LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

City of Cedar Bay

Cedar Bay LED Plan 2026–2030

Five-Year Local Economic Development Strategy

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This document presents the five-year Local Economic Development Plan for Cedar Bay, integrating assessment findings, stakeholder input, strategic priorities, and an implementation roadmap aligned with active donor funding windows in 2026.

00 Executive Summary

24,800	61%	$4,200	$12.8M
Population	Employment Rate	GDP/Capita	Fundable Opportunity

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Cedar Bay enters its 2026–2030 planning cycle with strong heritage assets and active donor windows, but persistent youth unemployment (34%) and seasonal economic volatility require structured intervention. This LED Plan consolidates assessment evidence, stakeholder priorities, and eight capital projects into a structured strategy targeting 500 formal jobs and youth unemployment below 20% by 2030.

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MuniGrowth analytics identified 23 grant matches totalling up to $12.8M in fundable opportunity. The plan sequences investments across digital skills, heritage tourism, industrial activation, and coastal resilience — with $2.22M in direct project budgets and a co-financing strategy leveraging municipal, international, and private sources.

Key Highlights

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- *4 strategic priorities identified across skills, tourism, industry, and resilience*
- *8 projects planned across 3 economic sectors with $2.4M total investment plan*
- *$2.22M direct project budget with $12.8M fundable donor opportunity pipeline*
- *23 grant opportunities matched — RDF heritage window closes in 23 days*

01 Municipal Profile

Location	Mediterranean coastal municipality
Population	24,800
Area (km²)	142
Administrative status	Second-tier municipality
Main languages	Arabic, French, English
Municipal budget (FY2026)	$4.6M
Year established	1952

Economic snapshot

Indicator	Detail
Primary sectors	Tourism & Heritage (42%), Trade & Commerce (31%), Agriculture (27%)
Main employers	Heritage Trust, Cedar Bay Port Authority, Municipal services
Key assets	National Heritage Designation site, coastal highway, diaspora network
Development stage	Post-recovery transition — donor-ready LED cycle 2026

Map: Cedar Bay — Heritage Site, Port & Trade Corridors

Cedar Bay is a second-tier Mediterranean coastal municipality with a population of 24,800 spread across 142 km². Heritage tourism and port-linked trade form the economic backbone; the FY2026 municipal budget is $4.6M.

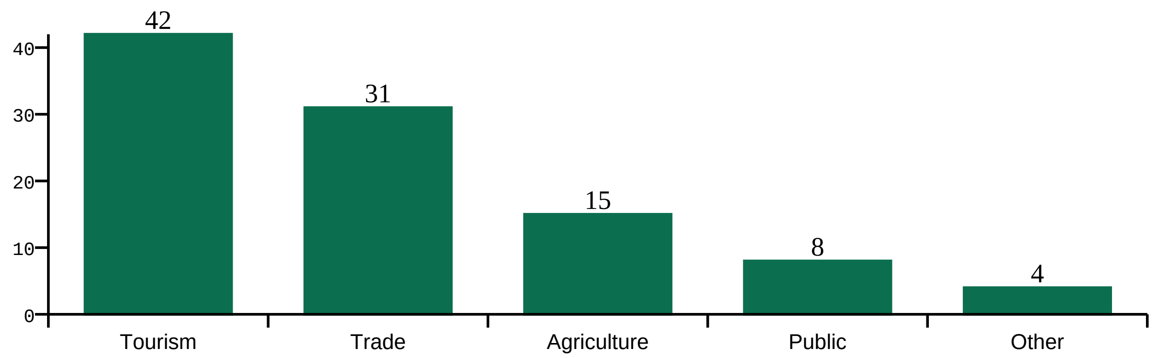
Economic indicators vs. regional benchmarks

Indicator	Cedar Bay	Regional Avg.	Gap
Employment rate	61%	73%	-12 pp
Youth unemployment	34%	22%	+12 pp
SME density (per 1,000 pop.)	18.4	24.1	-5.7
Tourism contribution	42%	28%	+14 pp
Municipal revenue / capita	$186	$240	-$54

Profile Insight

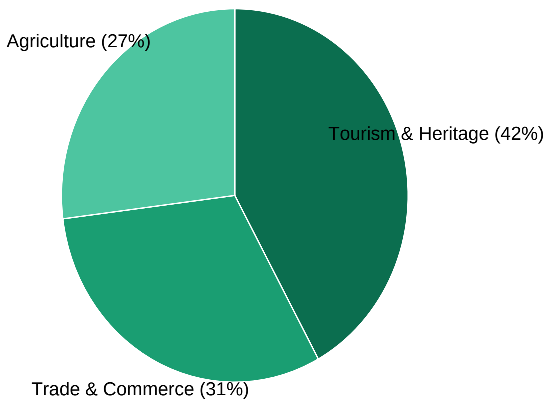
Cedar Bay outperforms the region on tourism contribution (+14 pp) but underperforms on employment, youth outcomes, and SME density. Closing these gaps is the central objective of the 2026–2030 LED strategy.

