



BEST Investment Fund Eligibility Form 2025

Hamilton County Tourism’s Business of Entertainment, Sport and Tourism (BEST) Investment Program is a capital improvement grant program designed to support development projects that will create or enhance compelling, unique tourism products and/or tourism events that have a transformative and positive impact on Hamilton County. The goal of the program is to induce new visitor spending—especially via overnight stays—and create positive, long-term impact on the local economy.

Proposed projects must have application packets (Eligibility Form, Grant Application, Presentation) completed by June 13, 2025, to be eligible for 2026 funding. The Hamilton County Tourism BEST Committee will review proposals in July 2025. Awards will be granted by the Hamilton County Tourism Commission in August 2025 and reviewed for acceptance by the Hamilton County Council. For additional information, contact Karen Radcliff at kradcliff@hamiltoncountytourism.com

Organization Name: _____

(The word “organization” will be used to refer to the applicant and may be a municipality, government entity, non-profit, or redevelopment corporation.)

Primary Contact Name: _____ **Title:** _____

Primary Contact Email: _____

Primary Contact Phone: _____

1. In which of the following categories does the proposed tourism project fall?

- Cultural or historical sites
- Recreation or competitive sport facilities that are regional or national in stature and drive tourism
- Entertainment destination, center, or facility
- Unique areas of scenic beauty or distinctive natural phenomena
- Museum, arts-focused center, or group attraction
- Conference facility and supporting infrastructure
- Infrastructure to support a major annual event
- Other, please explain: _____

2. Will the proposed project (or the portion of the project if it is part of a larger development) be owned by a municipality, a government entity, a non-profit, or a redevelopment corporation?

- Yes
- No

3. Will the proposed project be open to the public either free or with admission charged for a significant number of days per calendar year? If the project is a major annual event, will the event be open to the public during its entirety?

- Yes
- No

4. Is the proposed project a retail establishment, recreational attraction or parks facility used primarily by local Hamilton County residents?

- Yes
- No

5. Is the proposed project a hotel, campground, short-term rental, or other lodging facility?

- Yes
- No

6. Is the proposed project affiliated with a religious institution?

- Yes
- No

7. Is the proposed project a road or utility project?

- Yes
- No

8. What is the estimated cost range of the project? _____