



Clackamas County Tourism Strategic Investment Program FAQ

This document will be updated as additional applicant questions are submitted.

Q: Can I view the slide deck from the Clackamas County Tourism Strategic Investment Program webinar?

A: Yes, you may view the slide deck [insert link to slide deck]

Q: What if I was unable to attend one of the program informational webinars?

A: A recording of the Aug. 28, 2024 information webinar can be viewed [here](#).

Q: How are the applications evaluated?

A: Applications are evaluated based on an established rubric. You may view the rubric [insert link to rubric].

Q: How can I be awarded priority points?

A: Up to 16 additional points will be awarded for projects that impact multiple communities, show strong collaboration between partners, can demonstrate 10 percent or greater cash match or will be executed within an unincorporated area of Clackamas County.

Q: How much match is required for priority points?

A: Two priority points are awarded for a cash match of 10 percent of the total request. Four priority points are awarded for a cash match greater than 10 percent of the total request. To receive priority points, the applicant must submit documentation supporting the match amount.

Q: What are examples of partners that will provide a letter of partnership

A: Letters of partners may come from partners that are involved in the project. Letters of partnership should provide specific details including the role that the partner will play in the project.

Q: Does the project need to be completed in 18 months?

A: Yes.

Q: When does the 18-month project completion timeline start?

A: The 18 month timeline starts upon funding.

Q: Are staffing costs allowed?

A: Staffing costs that are related to building the capacity of the project are allowed if it is a time-limited position with a plan for sustainability. However, staffing costs that are already budgeted are not allowable costs.

Q: When do I need to provide land management agency documentation?

A: If the project takes place on property that you don't manage or own.

Q: How are the applications evaluated?

A: The applications are evaluated by a committee of local community and industry partners based on an established rubric.

Q: Can funds that have already been received count towards matching funds?

A: Yes, if the funds are designated for this project, it may count as matching funds, even if the funds have already been received.

Q: To receive priority points, does the match have to be cash or can it be in kind, as well?

A: In order to receive priority points, the match must be a cash match.

Q: Are project expenditures incurred prior to application approval eligible for funding?

A: No.

Q: How many applications can an organization submit for consideration?

A: One.

Q: If my organization is working towards completion of a project we received funding from Clackamas County Tourism for, can we submit an application for a new project?

A: Yes, provided there are no unresolved reporting or compliance issues from your previous award.

Q: How will awards be funded?

A: In most cases, 50% of approved awards will be provided up-front. Upon approval of a submitted expense report, 35% of the award will be released. The remaining 15% of the award will be made available subject to approval of applicant's final project and accounting report.

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