Formal employment by sector (share %)



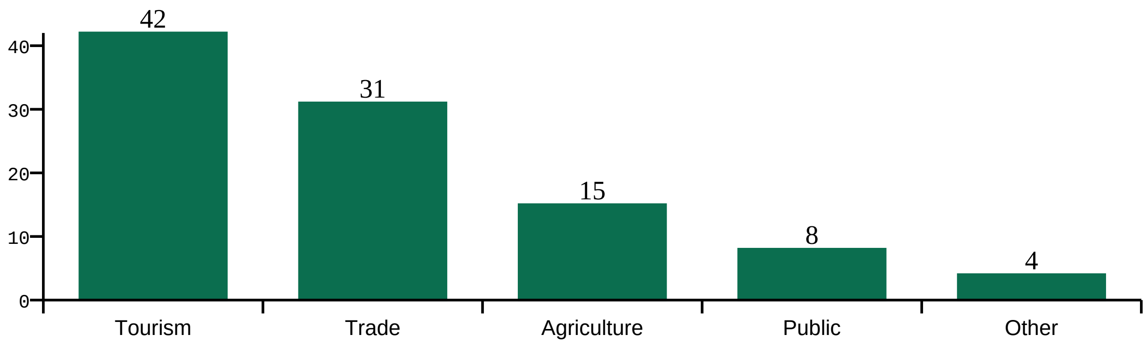
02 Needs Assessment

The needs assessment establishes baseline conditions and priority gaps identified through municipal data analysis, employer surveys, and stakeholder consultations conducted in Q1 2026.



Sector	Share	Trend
Tourism & Heritage	42%	▲ Growing
Trade & Commerce	31%	→ Stable
Agriculture	27%	▼ Declining

Employment by sector (formal jobs, %)



Key infrastructure gaps

Infrastructure Area	Status	Priority	Est. Cost
Digital skills training centre	✗ Not available	High	$180K
Industrial / enterprise zone	✗ Underdeveloped	High	$1.2M
Heritage site access road	✗ Unpaved section	Medium	$380K
Municipal fibre backbone	■ Partial	Medium	$290K

Priority needs ranked by urgency score

Needs scored using weighted matrix: economic impact (40%), feasibility (30%), donor alignment (20%), stakeholder consensus (10%).

Digital skills & youth employment pathway **92%**

Certified training with employer placements. **Estimated investment: $180K**

Heritage tourism infrastructure upgrade **85%**

Year-round visitor facilities and access road. **Estimated investment: $420K**

Industrial zone activation (Phase 1) **78%**

Serviced plots and SME incentives. **Estimated investment: $650K**

Coastal resilience & erosion mitigation **71%**

Protect trade corridor and heritage assets. **Estimated investment: $380K**

Assessment Conclusion

Digital skills and heritage tourism infrastructure are the two highest-urgency needs with active donor windows in 2026. Both are addressed as Priority 1 and Priority 2 projects in this plan.

03 SWOT Analysis

STRENGTHS

- National Heritage Designation site — 50K visitors annually
- Direct coastal highway to the regional port
- Strong diaspora network — ~8,000 expats

WEAKNESSES

- Youth unemployment at 34%
- No industrial zone or digital skills center
- Seasonal tourism only — 4 months/year

OPPORTUNITIES

- Regional Development Fund (RDF) open call — 23 days
- Digital Economy Skills Initiative accepting applications
- Diaspora investment interest in heritage assets

THREATS

- Youth emigration accelerating post-2020
- Neighbouring city competing for same regional tourism grant
- Coastal erosion risk increasing

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Your National Heritage Designation site combined with the Regional Development Fund (RDF) open call creates an immediate funding window. Prioritise the coastal tourism project application within 14 days to meet the deadline and pair with the digital skills centre to address the youth unemployment weakness.

