



**Basement
Flooding
Protection
Subsidy
Program**

2017

On May 3, 2011, to assist homeowners, Windsor City Council approved a Basement Flooding Protection Subsidy Program (BFP). The BFP is a program to assist homeowners by way of a financial subsidy to install a sump pump and/or back-water valve (flood protection devices). For further information about this program and how to apply, please read the enclosed information.

**Program
Information
and
Application**

The City of Windsor makes improvements annually to the complex system of underground pipes, sewers and catch basins. However, these improvements alone cannot completely protect a home from basement flooding. With increasingly frequent and severe weather events related to climate change, it is essential that residents take the appropriate action to reduce the risk of basement flooding on their own private property.

What is it?

The City is offering residents a financial subsidy to install a sump pump, sump pump overflow and/or install a back-water valve and/or disconnect foundation drains from the floor drain. The amount of subsidy that may be available to residents is described below:

Basement Flooding Protection Subsidy – Eligible Amounts

- Install Backwater Valve(s) (Licensed plumber required)**
Up to 80% of cost, (\$1,000 maximum)
- Install sump pump with sump pump overflow and disconnect foundation drains to floor drains**
Up to 80% of cost, (\$1,750 maximum)
- Install only sump pump overflow to discharge outside to surface (applies to existing sump pumps only)**
Up to 80% of cost, (\$300 maximum)
- Install backwater valve and sump pump with sump pump overflow**
Up to 80% of cost, (\$2,800 maximum)
- Disconnect foundation drains from floor drain and/or dye testing and camera work as required.**
Up to 80% of cost, (\$400 maximum)

Disputes with respect to qualifying work will be resolved by the City Engineer and/or the Chief Building Official or their designate.

THE MAXIMUM ELIGIBLE SUBSIDY LIMIT IS \$2,800 PER HOME/UNIT.

What the program does not cover:

- Replacement of existing sump pump
- Upgrade of sump pump
- Addition of another sump pump
- Installation of a sump pump when foundation drains are already separated from floor drain or sanitary sewer
- Work performed for which a permit cannot be obtained.
- Supply and installation of electro-pneumatic backwater valve

Subsidy Requirements

- ALL eligible basement flooding protection work **MUST** be performed by a contractor/licensed plumber or master plumber.
- If a backwater valve is installed by a contractor, a licensed plumber must certify its installation.
- Any work performed by a homeowner themselves **DOES NOT** qualify for subsidy.

Who is eligible for this program?

This program is available to homeowners who live in the City of Windsor and do not have amounts owing to the City such as back taxes or overdue payments.

Please Note: Being enrolled in a payment plan is acceptable for the purpose of satisfying the requirement under the Basement Flooding Protection Subsidy Program of being current on your taxes. If your taxes are not current and you are not enrolled in a payment plan, please contact us to arrange a payment plan.

How do I take advantage of this subsidy program?

What is the process?

Application: Start by completing sections A and B on the Application found on Page 8 and send it:

Via email to: engineeringdept@citywindsor.ca

Or

Via mail to: **Basement Flooding Protection Subsidy Program**
Engineering – Development, Projects and R.O.W.
350 City Hall Square West, Suite 302
Windsor, Ontario N9A 6S1

Steps in the Process:

1. Your application will be screened initially to:
 - a) Determine if you reside in the City; and
 - b) Determine if any amounts are currently outstanding. i.e. tax arrears
2. Next, if conditions 1a) and 1b) above are met, a Building Inspector will arrange to visit your residence and determine the eligible work for subsidy under this program. The Building Inspector will also have the property owner(s) sign

What if I've had eligible work performed after June 5, 2010 and before May 30, 2011? Am I still eligible for the subsidy?

Yes – if you reside in the City **and** you obtained or can obtain a permit to complete the work **and** you have your original invoice.

the release found in Section C of the Application.

Please note:

- Subsidies for eligible work are subject to available funding and provided on a first-come, first-served basis.
 - Subsidies are provided one time only for each eligible installation, per property, and on a no-fault basis.
 - The Ontario Building Code does not allow backwater valves to be installed on buildings having more than one dwelling unit. Townhouses are permitted but not duplexes or any buildings where there is one unit above another.
 - The subsidy is available only to existing homes, not homes in the planning stages or currently under construction.
 - The property must have its downspouts already properly disconnected (or the owner agrees to have them disconnected in the future) from the City sewer system, where possible.
3. If the Building Inspector approves eligible work under the program, all owners of the property will be required to sign the Acknowledgement of Responsibility and Liability Waiver [“Waiver”](found in Section C of the Application).

