



RESOLUTION #2025-113

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION #2021-122, THE GRANT GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION FOR THE ONTARIO SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM INCREASING THE MAXIMUM GRANT AMOUNT TO \$1,000 AND ADDING OTHER ALLOWED GRANT AREAS

- WHEREAS,** The City Council Strategic Plan prioritizes growing and retaining businesses under strategy 4: The Business Climate of the Growth goal; and
- WHEREAS,** It is the desire of the City Council to support businesses and deter crime in our commercial zones and commercial use apartment buildings; and
- WHEREAS,** The Budget Committee in 2021 approved \$25,000 for a grant program to improve business security; and
- WHEREAS,** The Budget Committee in 2025 approved to increase the maximum amount of the grant from \$500 to \$1,000; and
- WHEREAS,** The City Staff also recommend adding zones CD (College District), PF (Public Facility) to include public schools and Commercial use Apartment Building (complex) of 10 units or more in any city zone, as well as allowing an applicant to request the City Council to approve a Site of Mass Gathering on a case-by-case basis.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Ontario City Council, to amend the Ontario Security Grant Program guidelines and application as included in Attachment A and B, respectively.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Effective May 27, 2025.


PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Ontario this 27th day of May 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: MILLS, BRADEN, HART, CONTRERAS, KIRBY, FOLDEN


NAYES: NONE

ABSENT: BAKEFELT

APPROVED by the Mayor this 27th day of May 2025.


Deborah K. Folden, Mayor

ATTEST:


Tori Barnett, MMC, City Recorder



**City of Ontario
Security Grant Program
Application**

Date: _____

Applicant Information

Name: _____

Property Address: _____

Business Name: _____

Business Mailing Address: _____

Business Daytime Phone Number: _____ Applicant Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Description of Business Security Needs:

Total Project Cost: _____

Amount Requested: _____

Application Packet Checklist

The following items must be attached to your application:

1. Proof of ownership (Warranty Deed)
2. Description of the work to be completed
3. Photos of building to be improved
4. Cost summary from the chosen vendor
5. Schedule of work to be completed
6. Proposed Commencement Date: _____
7. Proposed Completion Date: _____

Date Submitted	Grant Panel Meeting	Grant Panel Approval

Note: Proof of payment (invoices and receipts) and an “after” picture are required for reimbursement after project completion.

Property Owner Consent

Property Owner Name: _____

Property Owner Mailing Address: _____

Property Owner Daytime Phone: _____

Property Owner Email: _____

As the legal owner of the above referenced property, I hereby grant authorization to complete the security improvements indicated on this application. I also stipulate that I have read the entire application and application checklist. I understand my responsibilities and obligations as the property owner under this application.

Property Owner’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

For questions regarding this program, please contact Corinna Hysell at corinna.hysell@ontariooregon.org.



Ontario Security Grant Program Guidelines May 2025

The City Council Strategic Plan outlines the goals and priorities of the City of Ontario. These goals are desirability, education, lifestyle, beautification, growth, and financial stability. The Council added a strategic focus on the business climate to the growth goal. Activities include growing and maintaining businesses, assessing the existing business climate, and analyzing city codes to ensure a business-friendly environment. With this direction, the 2021 Ontario Budget Committee created a \$25,000 grant program for businesses to improve security measures at their physical locations. As of May, 2025, there remains \$19,500 in the program. At the May 14, 2025, budget meeting the committee recommended amending the program to increase the maximum amount of the grant from \$500 to \$1,000.

The goals of the Security Grant Program are to (1) provide businesses with means to improve physical security and, (2) deter crime in commercial areas and buildings. All property owners of existing commercial buildings located in the commercial zones C-1, C-2, C-2H, C-3, CD (College District), PF (Schools), Commercial Use Buildings (Complex) of 10 units or more, within city limits are eligible for this program. An applicant may request to the City Council to approve a request for a site of mass gatherings.

To qualify for assistance, an applicant must comply with the Security Grant Program guidelines. Projects must be approved by the grant panel established by the City of Ontario.

Eligible Activities: (items included but not limited to)

1. Entry sensors
2. Motion sensors
3. Security cameras
4. Glass break sensors
5. Panic buttons
6. Alarm keypads
7. System installation
8. Enterprise security systems

Ineligible Activities: (items included but not limited to)

1. Firearms
2. Cybersecurity

Program Implementation:

- Applications and guidelines for the program are available on the city website or at City Hall at 444 SW 4th Street.
- The applicant can apply for up to \$1,000 with a match of \$1,000.
- The Ontario Security Grant Program is an on-going program with limited funds. Application packets will be submitted to City Hall and date/time stamped. Applications will be reviewed on a first come, first served basis.
- Application packets must include a completed application and a completed packet checklist.

- The grant panel will consist of the City Manager, Assistant to the City Manager, Police Chief (or designee), and Fire Chief (or designee).
- The grant panel will consider all applications which comply with the program guidelines.
- Applicants requesting funds must sign an agreement with the City of Ontario.
- Grant funds will be distributed to the applicant upon completion of the approved phases and inspections conducted by the grant panel. Proof of payment (invoices and receipts) and an “after” picture are required.
- After implementation, a member of the grant panel will inspect the project.
- Changes in originally approved work specifications must be approved by the grant panel prior to any changes being implemented.
- Approved changes in the work verification will be attached to the original applications dated and signed by the grant panel.
- Deviations from an approved plan may disqualify the applicant from this grant program.