04 Stakeholder Engagement

127	6	3	Q1 2026
Total Participants	Groups Consulted	Methods Used	Consultation Period

Participants by stakeholder group

Group	Count	%	Method
Community groups	45	35%	Public meeting
Private sector	28	22%	Workshop
NGOs	20	16%	Focus group
Government departments	15	12%	1-on-1 interview
Women's groups	12	9%	Workshop
Youth groups	7	6%	Focus group

Key concerns and plan responses

Concern Raised	Priority	Response in Plan
Youth unemployment	High	Digital Skills Center (Project 1)
Seasonal income volatility	High	Tourism diversification (Project 2)
Heritage road access	Medium	Coastal Road Access (Project 4)
SME formalisation gap	Medium	SME Support Program (Project 5)
Digital connectivity	Medium	Municipal Fibre Backbone (Project 6)

05 Gender & Social Inclusion

Gender-disaggregated labour market indicators

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Indicator	Women	Men	Gap
Employment rate	38%	84%	-46 pp
Youth unemployment	42%	28%	+14 pp
Business ownership	22%	78%	-56 pp
Education (secondary+)	67%	71%	-4 pp

Key Gender Gap

Women's employment rate (38%) is 46 percentage points below men's. Closing this gap is a cross-cutting priority embedded in all 8 projects.

Project gender integration

Project	Women beneficiaries	Gender target
Digital Skills Center	50% enrollment target	150 women trained
Tourism Infrastructure	Indirect	Women vendor spaces
SME Support	40% priority	16 women-led enterprises
Youth Hub	40% target	12 women-led startups

Social inclusion

All projects include specific outreach to marginalized groups including youth (18–29), women, and persons with disabilities. Participant data is collected with gender and age disaggregation to track equitable benefit distribution across the portfolio.

06 Vision & Strategic Goals

Vision statement

By 2030, Cedar Bay is a digitally connected, year-round destination economy where youth find opportunity locally and heritage drives sustainable prosperity.

Mission statement

Cedar Bay Municipality will lead structured investment in skills, infrastructure, and tourism to create 500 formal jobs and reduce youth unemployment below 20% by 2030.

Strategic target	Baseline (2026)	Target (2030)
Youth unemployment (18–29)	34%	Below 20%
Formal jobs created (cumulative)	–	500
Year-round tourism employment share	45%	55%+
SME formalisation rate	38%	53%

Strategic context

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Cedar Bay's 2026–2030 strategy balances immediate grant-readiness with structural transformation: digital skills for youth, year-round heritage tourism, industrial diversification, and coastal resilience. Each priority is sequenced to align with active donor windows while building municipal capacity for sustained implementation.

Cross-cutting themes

- Gender equality: minimum 40% women beneficiaries across skills and enterprise projects.
- Climate adaptation: green building standards and flood-resilient infrastructure design.
- Youth inclusion: dedicated entrepreneurship pathways and employer linkage programmes.
- Diaspora engagement: co-investment channels and heritage programming for expatriate visitors.

Strategic priorities

◆ Priority 1: Digital Skills & Youth Employment

Establish a certified digital skills training centre delivering 300 placements annually, linked to employer agreements and remote-work readiness modules.

Linked projects: Projects 1, 7

Target outcome by 2030: Youth unemployment reduced to 22%; 220 graduates employed

◆ Priority 2: Heritage Tourism Infrastructure

Upgrade visitor facilities and access infrastructure to extend the tourism season beyond four months and increase diaspora engagement.

Linked projects: Projects 2, 4, 8

Target outcome by 2030: Year-round tourism share above 55%; 50K+ annual visitors

◆ Priority 3: Industrial Zone Activation

Develop Phase 1 industrial zone with utilities, SME incentives, and light manufacturing plots linked to port trade corridors.

Linked projects: Project 3

Target outcome by 2030: 15 new formal enterprises; $1.2M private co-investment

◆ Priority 4: Coastal Resilience

Protect heritage assets and trade infrastructure from coastal erosion through integrated resilience planning and early-warning systems.

