

Ontario Municipal Election Contribution Rebate Programs (2018 Municipal Election)

The table below outlines the collective scope and financial impact of contribution rebate programs across Ontario for the 2018 Municipal Election.

See the [‘Notes’](#) section at the end of this document for additional details on individual programs.

	Ajax	Markham	Mississauga	Oakville	Ottawa	Toronto	Vaughan	Whitby
Electoral population in 2018	77,885	202,594	451,333	125,718	633,946	1,880,371	202,254	90,099
2018 Voter Turnout	32.91%	39.40%	27.38%	37.02%	42.55%	40.90%	27.02%	26.32%
Criteria for contributor to qualify for rebate	Eligible elector	Ontario resident	Mississauga resident	Eligible elector residing in Oakville	Ontario resident	Ontario resident	Eligible elector residing in Vaughan	Eligible elector
Corporation or trade union eligible	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Contributor must apply for rebate	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Cut-off date to apply for rebate	December 1, 2019*	90 days after the filing deadline for financial statements	90 days after the filing deadline for financial statements	90 days after the filing deadline for financial statements	60 days after the filing deadline for financial statements	December 30 the year following the election	90 days after the filing deadline for financial statements	N/A
Timeframe for a contribution to be made & qualify to rebate	Between candidate’s nomination filing and supplementary period, if applicable	Between candidate’s nomination filing and supplementary period, if applicable	Between candidate’s nomination filing and supplementary period, if applicable	Between candidate’s nomination filing and supplementary period, if applicable	Between candidate’s nomination filing and supplementary period, if applicable	Between candidate’s nomination filing and supplementary period, if applicable	Between candidate’s nomination filing and supplementary period, if applicable	Between candidate’s nomination filing and Voting Day
Excludes candidate, spouse, or children of candidate	Yes	No	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Audited statement required	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Rebate formula	75% of all eligible	Variable – see ‘Notes’*	25% of all eligible	50% of all eligible	Variable – see ‘Notes’	Variable – see ‘Notes’	75% of all eligible	25%*

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	contributions to maximum		contributions to maximum	contributions to maximum			contributions to maximum	
Minimum contribution eligible for rebate	\$20	\$50	\$25*	\$100	\$25.01	\$25.01	\$50	\$25
Maximum allowable rebate	\$225	\$350	\$150	\$600	\$75*	\$1,000	\$150	\$150*
Number of rebates paid	142	2,299	344	372	2,023	10,505*	531	94
Total rebates issued	\$23,266	\$549,954.07	\$35,735.67	\$99,948	\$119,400.77	\$2,962,147.10*	\$75,198.75	\$7,788.75
CCRP cost per elector (Total rebates issued / Electoral population)	\$0.30	\$2.71	\$0.08	\$1.26	\$0.19	\$1.57*	\$0.37	\$0.08
Number of candidates eligible to use program	32	74	79	46	120	368	39	30
Number of candidates to use program	17 (53%)	69 (93%)*	70 (89%)	42 (91%)	103 (86%)*	146 (40%)	38 (97%)	15 (50%)
Number of candidates elected who used program (excluding acclamations)	5 of 7	13 of 13	12 of 12	14 of 15*	24 of 24	26 of 26	9 of 9	6 of 9

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Notes

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- Updated application deadline for 2022 Municipal Election: 90 days after the candidate’s financial filing deadline

Markham

- Rebate formula (applies to total contributions during an election):

Total Contribution	Rebate
\$50 – \$300	75% of contribution
\$301 – \$550	\$225 + 50% of contribution amount in excess of \$300
\$551 and over	\$350

- Of 69 candidates to register, only **65** (88%) met the program requirements

Mississauga

- If a contributor donates a total of \$25 or more to multiple campaigns but no individual contribution is over \$25, no rebate will be issued

Oakville

- Candidates and their family members are excluded from rebate eligibility
 - ‘Family member’ means a parent, spouse, or child as defined in the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*, and also includes a grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, nephew or niece (blood, marriage, or adoption)
- Of the Town’s Council of 15, one office was acclaimed and the candidate did not use the rebate program

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Ottawa

- Rebate formula (applies to total contributions during an election):

Total Contribution	Rebate
\$25.01 – \$100	50% of contribution
\$100.01 – \$200	\$50 + 25% of contribution amount in excess of \$100.01

- Participating candidates who withdraw their nomination are entitled to a rebate of 75% to a maximum of \$900.00 for personal contributions to their campaign
- Of 103 candidates to register, only **51** (49%) met the program requirements

Toronto

- Rebate formula (applies to total contributions during an election):

Total Contribution	Rebate
\$25.01 – \$300	75% of contribution
\$300.01 – \$1,000	\$300 + 50% of contribution amount in excess of \$300
\$1,000.01 and over	\$575 + 33 ^{1/3} % of contribution amount in excess of \$1,000

- Table figures are interim as of May 2021 (rebates from 2018 still being processed)

Whitby

- Updated rebate formula for 2022 Municipal Election:

Total Contribution	Rebate
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\$25 – \$100	75% of contribution
\$100.01 and over	\$75 + 25% of contribution amount in excess of \$100.00

- Updated max. rebate for 2022 Municipal Election: \$200.00