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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: 2013 Lodging Tax Grant Application Deadline

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

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.

Mason County will accept Lodging Tax grant applications until **October 31, 2012**. 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.

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