Linked projects: Projects 4, 6

Target outcome by 2030: Zero critical infrastructure losses; resilience plan adopted

07 Projects & Investment Plan

#	Project	Budget	Timeline	Priority	Status
1	Digital Skills Training Center	$180K	12 mo.	High	Planned
2	Heritage Tourism Infrastructure	$420K	18 mo.	High	Planned
3	Industrial Zone Phase 1	$650K	24 mo.	Medium	Planned
4	Coastal Road Access	$380K	15 mo.	Medium	Planned
5	SME Support Program	$120K	12 mo.	Medium	Planned
6	Municipal Fibre Backbone	$290K	18 mo.	Low	Planned
7	Youth Entrepreneurship Hub	$95K	12 mo.	High	Planned
8	Heritage Digital Experience	$85K	9 mo.	Medium	Planned
	TOTAL	$2,220,000			

The eight-project portfolio spans digital skills, heritage tourism, industrial activation, connectivity, and SME support. Total direct investment requirement is $2.22M over the first 24 months, with co-financing from international grants and private diaspora investment.

Project 1 — Digital Skills Training Center

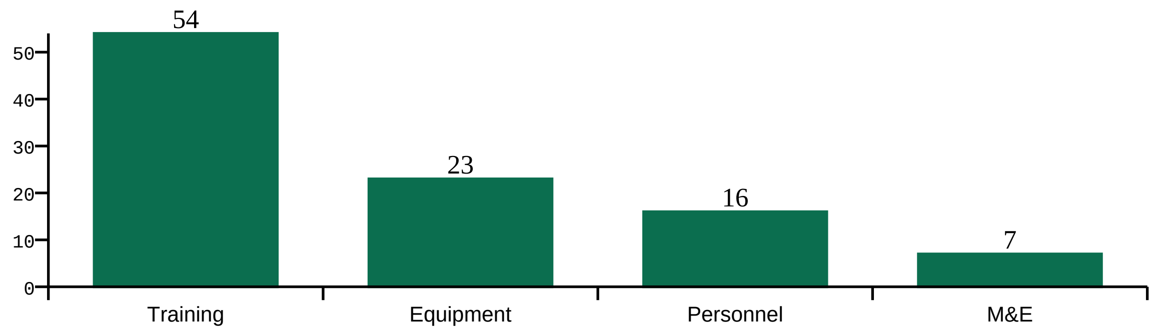
Budget: $180,000 · **Duration:** 12 months · **Priority:** High · **Status:** Planned

The Digital Skills Training Center equips Cedar Bay youth (18–29) with certified digital economy competencies linked to employer placement agreements. The facility will deliver two cohorts per year with remote-work readiness modules aligned to regional employer demand.

LogFrame summary

Level	Statement
Impact	Youth unemployment reduced from 34% to 22% within 5 years
Outcome	220 of 300 graduates employed in digital economy roles
Output	300 youth complete 6-month certified training programme

Budget breakdown



Project 2 — Heritage Tourism Infrastructure

Budget: $420,000 · **Duration:** 18 months · **Priority:** High · **Grant link:** RDF (94% match)

Upgrades visitor facilities, interpretive signage, and the unpaved heritage access road to support year-round tourism. Aligns with the Regional Development Fund heritage window closing in 23 days — highest-priority grant submission for Q2 2026.

Component	Budget	Timeline
Visitor centre refurbishment	$180K	Q2–Q3 2026
Access road paving (2.4 km)	$165K	Q3–Q4 2026

Component	Budget	Timeline
Interpretive digital signage	$75K	Q4 2026

Project 3 — Industrial Zone Phase 1

Budget: $650,000 · **Duration:** 24 months · **Priority:** Medium

Develop 5 hectares of serviced industrial land with utilities, access roads, and SME incentive packages. Targets light manufacturing linked to port trade corridors and aims to attract 15 new formal enterprises by 2028 with $1.2M private co-investment.

Project 4 — Coastal Road Access

Budget: $380,000 · **Duration:** 15 months · **Priority:** Medium

Pave 2.4 km of unpaved heritage access road with drainage designed for a 50-year flood event. Improves year-round visitor access and reduces transport costs for local traders.

Project 5 — SME Support Program

Budget: $120,000 · **Duration:** 12 months · **Priority:** Medium

Business registration support, micro-grants, and export-readiness training for 40 informal enterprises — with 40% priority allocation for women-led businesses.

Portfolio Note

Projects 6–8 follow the same logical-framework structure. Full project dossiers with detailed budgets, risk registers, and donor alignment matrices are available in the MuniGrowth platform export module.

08 Impact Framework

The results chain links project activities to measurable outputs, outcomes, and long-term impact across all eight portfolio projects.

