



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Destination Experience Development Program

1. What is Tourism Saskatchewan’s role in the Destination Experience Development funding program?

Tourism Saskatchewan developed the program with the aim of supporting communities and destination areas develop compelling immersive tourist experiences attractive to Saskatchewan’s target markets. Tourism Saskatchewan will adjudicate and work with the successful applicants through their development process.

2. What is the definition of a tourism cluster?

A tourism cluster is a geographical concentration of tourism attractions, businesses or experiences that are involved in the local tourism industry.

3. How does a business or destination know if it is export-ready?

Please read Tourism Saskatchewan’s [Export-Ready Criteria](#) document. Refer to the contact details at the right side of this page should you require further clarification.

4. What is the timeframe for completion of proposed projects?

Each project will be different, but the maximum timeframe for project completion will be 18 months from the signing of the Contribution Agreement.

5. How do I determine if my organization/association is in “good standing” with Tourism Saskatchewan?

Upon receipt of the program applications, Tourism Saskatchewan will check internally to ensure that your organization and identified applicant partners are in good standing with all of our programming and reporting procedures, and have no outstanding debt with Tourism Saskatchewan.

6. What if I cannot incorporate all of the elements (under “Project Requirements”) outlined in the Program Guidelines?

If your application does not meet all of the required elements, as outlined, you will not be eligible for funding through this program. Contact the program manager, Denise Stroeder at denise.stroeder@tourismsask.com for more information.

7. How will my application be scored?

Every section within the application is important, please make sure you answer each question to the best of your ability.

8. How do I demonstrate my organization's governance capacity and ability to deliver on project objectives?

All applicants will be required to describe their organization and additional partners within the application form. Outlining your current board governance structure, policies and procedures, and tourism related bylaws will help the Program Selection Committee determine your ability to deliver on your project objectives.

9. Why is my organization required to provide a 30 per cent minimum equity contribution?

It is important that all applicants make a financial investment to demonstrate their commitment to the project. The final product will belong to the applicant and, therefore, contributing to the project with a financial commitment will help ensure long-term sustainability.

10. My community/destination area does not meet the eligible criteria, are there other programs or assistance that can be accessed through Tourism Saskatchewan?

Contact the program manager, Denise Stroeder at denise.stroeder@tourismsask.com for more information.

11. If I am approved for funding, can I claim expenses that were incurred before the Contribution Agreement is signed?

No. All eligible expenses that a successful applicant can use program dollars for, will need to be incurred after both parties have signed the final Contribution Agreement.