

# Public Art & Interim Use Program

The Public Art & Interim Use program is intended to encourage the enhancement and promotion of local art and culture and support innovative interim uses on vacant / underdeveloped private lands to eliminate activity gaps or “dead zones” in the core areas of the Municipality.

## Incentive Options

### Construction Costs Matching Grant (Barrier-Free Works)

50% of Construction Costs, up to \$7,500

### Professional Fees Matching Grant

50% Professional Fee costs, up to \$1,500

## Eligible Areas

Entire Municipality

## Eligible Works

- Works reasonably associated with the installation of new, or enhancement of existing, permanent public art display, such as but not limited to:
  - Murals;
  - Statues; and/or
  - Displays.
- Works associated with the establishment of a temporary or "interim" use on vacant or underdeveloped private property, wherein it may be reasonably enjoyed and/or used by the general public. Eligible interim uses may include, but are not limited to:
  - community garden;
  - parklet improvements;
  - bee-hotels/gardens; and/or
  - semi-permanent or seasonal kiosks/stands used for the retail of foods or produce.
- Professional fees for any designs or services reasonably associated with the works above.

## Eligibility Criteria

1. Construction costs may include capital costs for semi-permanent amenities, structures or improvements;
2. Preference will be given to proposals that celebrate or represent the local history, culture, identity, and/or heritage of the community and which will be situated within a high visibility and/or prominent location;
3. Preference will be given to proposals that are associated with uses that are open/accessible for public enjoyment and/or which directly involve public art;
4. All proposed interim uses must not prevent the complete restoration of the lands to their original condition, and will not constitute a permanent change to the intended underlying land use designation
5. Any uses involving the housing or keeping of livestock and/or which may, in the opinion of the Municipality, negatively impact the surrounding lands or area, are not eligible for funding
6. All proposed interim uses must be permitted in the Strathroy-Caradoc Zoning By-law.
7. Proposed interim uses on contaminated properties are not eligible for funding under this program.