IMPACT	Youth unemployment reduced from 34% to 22% by 2030; 500 cumulative formal jobs created across the portfolio.
OUTCOMES	220 graduates employed in digital roles; year-round tourism employment share rises 25%; SME formalisation increases 15%.
OUTPUTS	300 youth complete certified training; heritage access road upgraded; all 8 portfolio projects operational.
ACTIVITIES	Training cohort delivery, heritage infrastructure upgrades, tourism programming, SME support workshops.

Summary logical framework — all projects

Level	Indicator	Baseline	Target	Verification	Timeline
Impact	Youth unemployment rate	34%	22%	Labour survey	2030
Impact	Formal jobs created	0	500	Employer registry	2030
Outcome	Graduate placement rate	0%	73%	Training records	2028
Outcome	Year-round tourism share	45%	55%	Tourism office	2029
Output	Youth certified (cumulative)	0	600	Certificates	2028
Output	Heritage visitors (annual)	50K	65K	Visitor logs	2029
Activity	Training cohorts delivered	0	4	Progress reports	2027
Activity	Infrastructure upgrades	0	3 sites	Site inspections	2027

Theory of Change

Activities (training, infrastructure, programming) → Outputs (certified graduates, upgraded facilities) → Outcomes (employment, year-round tourism) → Impact (sustained prosperity, reduced youth out-migration).

09 Climate & Environmental Considerations

Climate risk assessment

Risk	Probability	Impact	Projects Affected
Coastal erosion	High	Heritage assets, trade	2, 4, 6
Seasonal drought	Medium	Agriculture, water	All
Extreme heat events	Medium	Tourism, outdoor workers	2, 7
Storm surge	Low	Port infrastructure	3, 4

Climate adaptation measures in this plan

- Project 4 (Coastal Road) includes drainage designed for 50-year flood event.
- Project 6 (Fibre) enables remote work reducing transport emissions.
- Project 2 (Tourism) includes climate-smart visitor facilities design.
- All construction projects follow green building principles.

Environmental safeguards

This LED plan does not involve large-scale extractive activities or significant environmental displacement. An environmental screening was completed confirming no Category A environmental risks. All projects are subject to standard municipal environmental review.

10 Monitoring & Evaluation

The M&E; framework tracks progress against logical-framework indicators using standardised data collection tools and quarterly reporting to municipal council.

Indicator	Method	Frequency	Responsible	Tool
Youth employment rate	Labour survey	Semi-annual	M&E Unit	Household survey
Training placements	Employer registry	Quarterly	Training lead	MuniGrowth dashboard
Tourism arrivals	Visitor logs	Monthly	Tourism office	Municipal CRM
Project expenditure	Financial audit	Quarterly	Finance dept.	Grant tracker
Stakeholder satisfaction	Focus groups	Annual	LED Office	Consultation log

Reporting schedule

- Quarterly progress reports to municipal council and donor reporting channels.
- Annual external evaluation by independent M&E consultant.
- Mid-term review at 30 months — portfolio realignment and budget revision.
- Final evaluation at project close — impact assessment and lessons learned.

Overall M&E framework readiness **100%**

Risk register (top 5)

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigation
Grant application rejected	Medium	High	Diversify across 3 donor windows
Youth dropout from training	Medium	Medium	Employer-linked stipends
Construction delays (road)	High	Medium	Phased contractor milestones
Seasonal revenue shortfall	High	Medium	Off-season programming fund
Coastal erosion event	Low	High	Resilience study + early warning

11 Implementation Timeline

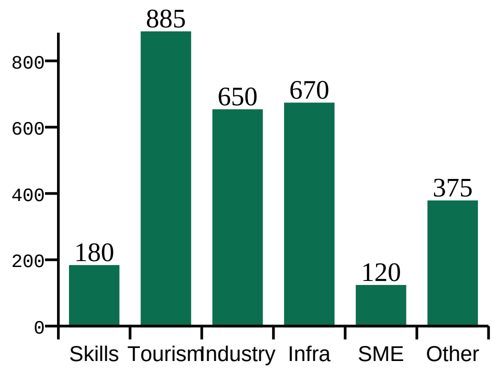
Five-year Gantt view showing active periods for each portfolio project. Teal cells indicate active implementation; key milestones marked at phase transitions.

