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**The County of Brant will Provide Additional Funding for Businesses to Improve Public Safety Measures through the Community Improvement Plan**

**County of Brant, ON** – The County of Brant has created a new Community Improvement Plan Program to allow businesses to implement public safety measures.

“We anticipate this will be a valuable resource to support many businesses in the community,” said Mayor David Bailey. “The COVID-19 pandemic has taken a toll on businesses and this is another way we can offer support.”

In direct surveying of County of Brant businesses, additional interior safety measures were identified as another avenue to protect the public and employees from COVID-19.

Eligible expenses include but are not limited to:

- Installation of barriers to protect employees and the public;
- Permanent signage, kiosks and other markings to promote physical distancing;
- Reorientation of store aisles and displays to allow for greater distancing;
- Other permanent modifications that meet the intent of the Province's COVID-19 Guidance or that of the Brant County Health Unit.

A onetime grant of up to \$2,000 to assist businesses that operate public enclosed spaces will be eligible. For the first \$1,000.00 spent, the County will refund 100% of eligible costs excluding HST, and 50% of the remaining costs up to a maximum grant value of \$2,000.00.

“This is another example of how Brant Works Together,” said Russell Press, Director of Economic Development for the County of Brant. “There is also the potential of economic spinoff from the implementation of this program, as many Brant manufacturers have pivoted operations and are manufacturing the above eligible items.”

County of Brant Council voted in favour of this new program on November 3, 2020 and now it must go through the provincial appeal period. Applications will be accepted starting December 3, 2020, pending the appeal process.

For more information about the Public Safety Community Improvement Plan, visit [www.brant.ca/CIP](http://www.brant.ca/CIP) or contact: Zach Gable, Senior Economic Development Officer at 519.44BRANT (519.442.7268), 1.855.44BRANT or [zach.gable@brant.ca](mailto:zach.gable@brant.ca).

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