4. Once the signed Waiver is received by the Building Inspector you can then proceed to obtain **two** quotes to perform the eligible work. **The homeowner must also sign both quotes to acknowledge that the quotes were requested by the homeowner.**

Exception: If only installing a sump pump overflow on existing sump pump only one quote required.

You may select whichever quote you are satisfied with – however – the City will use the lower of the two quotes for calculation of your eligible subsidy amount.

- A master plumber or licensed plumbing contractor (they should be able to present a current City of Windsor license) must certify the backwater valve installation. If you have any concerns about whether or not the plumber is licensed, please contact the City’s Licensing Department at (519) 255–6200.
 - The plumbing contractor must use material or fittings that are approved by the Ontario Building Code.
 - A building plumbing permit and an approved final inspection must be obtained for back-water valve and sump pump installations.
 - The permit must be obtained within 60 days of receiving Building Inspector approval to proceed with eligible work under the program.
 - If a sump pump is installed, please ensure the disconnection or capping of leads to the floor drain.
5. **Have the work performed.** (We recommend that you do not pay the plumbing contractor in full until the building permit has been finalized.)

6. **How do I receive the subsidy?** If the work is in order, please remit the following information in order that the paperwork can be processed and a cheque issued for the eligible subsidy amount:

- The two quotes received for the eligible work (as described earlier in 3).
- Invoice(s) must show a cost breakdown of all charges; with the total amount paid clearly marked as “**Paid in Full.**”
- All documents must be originals. No photocopies will be accepted.
- Supporting documentation must be received by the City of Windsor within one year of the date of completion of the work as listed on your original invoice.

Remit required paperwork to: **Basement Flooding Protection Subsidy Program**
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Windsor, Ontario N9A 6S1

Basement Flooding Protection Subsidy Program

Application # _____

A. Pre-Qualification:

Homeowner's Name: _____

Homeowner's Address: _____

Address where work is being performed:

Forward completed application to:
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Engineering - Development, Projects and R.O.W.
350 City Hall Square West, Suite 302
Windsor, Ontario N9A 6S1
Or email to: engineeringdept@citywindsor.ca

Telephone #'s: Home: _____ Work: _____ Email: _____

Are your taxes current? **Yes** or **No**

If you answered 'No' to above, are you on a payment plan with the City to become current? **Yes** or **No**

Please Note: Being enrolled in a payment plan is acceptable for the purpose of satisfying the requirement under the Basement Flooding Protection Subsidy Program of being current on your taxes. If your taxes are not current and you are not enrolled in a payment plan, please contact us (below) to arrange a payment plan.

Tax Collector, City of Windsor

Finance Department

P.O. Box 1607

Windsor, Ontario N9A 6S1

Phone: [311](tel:311) (within city boundaries), alternate (519) 255-2489, or 1-877-746-4311 (toll-free)

TTY: 1-866-488-9311

Fax:(519) 255-7310

Email: propertytax@citywindsor.ca

B. Proposed Eligible Works:

Maximum Eligible Subsidy Limit is \$2,800 Per Home/Unit

If known, please indicate what work you are applying for under the program.

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Up to 80% of cost, (\$1,750 maximum)
- C) Install only sump pump overflow to discharge outside to surface (applies to existing sump pumps only)**
Up to 80% of cost, (\$300 maximum)
- D) Install backwater valve and sump pump with sump pump overflow**
Up to 80% of cost, (\$2,800 maximum)
- E) Disconnect foundation drains from floor drain and/or dye testing and camera work as required.**
Up to 80% of cost, (\$400 maximum)
- F) Downspouts (eaves troughs) require disconnection (Complimentary City Service)**

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Eligible? **Yes** **No**

C. Release: (To be signed when the Building Inspector visits property)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY WAIVER

TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY

ATTENTION: SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT IS A PRE-CONDITION TO PARTICIPATION IN THE BASEMENT FLOODING PROTECTION SUBSIDY PROGRAM. BY SIGNING THIS LEGAL DOCUMENT YOU GIVE UP CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.

You are entitled to obtain independent legal advice before signing.

