



Ontario Security Grant Program Guidelines September 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 of 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 Building (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 **prior to any work being performed or purchased.**

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 serve basis. **Application must be approved before any work is started or completed.**

- 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.