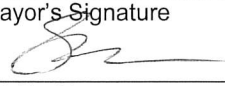



OFFICIAL VILLAGE OF RYLEY POLICY			
SECTION:	COUNCIL	POLICY NUMBER:	2024-12-03
SUBJECT:	GRANTS	ISSUED:	2024-12-03
APPROVAL:		EFFECTIVE DATE:	2024-12-03
Mayor	Mayor's Signature 	REPLACES: (Policy #)	2018-10-16#5
Chief Administrative Officer	CAO's Signature 	NUMBER OF PAGES THAT FORM THIS POLICY:	7

POLICY

A grant is established within a commercial district (CB, C1 and C2) of the Village of Ryley, equal to a percentage of the non-residential municipal tax. The primary objective is to enhance the curb appeal of businesses to make the Village of Ryley a more aesthetically pleasing community. The secondary objective of the grant is to stimulate economic and business development within the Village of Ryley. Priority is placed on the Central Business District (CB), followed by the Commercial 1 (C1), then the Commercial 2 (C2) Districts. The Land Use Bylaw is a critical instrument for determining criteria and eligibility. Grant Application as per attached Schedule "C".

BUSINESS ELIGIBILITY

Businesses must be in the CB, C1 or C2 land zoned districts. Residential zoned districts containing home occupations and home offices will not be considered. Applicants must meet all grant eligibility criteria as per the attached Schedule "A". Grants may be requested for specific qualifying criteria as laid out in attached Schedule "B". The grant can only be applied for by a business owner who will receive 60% of the total monies granted.

COMMERCIAL ELIGIBILITY

Commercial landowners will receive grant monies automatically when a business owner on their property receives grant monies. A commercial landowner of a qualifying business will receive up to 40% of the total monies granted, prorated to match the portion of 60% granted to the business.

APPLICATION OF THIS POLICY

Yearly, businesses are permitted, once their taxes are paid in full, to apply for the Village of Ryley Business Grant. Businesses that are assessed for the purposes of taxation as exempt or non-profit are not eligible. Home occupations and home offices in residential zoned districts are not eligible.

Appeals may be made to the Council of the Village of Ryley in a written form. All decisions of Council are final.

FUNDING

Funding for the program is to be done from the receipt of taxes generated. Grant shall not exceed 50% of the total non-residential tax paid by the property owner of the location of the business applying.

Example:
Municipal Tax of \$2000; CB District Property = 50% of Municipal Tax = \$1000 maximum grant possible

Qualifying Criteria	Business 60% = \$600	Commercial 40% = \$400
1. 35%	\$210	\$140
2. 25%	\$150	\$100
10%	\$60	\$40
3. 10%	\$60	\$40
4. 20%	\$120	\$80
TOTAL: 100%	\$600	\$400

TIMELINE

MONTH	REQUIREMENT
SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER	TAXES PAID & APPLICATION COMPLETED
JANUARY	ASSESS & SCORING OF APPLICATION
FEBRUARY	PAYOUT FOR PRIOR YEAR ACTIVITY

DEFINITIONS

ZONING DISTRICTS:

CB - CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

The purpose of this district is to provide commercial development appropriate for Main Street Ryley. Except for Public Utilities, uses must be store-front, open-door operation which serves customers. Secondary uses operating out of the back of a business may be permitted if a primary front-facing operational business exists. Noxious uses or outside storage visible from the street are not permitted.

C1 – COMMERCIAL (1) DISTRICT

The purpose of this district is to provide commercial development appropriate for downtown Ryley. Noxious uses not permitted.

C2 – COMMERCIAL (2) DISTRICT

The purpose of this district is to permit both businesses (retail and service), and light industrial uses.

HOME OCCUPATIONS means any occupation, trade, profession, or craft carried on by an occupant of a residential building as a use secondary to the residential use of the building, and which does not change the character thereof or have any exterior evidence of such secondary use other than a small name plate.

HOME OFFICE means an office in a dwelling which:

- a) Is not visited by a significant number of clients;
- b) Does not change the external appearance or residential character of the dwelling; and
- c) Is carried on only by the residents of that dwelling and includes childcare for up to three children who do not live at that place.



SCHEDULE "A"

GRANT ELIGIBILITY BUSINESS CRITERIA

1. Must be a current, operating business in the Village of Ryley;
2. Property Taxes are paid in full at time of application;
3. Business owner and commercial property owner are in good standing with the Village of Ryley, including Utility accounts;
4. The business has visible, up to date signage posted;
5. Previous year CRA Business Notice of Assessment.

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SCHEDULE "B"

QUALIFYING GRANT APPLICATION CRITERIA FOR DISBURSEMENT

BUSINESS GRANT PORTION (UP TO 60% OF TOTAL GRANT)

1. Upgrades to façade (or significant alternate improvements as approved by Council) = up to 35%
2. Local Participation:
 - a) Becoming a Ryley Council Board or Committee Member, in good standing = up to 25%
 - b) Municipal Event volunteer (As the business) = up to 10%

Examples: Ryley Sports Day Events and/or parade participation, Holiday Events, Ryley Community Together Programs
3. Other upgrade to property or building in which the business is located = up to 10%
4. Any 2 of the following: = up to 20%
 - i. Business owner is a signatory of the Ryley Business Guild through the Village of Ryley Community Resource Centre
 - ii. A development permit application has been submitted for the property in which the business is located, or a development is currently taking place
 - iii. Proof of active advertising for the business
 - iv. Employment of 4 or more employees, can include business owner
 - v. Contribution to Ryley Welcome Packages for new residents
 - vi. Offering Student employment and/or summer student opportunities



SCHEDULE "C"

APPLICATION

Village of Ryley Business Grant

Program

The Village of Ryley has developed a Business Grant to support operational business in the community.

Eligibility

Businesses within the boundaries of the Village of Ryley that pay commercial taxes and operate out of a CB, C1 or C2 district.

Businesses that are not assessed for the purposes of taxation as exempt or non-profit.

Business that receives multiple tax notices from the Village because the business property includes more than one (1) roll number, will have the total of all notices summed up, then the set rate will apply.

Businesses are only eligible once full payment of that years' taxes are received by the Village.

Application must be received by the Village of Ryley no later than December 31 of each year.

Grant Value

The grant is available at a rate of up to 50% in the CB and C1 district and up to 40% in the C2 district of the non-residential municipal portion of the property taxes.

Appeals

Appeals may be made to the Council of the Village of Ryley in a written form. All decisions of Council are final.



Business and Commercial Grant Application Form

Applicant Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Business Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Business Name: _____

Business Address: _____

Attach all supporting eligibility documents and submit to the Village of Ryley Municipal Office or email to admin@ryley.ca

Signature (Please Sign)

