

Program Quick Facts

1. Eligible applicants may submit **one** application. Eligible applicants include:
 - a. For-Profit Tourism Businesses (Incorporated or with an active CRA Business Number)
 - b. First Nations tourism businesses (51%+ Indigenous Owned and Controlled)
2. There are four project categories for eligible projects to apply under:
 - a. **New Indigenous Tourism Experiences**
 - b. **Videography/Photography**
 - c. **Marquee & Wayfinding Signage**
 - d. **Translation**
3. Partnership Fund projects may receive up to 50% for their eligible project, with a minimum matching contribution of \$1,500.00 and a maximum matching contribution of \$15,000.00. **Costs are inclusive of HST.** Some exceptions may apply.
4. There will be one intake period for applications in all categories, **opening March 3rd, 2025 and closing on March 31st, 2025.**
5. Projects applying to the Partnership Fund Program must take place (and have all invoices submitted for payment) between **May 1st, 2025 - February 13th, 2026.**
6. Eligible business must provide a certificate of insurance stating RTO 9 as additionally insured and must have at least \$2M General Commercial Liability coverage.
7. All recipients of funding must be prepared to contribute 50% of the total budget to RTO 9 electronically - RTO 9 holds all funds and pays all invoices for the project directly. RTO 9 **does not** accept cheques, credit cards or cash payments. Payment can only be made via **Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) through your financial institution or through e-mail by E-Transfer.**
8. Project invoices can only be paid via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) - **all vendors and/or suppliers of services on the project must be able to accept EFT payments.**
9. All invoices must come from a third-party vendor with no invested interest in the project's completion to avoid any conflict of interest. **Partners cannot be reimbursed by RTO 9 for payments.**