harrow Community Improvement Plan programs are set to expire at the end of this year, which means this **may be your last chance to take advantage of these funding opportunities.** The Colchester/County Road 50 CIP program will continue after 2021.

To learn more about the Town's CIPs or to discuss your property's funding eligibility, please read the attached brochure, visit the link below, or contact Nelson Silveira, Economic Development Officer.

Contact Nelson Silveira,
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519-776-7336 ext 1135

Learn more about our
Community Improvement Plans at
essex.ca/CIPs