



Tourist Development Tax (TDT) Interest Indicator

Thank you for your interest in applying for Orange County Tourist Development Tax (TDT) funding. Before completing this application, please review the following important information:

- The TDT Task Force will consider only funding requests that meet the current statutory requirements for Tourist Development Tax funding and exceed \$20 million.
- If your proposed project requires financing through bonds, those bonds must be secured and issued by the applicant or another appropriate entity. Orange County will not issue bonds on behalf of any project.
- **Funding Interest Indicators are due by 5:00 pm on July 16, 2026.** Applications will be reviewed for compliance, and those that meet all requirements will be asked to make a presentation to the TDT Citizen Advisory Task Force.
- Orange County has contracted with Georgia State University (GSU) Center for State and Local Finance to conduct a Tourism and Economic Impact Analysis on applicants that are asked to present to the TDT Task Force.
- Applicants moving forward will be invited to present before the TDT Task Force on either July 28, 2026, from 9:00 am – noon, or July 29, 2026, from 9:00 am – noon and be allotted 15 minutes for their presentation and 15 minutes for question. Presentations must clearly demonstrate:
 - The project’s commitment to and impact on tourism in Orange County;
 - The overall feasibility and soundness of the project; and
 - The anticipated return on investment for Orange County including the workforce and community impact.
- If you have questions regarding the application process, please do not contact the TDT Task Force Co-Chairs directly. Instead, direct all inquiries to County staff at TDTcitizenadvisory@ocfl.net.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Organization: _____

Primary Contact: _____ Title: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1. Describe the project or purpose of the TDT funding request

2. Project Operation:

- a. Directly operated by applicant b. Contracted operator c. Nonprofit subgroup d. Other

3. Is this:

- a. New Project b. Existing Project/Expansion

4. Is this:

- a. Capital Project b. Grant Funding Program

5. Provide the following information regarding your project's development schedule:

- a. The date of project development began or is expected to begin

- b. Project's current stage of development

- c. Anticipated date the project will begin operations or open to the public

STATUTORY ELIGIBILITY

The use of Florida TDT is governed by **Section 125.0104 of the Florida Statutes**. Also, the related Orange County Tourist Development Plan is in **Section 25-140 of the Orange County Code**. Projects that are ultimately approved for TDT funding that are not currently contemplated in the Tourist Development Plan will require the County to amend the Tourist Development Plan by ordinance. Successful applicants will be required to enter into a funding agreement with the County setting forth the terms, conditions, timelines, and deliverables associated with receiving TDT funding from Orange County.

Section 125.0104, Florida Statutes authorizes the uses listed below in Orange County, Florida. Please select your project's applicable authorized use.

- To acquire, construct, extend, enlarge, remodel, repair, improve, maintain, operate, or promote one or more publicly owned and operated convention centers, sports stadiums, sports arenas, coliseums, or auditoriums
- To acquire, construct, extend, enlarge, remodel, repair, improve, maintain, operate, or promote one or more auditoriums that are publicly owned but are operated by organizations that are exempt from federal taxation pursuant to 26 U.S.C. s. 501(c)(3) and open to the public
- To acquire, construct, extend, enlarge, remodel, repair, improve, maintain, operate, or promote one or more aquariums or museums that are publicly owned and operated or owned and operated by not-for-profit organizations and open to the public
- To promote zoological parks that are publicly owned and operated or owned and operated by not-for-profit organizations and open to the public
- To promote and advertise tourism in this state and nationally and internationally; however, if tax revenues are expended for an activity, service, venue, or event, the activity, service, venue, or event must have as one

of its main purposes the attraction of tourists as evidenced by the promotion of the activity, service, venue, or event to tourists

To fund convention bureaus, tourist bureaus, tourist information centers, and news bureaus as county agencies or by contract with the chambers of commerce or similar associations in the county

To finance beach park facilities, or beach, channel, estuary, or lagoon improvement, maintenance, renourishment, restoration, and erosion control, including construction of beach groins and shoreline protection, enhancement, cleanup, or restoration of inland lakes and rivers to which there is public access as those uses relate to the physical preservation of the beach, shoreline, channel, estuary, lagoon, or inland lake or river

PROJECT FUNDING & BUDGET

1. Total Project Cost: _____

2. Amount of TDT Funding Requested _____

3. Amount Raised to Date _____

4. What other funding sources are available for the project?

5. What timeframe is the project expected to begin?

6. What years do you anticipate requesting TDT funding and in what amounts?

7. If your project receives less than the requested amount of TDT funding—or no TDT funding at all—can the project still move forward? Yes No

If yes, please explain how the project would proceed, including any anticipated impacts to project phasing, fundraising, financing, scope, or timeline.

