



CITY OF BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

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2015 Lodging Tax Awards Approved

Bainbridge Island, Wash., (February, 2015) After the completion of an extensive proposal submission and review process, the City Council approved to award \$135,000 in Lodging Tax funds during their February 24, Regular Business meeting. These funds will be used for projects that either promote tourism on Bainbridge Island, or support the operation of tourism related facilities.

Last year, in response to a Request for Proposals, issued by the City, fourteen organizations requested monies from the Civic Improvement Fund (CIF) for 2015. These proposals were reviewed by the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) comprised of Sarah Blossom (City Councilmember, Chair), Roger Townsend (City Councilmember, Vice-Chair, Non-Voting), Greg Robinson (Eligible Organization), Linda Thurrott (Lodging Business), Talina Wood (Eligible Organization), and Robin Wright (Lodging Business). The LTAC is established through Chapter 67.28 of the Revised Code of Washington and is charged with reviewing and making recommendations to the City Council about the allocation of the Civic Improvement Fund (CIF.) This special fund exists pursuant to City Code 3.65.040 through the collection of a tax on overnight lodging on the island.

Applicants awarded funding for 2015 include:

Bainbridge Arts & Crafts
Bainbridge Island Arts & Humanities Council
Bainbridge Island Downtown Association
Bainbridge Island History Museum Operations -
Bainbridge Island Lodging Association
Bloedel Reserve
Chamber of Commerce
KidiMu
North Kitsap Tourism Consortium

The complete proposals for each project reviewed by the LTAC, with award amounts requested, can be viewed at: <http://www.bainbridgewa.gov/236/Lodging-Tax-Advisory-Committee>. Questions regarding the LTAC process can be submitted to Morgan Smith, Deputy City Manager at 206.842.2545 or msmith@bainbridgewa.gov.

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