

RTO 9 Partnership Fund Program Quick Facts

1. Eligible applicants may submit **one** application. Eligible applicants include:
 - a. For-profit tourism businesses:
 - i. Corporation (Incorporated / Incorporated Company / “Inc.” / “Ltd.”).
 1. Ontario Corporation (Numbered or Named Corporation), registered through the Ontario Business Registry.
 2. Federal Corporation, incorporated federally under the Canada Business Corporations Act.
 - ii. Sole Proprietorship registered with a CRA Business Number (BN) or through the Ontario Business Registry.
 - b. ***If applying as an Indigenous Operator:*** must provide any of the above, OR a Certificate of Indian Status Registry Number or Métis Registry number.
2. There are three project categories for eligible projects to apply under:
 - a. **Digital Capacity Building**
 - b. **Photography & Videography**
 - c. **Marquee & Wayfinding Signage**
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. Projects applying to the Partnership Fund Program must take place (and have all invoices submitted for payment) between **May 1st, 2026 - February 17th, 2027.**
5. Eligible business must provide a certificate of insurance stating RTO 9 as additionally insured and must have at least \$2M General Commercial Liability coverage.
6. 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.**
7. Project invoices can only be paid via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) - **all vendors and/or suppliers of services on the project must accept EFT payments.**
8. 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.**

Questions?

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