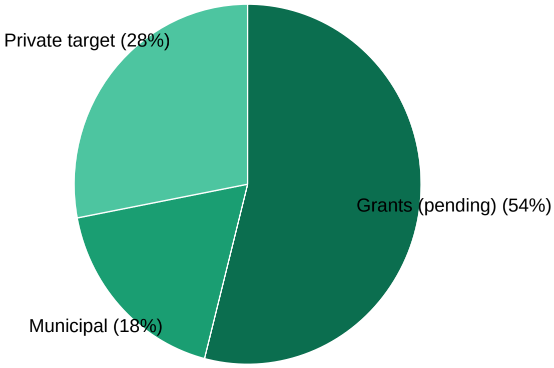
Project	Y1 Q1	Y1 Q2	Y1 Q3	Y1 Q4	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5
Digital Skills Center	■	■	■	■	—	—	—	—
Heritage Tourism Infra.	—	■	■	■	■	■	—	—
Industrial Zone Ph.1	—	—	■	■	■	■	■	—
Coastal Road Access	—	■	■	■	—	—	—	—
SME Support Program	—	—	■	■	■	—	—	—
Municipal Fibre	—	—	—	■	■	■	—	—
Youth Entrepreneurship	■	■	■	—	—	—	—	—
Heritage Digital Exp.	—	■	■	—	—	—	—	—

Milestone	Target	Project
Training centre operational	Oct 2026	Project 1
RDF application submitted	Jun 2026	Project 2
Industrial zone Phase 1 complete	Dec 2027	Project 3
Mid-term plan review	Nov 2028	All projects

12 Budget Overview

Source	Type	Amount	Status
International grants (RDF, DESI, IMIF)	External	$1,200,000	Pending
Municipal budget allocation	Internal	$400,000	Committed
Private / diaspora investment	External	$620,000	Target
Total required		$2,220,000	

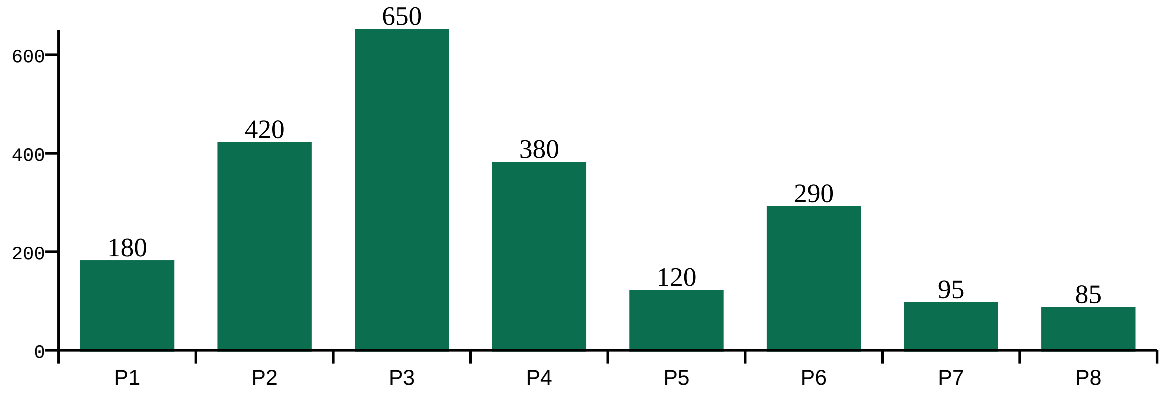




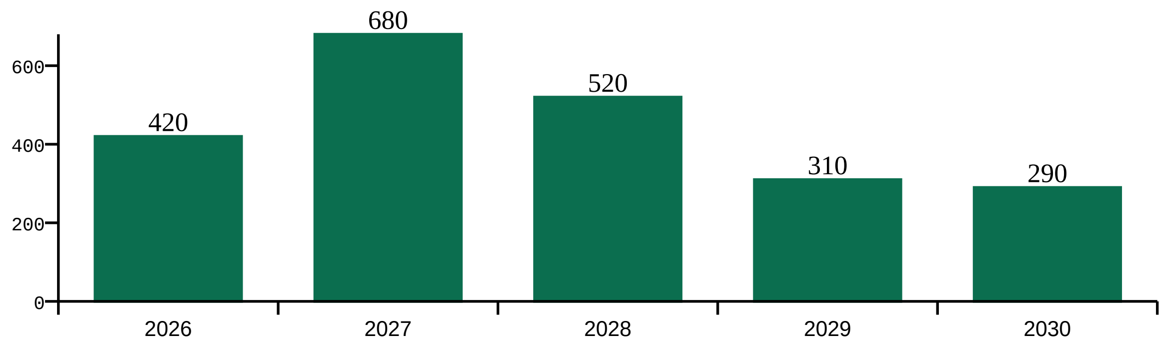
Funding Gap Analysis

Total required: $2.22M · Secured: $400K (18%) · Pending/target: $1.82M (82%). Priority action: submit RDF heritage tourism application within 23 days to unlock the largest pending grant tranche ($420K+).

