

Common Questions Answered

Who is Eligible to Apply?



An entrepreneur who has an idea for business that will service the recreational trails (land or water) and its users.

Where Can the Business or Proposed Business Be Located?



The current or proposed business must be physically located within the contest boundaries of Hydetown, Oil Creek Township, and Titusville in eastern Crawford County, Venango County, and Foxburg in Clarion County.

Is the Contest for New or Existing Businesses?



Plans may be submitted for proposed start-ups or expanding existing businesses.

Are Non-Profit Businesses Eligible?



Businesses or proposed businesses must be for-profit organizations, which are not delinquent on any local, state or federal taxes.

Is Prior Business Experience Required?



Close examination will be given to the previous business experience of the applicant. Preference will be given to applicants with a demonstrated need, and a solid plan for their business as well as the economic impact their business might bring to the region.

Do Contest Winners Receive a Cash Award Upon Completion of Required Forms?



Business plan contest winners must agree that any cash prizes received from the contest must be treated as revenue for the business and not for personal use. The business plan submitted for the contest should reference how the prize money would be used in the event the business is one of the winners chosen. Cash awards are paid to the winners as reimbursements for receipts presented, and not a cash lump sum.