

CHIP - Eligible Costs



What are examples of items that would be considered "improvements"?

Improvements may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- **Utilities**, such as power distribution and transmission lines and conduit, telecommunications lines and conduit, telecommunications towers, digital infrastructure, and power or telecommunications equipment; drinking water, wastewater, and storm water, infrastructure including: water sources; green and gray stormwater practices; distribution/collection and conveyance piping and pump stations; and treatment systems, facilities, and regulatory required pertinent equipment.
- **Thermal energy** networks, waste heat recovery, and community-scale geothermal.
- **Transportation improvements** such as publicly accessible roads, streets, bridges, parking lots, facilities, garages, and structures, multimodal facilities, public transit stop equipment and amenities, street and sidewalk lighting, roundabouts, crosswalks and/or other pedestrian crossing treatments, traffic calming features, sidewalks, streetscapes, way-finding signs and kiosks; traffic signals, medians, turn lanes, and property acquired or used for right of way such as hiking and biking trails, pathways to facilitate multimodal transportation, bicycle and pedestrian lanes, paths, and bridges, street furnishings.
- **Site preparation** for development or redevelopment including acquisition, demolition, environmental remediation of contaminated property, and mitigation of a flood-prone area.
- **"Soft costs"** such as consulting, design, architects, engineering, accounting, legal, project management, associated application fees, or other professional services directly related to the implementation and construction of eligible site improvements.

If a proposed housing development project would require the municipality to expand its wastewater system, is the full cost of the expansion project an eligible CHIP cost?



It depends. If the CHIP project will be the only development served by the expansion (now and into the future), the full cost may be an eligible CHIP cost. If other development will be served by the expansion, the full cost must be prorated because only the portion to be used by the housing development project is an eligible CHIP cost.

Please contact VEPC staff to discuss your project.

[Are municipal employee and staff costs directly related to the administration and implementation of the CHIP Site considered an "Eligible Related Cost"?](#)

Yes, but these costs may only be paid with the municipal tax increment.

[Is the cost of the CHIP-related independent municipal audit an "Eligible Related Costs"?](#)

Yes

[Are the costs of providing notification about, and obtaining public approval for, a CHIP Plan, a Finance Plan and CHIP debt, CHIP application, or CHIP amendment "Eligible Related Costs"?](#)

Yes.

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