

Pinellas County Tourist Development Council Elite Event & Destination Enhancement Program Application Requirements & Instructions FY 2026

Application Period

VisitSPC will accept Elite Event & Destination Enhancement Funding Applications beginning Monday, March 3, 2025. Deadline for submittal is Friday, April 4, 2025 at 4:00 pm ET.

Application Requirements & Instructions

All applicants seeking funding must strictly adhere to these instructions. An applicant must submit **one (1)** "**DIGITAL APPLICATION**" **per the instructions below:**

- 1. Visit https://www.visitstpeteclearwater.com/partners/event-funding-program.
- 2. Review all **PROGRAM RESOURCES**, including Timeline, Guidelines, Application Requirements & Instructions, Standard Funding Agreement, Post-Event Worksheet, and all other posted resources.
- 3. It is strongly encouraged you have the following documentation ready at the onset of your Digital Application:
 - a. Proof of Registration with the Florida Division of Corporations (Sunbiz.org)
 - b. Most Recent Economic Impact Report or Visitor Profile Study, if previously received Elite Event Funding
 - c. Attendance Zip Code Data
 - d. Paid Media Advertising Plan
 - e. Public Relations Plan
 - f. Sponsorship Proposal
 - g. Event Map / Activation Plan
- 4. Complete the following sections of the application, including uploading the required exhibits:
 - a. Section A General Information
 - i. Upload Exhibit A: Proof of Registration with the Florida Division of Corporations
 - b. Section B Event Information & Request
 - c. Section C Event History & Projections
 - i. Upload Exhibit B: Most Recent Post-Event Report or Economic Impact Study, if available
 - ii. Upload Exhibit C: Attendance Zip Code Data
 - d. Section D Marketing & Advertising Plan
 - i. Upload Exhibit D: Paid Media Advertising Plan
 - e. Section E Public Relations Plan
 - i. Upload Exhibit E: Public Relations Plan
 - f. Section F Sponsorship Benefits
 - i. Upload Exhibit F: Sponsorship Proposal
 - ii. Upload Exhibit G: Event Map / Activation Plan
 - g. Section G Pinellas County Government Affiliations
 - h. Section H Certification and Compliance Agreement
- 5. Upon successful submittal, the organizer and VisitSPC staff will receive confirmation emails that the submission was received.
- 6. VisitSPC staff will review and provide funding recommendations to Pinellas County Tourist Development Council as outlined in the Program Timeline.

Questions / Contact

Questions pertaining to the program should be made in writing and directed to:

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