City of Poulsbo

Parks & Recreation Department



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City of Poulsbo - Request for Proposal – 2025 Lodging Tax Funding Grants

The City of Poulsbo is accepting applications for the City of Poulsbo's 2025 Lodging Tax Funding Grants. Eligible activities and projects as defined by <u>RCW 67.28.1816</u> include Tourism, Tourism Promotion and Tourism related facilities as detailed in <u>RCW 67.28.080</u> (5,6,7). Poulsbo's Lodging Tax Advisory Committee reviews applications.

All the goals outlined by the RCW are encouraged with extra-weighting given to:

- New applicants that focus on a) tourism marketing and b) marketing and operations of special events and festivals designed to attract tourists.
- Events created during the off-season: October April (Spring/Fall/Winter).
- Proven overnight stays in lodging facilities within City limits.

Award funding considerations include:

- City of Poulsbo departments may apply for funds if the request aligns with the RCWs.
- Applicant operations should become more self-sustaining over time.
- Designating 25% or less of funding to be used towards applicant operations.
- Demonstrable proportionality of 75% or more of awarded funding to be focused on Poulsbo pertinent to regional organizations.

Applications are due to the City of Poulsbo by Friday, September 6, 2024, by 4:00 p.m.

For more information, including the Request for Proposal, the required documentation of a fillable application form and cover letter, and the 2024-2025 grant calendar, please visit the City's website at: https://cityofpoulsbo.com/lodging-tax-grant-program/.

If you have any questions, please contact Lin Hino, Special Events Coordinator lhino@cityofpoulsbo.com or 360-394-9771.

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