

Contribution Rebate Program Jurisdictional Scan (Ontario)

Municipality (Eligible Electors)	Rebate Program 2022	Eligibility	Formula
Markham (220,234)	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible voter in Markham • Permanent resident living in Markham 	\$50 minimum 75% of contributions Max rebate: \$150 Donating to a Candidate's Campaign
Mississauga (491,260)	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible voter in Mississauga 	\$100 minimum 75% of first \$300 50% of \$300 to \$1,000 33.33% of >\$1,000 Max rebate: \$1,500 Campaign contribution rebate program
Oakville (144,970)	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible voter in Oakville • Resident of the Town of Oakville • Not the candidate, or the spouse or relative of the candidate, including siblings, grandparents, parents, children and grandchildren 	\$100 minimum 50% of total contribution Max rebate: \$1,200 per candidate and a maximum of \$5,000 in total contributions Campaign Contribution Rebate Program
Ottawa (722,227)	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals who normally reside in Ontario 	Min: \$25.01 50% for \$25 to \$100 25% for >\$100 Max rebate: \$75 75% up to a maximum of \$900 for candidates who withdraw Election Contributions and Rebates

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Toronto (1,930,813)	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individuals who normally reside in Ontario 	Min: \$25 75% for \$25 to \$300 50% for \$300 to \$1,000 33.33% of >\$1,000 Max rebate: \$1,000 Contribution Rebates – City of Toronto
Vaughan (225,983)	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligible voter in Vaughan Resident of the city of Vaughan Not the candidate, or the spouse or relative of the candidate, including siblings, grandparents, parents, children and grandchildren 	Min: \$50 75% of contributions Max rebate: \$150 Elections City of Vaughan
Whitby (102,618)	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligible voter in Whitby 	Min: \$25 75% of first \$100 25% of >\$100.01 Max rebate: \$200 Contribution Rebates - Town of Whitby

Source: [Municipal campaign contribution rebate programs are optional in Ontario - Open Council](#)

Historical Use of the Town of Oakville Contribution Rebate Program

Oakville Rebate Program	2006	2010	2014	2018	2022
Number of eligible candidates	37	44	43	46	38
Number of candidates who participated in the program	14	28	22	42	38
Number of rebates paid	\$25,008	\$78,105*	\$40,777	\$99,948**	\$72,508.50
Eligible electors as of nomination day	112,458	121,330	125,722	125,718	144,970
Eligible electors who participated in the rebate program and qualified for a rebate under the program conditions.	364	465	264	292	337

**Council resolution in 2009 changed the maximum rebate from a flat rate of \$200 to 50% up to a maximum of \$375.*

***Council resolution in 2017 changed the maximum rebate to meet the legislative change to eligible contributions, to a maximum of \$600.*

In 2016, changes to the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended (MEA), meant that corporations and trade unions were no longer permitted to contribute to candidates. Candidates in the 2018 municipal election, and moving forward, could only receive contributions from individuals who are normally residents of Ontario. The maximum campaign contribution to a single candidate was increased from \$750 to \$1,200. The maximum amount an individual could contribute to multiple candidates running on the same Council or school board is \$5,000.

For the 2022 municipal election, Council approved a contribution rebate program that provided a 50% rebate on all eligible contributions, with a minimum rebate of \$50 and a maximum rebate of \$600 (the maximum campaign contribution to a single candidate is \$1,200, in accordance with the MEA).