

**NEWS RELEASE**  
**November 13, 2012**

**MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
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**SHELTON, WA 98584**  
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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: Mason County Heritage Grant Cycle**

The Mason County Commissioners and the Mason County Historic Preservation Commission are pleased to announce that applications are being accepted for the Winter 2012-13 Mason County Heritage Grant cycle.

On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, the Mason County Historic Preservation Commission administers the Mason County Heritage Grant Program to assist projects that promote the public's access to County history. The program is funded with a portion of document recording fees collected by the Mason County Auditor. The allocation of these fees for projects that "promote historical preservation or historical programs, which may include preservation of historic documents" is authorized under RCW 36.22.170. The revenues accrue to a dedicated fund and may not be used for any purpose other than those stipulated in the statute.

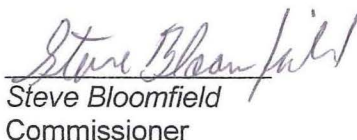
Grants in amounts up to \$5,000 may be awarded to qualified organizations for professional development, public education, small capital projects, collections management, heritage investigations and historic preservation. This is a reimbursement grant. It is very important that organizations considering application for this grant read the grant guidelines and other details on the Mason County website:  
[http://www.co.mason.wa.us/forms/historic/grant\\_guidelines.pdf](http://www.co.mason.wa.us/forms/historic/grant_guidelines.pdf)

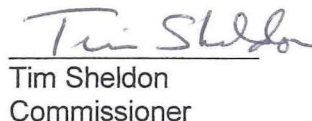
Grant proposals can be mailed to the Mason County Historic Preservation Commission, P.O. Box 279, Shelton, WA, and postmarked no later than December 31, 2012. Application may also be hand delivered to 426 W Cedar Street, Shelton, WA 98584, no later than 3:00 PM December 31, 2012.

Questions should be directed Michael MacSems at 427-9670 ext. 571.

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