



2018 Tourism Promotion Funds Availability

The City is soliciting proposals for tourism promotion grants, which are funded by lodging tax revenue.

State law allows the City to spend lodging tax revenue on:

- (a) tourism marketing;
- (b) the marketing and operations of special events and festivals designed to attract tourists;
- (c) supporting the operations and capital expenditures of tourism-related facilities owned or operated by a municipality or a public facilities district; or
- (d) supporting the operations of tourism-related facilities owned or operated by nonprofit 501(c)(3) or (c)(6) organizations.

Examples of events the City has funded in the past include:

- An-O-Chords annual music program (3 shows throughout year)
- Anacortes Famers Market
- Antique Machinery Show
- Rock the Dock Concert
- Summer Concert Series
- Home & Boat Tour
- Skagit Artists Together Studio Tour
- Majestic Glass Corvette Show
- Fidalgo Island Quilters Annual Quilt Show
- Anacortes Arts Festival

For the 2018 funding cycle, the City is especially interested in funding:

- New events
- Events in January, February and March

Tourism Applications are available at <http://www.cityofanacortes.org/LodgeTax.php>. To complete the applications, download the document to your computer, complete the required sections and e-mail the document to joanns@cityofanacortes.org. Completed applications are due back to the City of Anacortes Planning, Community & Economic Development Department by **MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2017**.

If you have questions or need an application mailed to you, please contact Joann Stewart at 360-293-1907.