

**NEWS RELEASE**  
**September 22, 2009**

**MASON COUNTY LODGING TAX ADVISORY BOARD**  
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TO: KMAS, KRXY, SHELTON-MASON COUNTY JOURNAL, THE OLYMPIAN, SHELTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NORTH MASON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CITY OF SHELTON, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE SUN

RE: Lodging Tax Grant Application Deadline

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Each year Mason County provides grant funding from the Lodging Tax Fund to support the advertising and promotion efforts that promote tourism in Mason County. Any group or organization may apply for funding consideration.

Mason County will accept applications until **October 30, 2009**. The application can be requested by calling 360-427-9670, ext: 419 or on the Mason County website at [www.co.mason.wa.us/forms/tourism](http://www.co.mason.wa.us/forms/tourism).

The Mason County Lodging Tax Advisory Committee will review the applications in November with its recommendations due to the Commissioners in December. Presentation of the Committee's recommendations to the County Commissioners coincides with the County's annual budget discussions.

In developing its recommendations, the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee considers:

- The estimated amount of lodging tax receipts for the coming year.
- Requirements in State law for use of the tax, and the definitions in State RCW 67.28.080 for "tourism," "tourist," "tourism promotion," and "tourism-related facility."
- Completeness of the application.

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