

Overview

The City of Windsor’s Economic Revitalization Community Improvement Plan (CIP) provides financial incentives to encourage new investment in targeted economic sectors for the purposes diversifying the local economy and creating/retaining jobs. The CIP allows the City to take a variety of measures to further the objectives of the Economic Revitalization CIP that would otherwise be prohibited by Ontario’s *Municipal Act*. This includes the acquisition and preparation of land; construction, repair, rehabilitation or improvement of buildings; the sale, lease or disposal of land and buildings; and the provision of grants to owners or tenants of land—all of which must conform with the objectives and policies contained within the CIP.

Programs (All applications must be approved by City Council and only work commenced after Council’s approval is eligible for inclusion in the applicable grant program)

Name	Description
Business Development Grant Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant equivalent up to 100% of the municipal property tax increase created by the project for up to 10 years after project completion. Project must create a minimum of 50 new jobs within the manufacturing sector or a more than 20 jobs within any other targeted sector(s).
Business Retention and Expansion Grant Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant equivalent up to 100% of the municipal property tax increase created by the project for up to 10 years after project completion. Project must create or retain a minimum of 50 jobs within the manufacturing sector or create more than 20 jobs or retain a minimum of 35 jobs within any other targeted sector(s).
Small Business Investment Grant Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant equivalent up to 100% of the municipal property tax increase created by the project for up to 10 years after project completion. Business must have less than 50 employees if in the manufacturing sector or less than 20 in any other targeted sector(s). Investment must result in a minimum increase of \$25,000 in assessed property value.
Development Charges Grant Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicants successful in obtaining one of the above mentioned grants may be eligible to receive a grant to offset up to 100% of development charges paid for a project.

Targeted Sectors

Projects that fall within the sectors/uses set out below may be eligible for funding under the CIP. An eligible catalyst project that does not fall within these sectors/uses may also be considered for the Business Development Grant and Business Retention and Expansion Grant Programs.

Sector	Eligible Uses
Professional Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business Incubator Computer Programming Services Computer Systems Design Services Industrial Design Services Research and Development Testing Laboratories
Renewable and Alternative Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manufacturing Research and Development Cogeneration Facilities Renewable Energy Power Generation
Creative Industries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performing Arts Facilities Museums Computer Software Developer Digital and Media Studios
Health & Life Sciences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manufacturing Physician Recruitment Research and Development
Management of Companies and Enterprises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corporate Office Head Office
Manufacturing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Manufacturing Uses
Tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tourist Attraction
Warehousing/Logistics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warehouse

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