Budget allocation by project (USD thousands)



Five-year expenditure profile (USD thousands)



Active donor pipeline

Donor / Programme	Project	Match	Window
Mediterranean RDF — Heritage	Project 2	94%	23 days
Digital Economy Skills Initiative	Project 1	88%	61 days
Intl. Municipal Infrastructure Fund	Project 3	88%	61 days
Arab Regional Enterprise Dev. Fund	Project 5	76%	14 days

A1 Annex — Project Narratives

Project 3 — Industrial Zone Phase 1 ($650K)

Develop 5 hectares of serviced industrial land with utilities, access roads, and SME incentive packages. Targets light manufacturing linked to port trade corridors and aims to attract 15 new formal enterprises by 2028.

Project 4 — Coastal Road Access ($380K)

Pave 2.4 km of unpaved heritage access road, improving year-round visitor access and reducing transport costs for local traders. Includes drainage and safety upgrades.

Project 5 — SME Support Program ($120K)

Provide business registration support, micro-grants, and export-readiness training for 40 informal enterprises transitioning to formal status.

Project 6 — Municipal Fibre Backbone ($290K)

Extend fibre connectivity to municipal buildings, the training centre, and industrial zone, enabling digital services and remote-work infrastructure.

Project 7 — Youth Entrepreneurship Hub ($95K)

Co-working space and mentorship programme for 30 youth-led startups, linked to diaspora angel investor network and municipal procurement preferences.

Project 8 — Heritage Digital Experience ($85K)

Interactive digital heritage trail and AR visitor experience extending engagement beyond the 4-month peak season.

13 Governance & Implementation Arrangements

LED coordination structure

Role	Office	Responsibility
LED Plan Coordinator	Mayor's Office	Overall accountability
Technical Lead	Economic Development Unit	Day-to-day coordination
Financial Controller	Finance Department	Budget management
M&E Officer	Planning Department	Reporting and evaluation
Stakeholder Liaison	Communications Office	Community engagement

Implementation oversight

The Municipal LED Steering Committee meets monthly and includes the Mayor (Chair), department heads (Finance, Planning, Economy), a private sector representative, a civil society representative, and a youth council representative.

Reporting lines

- Monthly: LED Coordinator reports to Mayor.
- Quarterly: Steering Committee reviews progress.
- Annually: Full council reviews plan vs. targets.
- To donors: Per donor-specific requirements.

Capacity assessment

Capacity Area	Current	Required	Gap
LED planning expertise	Basic	Intermediate	Training needed
Grant management	Limited	Competent	External support
M&E skills	Basic	Competent	Training needed
Financial management	Competent	Competent	None

Capacity building plan

- Year 1: LED planning training for core team (3 staff).
- Year 1: Grant management workshop (external facilitator).
- Year 2: M&E methodology training.
- Ongoing: MuniGrowth platform training (included).

14 Methodology & Disclaimer

Plan development methodology

- Seven-phase LED planning workflow completed in MuniGrowth (Assessment → SWOT → Stakeholder → Vision → Projects → Impact → M&E).
- Desk review of municipal statistics, trade data, and regional labour-market bulletins (2024–2026).
- Stakeholder consultations: 127 participants across 6 groups (Q1 2026).
- Grant matching scan: 847 active donor programmes screened; 23 high-confidence matches.
- Logical frameworks and budgets peer-reviewed by municipal economic development staff.

Data sources

- Cedar Bay Municipal Economic Development Unit — internal database (Q1 2026).
- Regional labour market bulletin — Mediterranean sub-region (2025).
- Heritage visitor statistics — municipal tourism office (2025 season).
- Employer survey — Cedar Bay Chamber of Commerce (March 2026, n=47).
- MuniGrowth grant intelligence database — active windows as of May 2026.

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