TDT FUNDING HISTORY

1. Has your organization previously received Orange County Tourist Development Tax (TDT) funding?
 Yes No

If yes, please provide the following information for each award:

TDT Funding Received Within the Last 10 Years

Year _____ Amount _____

Funding Source _____ Purpose _____

Funding Source Examples:

- Direct Allocation
- Arts & Cultural Grants
- Application Review Committee (ARC)
- Sports Incentive Committee
- Other

Attestation:

I certify that my organization is in compliance with all applicable terms, conditions, reporting requirements, and other obligations associated with any previously awarded Orange County TDT funding.

WORKFORCE & COMMUNITY IMPACT DURING CONSTRUCTION

1. Number of jobs created during construction

2. Average wage during construction _____

3. Will health insurance and other benefits be provided? _____

4. Describe any additional community programs or benefits generated during construction

WORKFORCE & COMMUNITY IMPACT AFTER COMPLETION

1. Number of permanent jobs created. _____
2. Average wage of permanent workforce. _____
3. Will health insurance and other benefits be provided? _____
4. Describe community programs or benefits that will result from the completed project.

INFRASTRUCTURE IMPACT

1. What public and/or private infrastructure improvements are required to support this project?

Examples may include transportation, water and wastewater utilities, stormwater, electrical utilities, broadband, parking, public safety facilities, parks, or other infrastructure improvements.

2. Will this project create additional demand for or impacts on public infrastructure or County services?
 Yes No

Examples include, but are not limited to, transportation, water and wastewater utilities, law enforcement, fire and rescue services, parks and recreation, schools, solid waste, and other public infrastructure or services.

3. If you answered "Yes" to Question 2, please describe the anticipated impacts and explain how they will be addressed. (300 words or less)

Include any planned infrastructure improvements, capacity enhancements, mitigation measures, funding sources, and the anticipated timeline for implementation.

TOURISM & ECONOMIC IMPACT | Information to be Provided by the Applicant | For Evaluation by the Georgia State University Center for State and Local Finance

To strengthen the application review process and ensure an independent, objective evaluation of projected economic impacts, Orange County Comptroller Phil Diamond assisted the County in identifying and selecting a qualified consultant from outside the State of Florida.

***Georgia State University Center for State and Local Finance** was selected to serve as the County's independent consultant. The Center will evaluate the projected economic impacts of applications, providing an impartial assessment rather than relying solely on applicants' projections. This independent review will help ensure a transparent, consistent, and data-driven evaluation process.*

Please provide the following information regarding the anticipated tourism impact of your project:

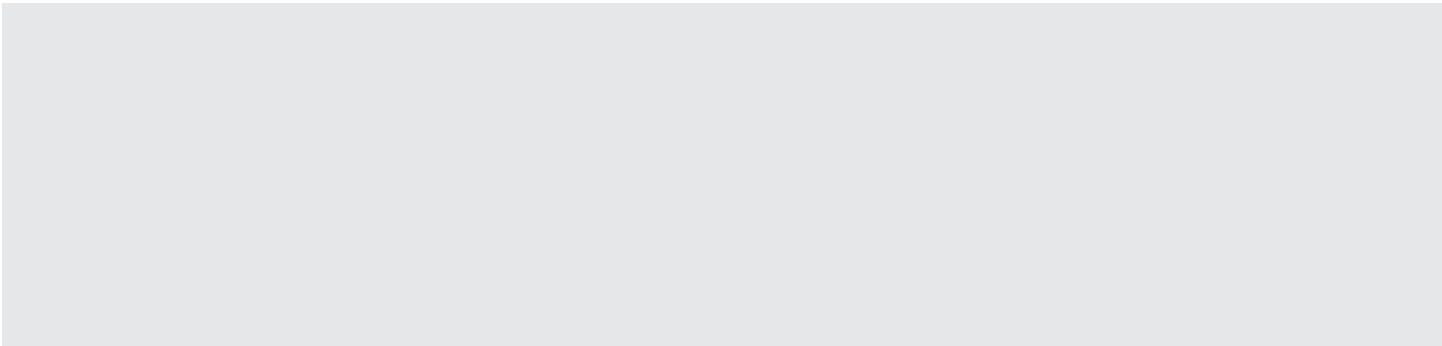
1. Estimated number of visitors expected from outside the Orlando Metropolitan Statistical Area (including Orange, Seminole, Lake, and Osceola counties).

2. Estimated average length of stay for these visitors. _____

3. Visitor demographics, if available, including:

- Average family or group size
- Estimated household income
- Any other relevant demographic information

4. Tourism and Economic Impact: Describe how your project is expected to increase tourism and visitor spending in Orange County. Include any anticipated economic benefits, such as increased hotel stays, dining, retail purchases, or other visitor-related expenditures.



SECTION 10 – CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information contained in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Please review your Funding Interest Indicator before submitting. To submit, save your Funding Interest Indicator and email it to TDTcitizenadvisory@ocfl.net.