



## **NEWS RELEASE**

The Burlington Lodging Tax Advisory Committee is accepting applications for **2026 Lodging Tax Funds** through August 31, 2025.

The Burlington City Council established a Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) in 1994 to distribute Lodging Tax Funds to organizations that will promote, encourage and increase tourism within the City of Burlington. The Lodging Tax Advisory Committee is represented by Chairperson James Stavig, Burlington City Councilmember; the LTAC consists of seven (7) regular voting members [three (3) members representing lodging tax generators (hoteliers), three (3) members representing potential recipients of lodging tax funds (non-profit organizations), and a city council member who serves as chair], plus three (3) non-voting alternate members for a total of ten (10) members whom are appointed by the Burlington City Council. The function of this committee is to review proposed projects/events and recommend to Burlington City Council which projects should be funded with the Lodging Taxes.

Interested organizations may obtain an application form at the Burlington City Hall, Finance Department, 833 South Spruce Street, Burlington WA 98233 during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Or you may call 360-755-2390 and request an application be mailed to you. You may electronically access an application at <http://burlingtonwa.gov> (under City Spotlight and Our Community – Press Releases). Applications must be returned to City Hall or emailed to HR & Admin Manager, Kristen Bachhuber, [kristenb@burlingtonwa.gov](mailto:kristenb@burlingtonwa.gov) by no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 31, 2025. Applicants will be required to make an oral presentation of their proposal to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee in September 2025 (date to be announced). The Lodging Tax Advisory Committee funding recommendations are expected to be presented to City Council in October 2025 (date to be announced).