



City of Liberty Lake 2021 and 2022 Lodging Tax Grant Application Guidelines

2021 and 2022 funding requests are now being accepted by the City of Liberty Lake. Completed Tourism Promotion Funding applications may be emailed to Kyle Dixon at kdixon@libertylakewa.gov or returned to City of Liberty Lake, 22710 E. Country Vista Drive, Liberty Lake, WA 99019 by 5:00 P.M. on November 12, 2021.

What is Hotel-Motel Tax (Lodging Tax)?

Funding for this program comes from the City of Liberty Lake Tourism Fund, which receives hotel/motel taxes from lodging establishments inside the city limits. The City collects a 2% tax on the sale or charge made of lodging within the City of Liberty Lake.

State Law Defining the Use of Hotel-Motel Tax

This funding may be available to applicants if funding requests will be used for tourism marketing and promotion activities or operation of tourism-related facilities. Detailed information about the use of tourism funds is from the Revised Code of Washington (RCW), Chapter 67.28.

Important Terms Relating to RCW 67.28

Tourism: Economic activity resulting from tourists, which may include sales of overnight lodging, meals, tours, gifts, or souvenirs.

Tourism promotion: Activities and expenditures designed to increase tourism, including but not limited to operations, advertising, publicizing, or otherwise distributing information for the purpose of attracting and welcoming tourists; developing strategies to expand tourism; operating tourism promotion agencies; and funding marketing of special events and festivals designed to attract tourists.

Tourism-related facility: Real or tangible personal property with a usable life of three or more years, or constructed with volunteer labor, and used to support tourism, performing arts, or to accommodate tourist activities.

Who May Apply?

The 2021 and 2022 funding program is open to organizations with the demonstrated ability to achieve tourism goals as outlined below:

- Increase hotel occupancy in Liberty Lake by creating overnight stays.
- Increase overnight stays during the off season.
- Provide visitor attractions and/or promotes the area's existing attractions.
- Attracts more businesses to Liberty Lake and thereby generates additional business for hotels and motels.

Selection and Award Process

Funding of the program and specific awards are dependent on recommendations made by the City Lodging Tax Advisory Committee with final decisions made by the City Council. Funds will be awarded on a competitive basis, and applicants will be notified following City Council decision.

Application Requirements

All organizations seeking funding under this program must submit a completed application form for both 2021 and 2022 along with all required documentation in order to be considered for funding. Projects and events must take place and be completed between January 1 and December 31 of the designated year on the application. **Incomplete applications will not be considered by the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.**

Please submit only one fully completed and signed original application for each year by 5:00 P.M. on November 12, 2021. All applications must be able to be clearly reproduced in black and white. Emailed copies to kdixon@libertylakewa.gov are preferred, but physical application can also be sent to:

Mailing address: City of Liberty Lake
 Attention: Lodging Tax
 22710 E. Country Vista Drive
 Liberty Lake, WA 99019

For more information, contact Kyle Dixon at (509) 755-6702 or kdixon@libertylakewa.gov

Organizations awarded funds will be required to execute a contractual agreement that will set out the performance expectations, level of funding and the mechanism for invoicing payment. The contract will cover such areas as definition of the project goals, definition of eligible costs, specification of payment procedures, limits of City liability, and other usual and customary requirements.

Funds are supplied on a reimbursement basis. Projects must first incur costs, and then a request for reimbursement with submittal of the final closeout report as stated in the contract guidelines is required.

How will requested funds be used for tourism promotion, marketing special events, acquisition of tourism-related facilities or operation of tourism-related facilities?

Estimated percentage of total attendance for event or facility by (list separately) (1) tourists; (2) people who traveled more than 50 miles; or (3) people who stayed overnight:

- 1. Tourists _____%
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