



2025 SLED and AccessSLED Fund Programs are open for applications

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Huron County, Ontario – The County of Huron has opened its 2025 SLED funding program and launched a new AccessSLED program for local organizations.

SLED Program

This program is delivered by the County of Huron's Economic Development Department and funds projects up to a maximum of \$10,000. The list of eligible organizations includes registered non-profits, BIAs, Chambers of Commerce, arts organizations, sector organizations, and municipal partners.

Eligible projects must take place in Huron County and focus on one of the priorities from the THRIVE 2022-2025 Economic Development Strategic Plan:

- 1. Re-engagement, education/skills development, attraction and/or retention of workforce;
- 2. Impacts business districts, key industry sectors and/or investment attraction readiness;
- 3. Advances community development, tourism sector development and/or the promotion of local food;
- 4. Projects focused on youth and/or newcomers building a stronger sense of community.

Applications will be assessed on a merit basis and evaluated by a panel of local economic development professionals. The deadline to submit is April 17, 2025, 4:30 p.m. Interested applicants can access the SLED application form and complete program details at www.huroncounty.ca/economic-development/sled/.

AccessSLED Program

In collaboration with the Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee (HCAAC), the County of Huron is launching a NEW AccessSLED Program. This initiative offers funding grants of up to

\$1,000 to support projects that enhance accessibility and inclusivity throughout Huron County.

Funding is available to a wide range of organizations in Huron County, including:

- Private local businesses, retail, and services,
- Municipal buildings,
- Non-profit organizations, community centers, and recreational facilities,
- Local hospitality, tourism, restaurants, and other food establishments (excluding franchises),
- Arts and cultural venues, and
- E-commerce platforms catering to Huron County residents.

Eligible projects must demonstrate a clear, measurable impact on improving accessibility. The deadline to submit an application for the 2025 AccessSLED program is April 17, 2025, 4:30 p.m. Successful applicants will receive 50% of the grant upfront, with the remaining 50% upon project completion.

Interested applicants can access the AccessSLED application form and complete program details at www.huroncounty.ca/economic-development/accesssled/.

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