Property Address: _____, Windsor, ON _____

In consideration for participation in the Basement Flooding Protection Subsidy Program [the "Program"], I/we, an Applicant(s), understand, acknowledge, and agree that:

- a) I/we am/are the owner(s) of the property stated herein;
- b) **The Applicant(s) are fully and solely responsible for any and all work** as carried out through the Program, including but not limited to, the choice of eligible contractors, the selection and/or installation of materials, the work, improvements, and/or modifications conducted, and any and all other work procedures [collectively the "Work"], regardless of whether said Work was carried out as part of, or in association with, the Program;
- c) The Corporation of the City of Windsor [the "Corporation"] **assumes no responsibility for the methods, workmanship, or any action or inaction, by the contractor**, which the Applicant(s) may find to be unacceptable;
- d) Any issues the Applicant(s) may have arising from the Work will be addressed by the Applicant(s) directly with the contractor, and **the Corporation is not responsible for doing so**;
- e) Should any of the Work be removed within 5 years of the completion date, the **total amount** of the subsidy provided through the program shall be **repaid by the Applicant(s)** to the Corporation;
- f) The Corporation is **entitled to disconnect the property's downspout**, at the Corporation's cost.
- g) **The Corporation assumes no responsibility or liability for any loss, damage, injury, expense, or any other matter** that may arise, or that may be incurred, as a result of the Applicant(s)'s participation in Program, as a consequence of any cause, including the negligence of the contractor, the Corporation, and/or their employees and/or agents.
- h) Participation in the Program is **not a guarantee** by the Corporation that future flooding will not occur;
- i) The Applicant(s) hereby release and hold harmless the Corporation, its employees and/or agents, from any and all Claims associated with participating in Program, including losses from future sewer backups resulting from the failure of any of the Work carried out under this Program, howsoever arising;

j) The Applicant(s) are responsible to ensure that a building permit is obtained within 60 days of receiving Building Inspector approval to proceed with eligible work under the program

I/we understand and agree that I/we have been given the opportunity to seek independent legal advice prior to signing this document, and hereby accept full responsibility for complying with all of the terms set forth therein.

I/we agree that this document will be binding upon myself/ourselves, my/our heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators, and successors.

I/we hereby direct payment of the Program grant to be made to _____.

I HAVE READ THIS DOCUMENT CAREFULLY AND I ACKNOWLEDGE MY RESPONSIBILITIES AND THE EFFECT OF THIS LIABILITY WAIVER ON MY LEGAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

SIGNED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 20____

Applicant's Name

Applicant's Signature

Witness

Co-Applicant's Name (if applicable)

Co-Applicant's Signature (if applicable)

Witness

Contractor Quote Form

PLUMBING CONTRACTOR TO COMPLETE FOR HOMEOWNER

Application # _____

Contractor's Name: _____

Contractor's Address: _____

Contractor's Telephone: _____ City of Windsor License #: _____

Request For Quote By: _____

Address Where Work Is To Be Completed: _____

Installation of a backwater valve
must be certified by a licensed
plumbing contractor or master
plumber

Detailed Work Quote:

Please List Materials and Labour separately (and attach other information as needed):

Total Cost (including tax): \$ _____

Quote Good Until (must be good for at least 60 days): _____

No. Of Days Required to Complete Work: _____

Contractor's Signature: _____

Notice to Homeowners: Do not sign blank contractor quote forms

I hereby acknowledge that I requested this quote from the Contractor listed herein and have received this quote directly from said Contractor.

Homeowner's Signature: _____

Note to Homeowner:

When the work is completed, please forward this quote and original invoice(s) which show a cost breakdown of all charges with the total amount paid clearly marked as "Paid in Full" by mail or in person to:

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Contractor Quote Form

CONTRACTOR TO COMPLETE FOR HOMEOWNER

Application # _____

Contractor's Name: _____

Contractor's Address: _____

Contractor's Telephone: _____ City of Windsor License #: _____

Request For Quote By: _____

Address Where Work Is To Be Completed: _____

Installation of a backwater valve must be certified by a licensed plumbing contractor or master plumber

Detailed Work Quote:

Please List Materials and Labour separately (and attach other information as needed):

Total Cost (including tax): \$ _____

Quote Good Until (must be good for at least 60 days): _____

No. Of Days Required to Complete Work: _____

Contractor's Signature: _____

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Costs

Permit Fee: \$_____

Cost of Work(s) (including taxes):

\$_____

Work completed by (list Contractor):

Total Eligible Work Cost: \$_____

A) 007-5111-3147-14036-7169001

B) 007-5111-3148-14036-7169001

C) 007-5111-5615-14036-7169001

D) 007-5111-3149-14036-7169001

E) 007-5111-5614-14036-7169001

Total Eligible Subsidy \$_____

Internal Approvals

Public Works Approval:

Approval for Payment (Finance)

Comments

Date (YYYY/MM/DD) of:

Application: _____

Initial Approval: _____

Building Permit Finalized:_____