

FESTIVALS AND EVENTS FUNDING PROGRAM (2007/2008)

A. DEFINITION:

A “**festival or event**” is a **special activity** which promotes tourism by attracting visitors to the Island and encourages visitors to stay on PEI and participate in such activities. The festival or event must clearly and specifically target off-Island participants and spectators. It must have a broader appeal than just Island residents and participants. The Festival/Event should reflect a quality PEI cultural experience and be environmentally sensitive.

NOTE: Regional, national and international one-time events which have the potential of a major impact in bringing visitors to PEI but do not fall within the condition of this Program, may meet criteria under the Product Development Fund.

B. OBJECTIVE

Developmental assistance is offered to **well-organized** and **widely marketed** annual festivals and events, which have made a commitment to quality. Tourism PEI is interested in a diversity of unique events which provide visitors to Prince Edward Island with opportunities to experience the Island’s hospitality, heritage, culture, cuisine, sport and the arts.

C. ASSISTANCE PROVIDED

Tourism PEI may provide financial assistance to eligible festivals and events which require funding for:

- off-Island advertising and promotion
- improved festival and event product development (please indicated detailed improvements).

Assistance will be available on a **50-50 cost-sharing** basis once certain conditions are met. Please refer to categories for funding below.

Category I: Eligible up to a maximum of \$2,000. The festival or event must:

- attract over 3,000 people (Islanders and visitors);
- have a plan for promotion and advertising (on-Island and off-Island);
- have secured corporate sponsorship or community financial support;
- have support from the tourism industry (i.e. local tourism association);
- fit the priorities of the Product Development Strategy for the Province.

Category II: Eligible up to a maximum of \$1,500. The festival or event must:

- attract over 2,000 people (Islanders and visitors);
- have a plan for promotion and advertising (on-Island and off-Island);
- have secured corporate sponsorship or community financial support;
- have support from the tourism industry (i.e. local tourism association).

Category II: Eligible up to a maximum of \$1,000. The festival or event must:

- attract a minimum of 1,500 people (Islanders and visitors);
- have a plan for promotion and advertising (on-Island and off-Island);
- have secured corporate sponsorship or community financial support;
- have support from the tourism industry (i.e. local tourism association).

Category IV: Eligible up to a maximum of \$500. The festival or event must:

- attract up to 1,500 people (Islanders and visitors);
- have a plan for promotion and advertising;
- have secured corporate sponsorship or community financial support;
- have support from the tourism industry (i.e. local tourism association).

D. ELIGIBILITY

Festivals/events which will appeal to tourists and are operated by non-profit community groups or associations should apply. Activities which are incremental and innovative will be given priority in consideration for financial assistance.

Organization or committees applying for assistance must be supported by an identified executive committee. Organization or committees realizing a profit from the specific activity should retain a reasonable portion towards the future development of their event, based on the previous year's financial statement.

It is important to note that festivals and events are expected to be self-sufficient. **Funding assistance is intended to be for those events that exhibit the greatest tourism potential.**

Only one grant application requesting program support will be considered per fiscal year from any festival or event.

It should be noted that if assistance is approved, the grant will be from only one source of provincial government funding in any fiscal year.

E. ADMINISTRATION

An organization or committee must apply for assistance using the attached application.

The application deadline is **March 1**. Applications received after March 1 will be considered only if unallocated funds remain. **Application must be accompanied by a statement of revenue and expenditures for the proposed event and a financial statement of the previous year's event certified by a treasurer. Assistance will be granted only upon completion of event or festival and submission of a statement of revenue & expenditures accompanied by receipts, a public relations package (i.e., press releases, copy of posters, flyers, etc.) and written evaluation within 45 days or by March 31, whichever comes first.**

Organizations or committees receiving approval for assistance must use the Tourism PEI logo on all promotional materials involving their event or festival.

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APPLICATION

The deadline for application is March 1. You should be as detailed as possible. If you require additional space for responses, please attach another sheet.

Event Name: _____

Date: _____

Location: _____

How many years has this event operated? _____

Name of Applicant/Sponsoring Group/Association: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contact Number: _____

To what non-profit should the cheque be made payable? (Not an individual)

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (Home) _____ (Business) _____

Please list members of the Executive Committee and their job position(s):

1. What does this festival or event want to portray to the public? (i.e. competition, entertainment, unique theme, etc.)

2. What are the **specific tourism goal(s)** for this year's festival/event?

Goal 1: _____

How will this goal be achieved: _____

Goal 2: _____

How will this goal be achieved: _____

3. Provide a brief description of the program expected to take place: Highlight activities new this year. _____

4. How is your festival or event going to be promoted? (Please check and name media ie. CBC, CFCY, Journal Pioneer, etc.). Please submit detailed marketing plan, which includes integration into existing off Island initiatives, if feasible.

T.V. Radio Print (newspapers, magazines, etc.)
 Flyers Posters Visitor Information Centres /Welcome Centres
 Public Service Announcements Website Visitor Guide
 Festivals and Events PEI Promotions PEI Handbook
 Other (please indicate) _____

Where will it be promoted? On Island Off Island Both

When will the promotion begin? _____

Are you a member of Festivals and Events PEI? Yes No

5. What corporate sponsor(s) and donations are you targeting/how much? (Please List) _____

6. What is your estimated attendance: _____ % Islanders _____ % Tourists _____

7. How do you feel this event encourages tourists to extend their stay in PEI? _____

8. Please attach your pre-established budget. Will your budget project self sufficiency within three years? How? _____

9. Are you receiving or have you applied for any other provincial government grants for this festival or event? If yes, from what Department? _____

10. Amount of assistance requested: \$ _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

11. Applications **must be accompanied** by (A) a pre-established budget including revenues and expenditures proposed including all funding resources and requests; and (B) financial statement of the previous year(s) event, certified by the Treasurer. Personal information on this form is collected under authority of the *PEI Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* for program administration purposes. Questions regarding the collection or use of this information can be referred to the Manager, Product Development, at 902-368-5508.

Please forward applications directly to:

Tourism PEI

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