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## **City of Renton Accepting Tourism Promotion Grants for 2018**

Deadline for applications is October 20, 2017

**RENTON, WA** – The City of Renton is now accepting applications for 2018 round of tourism promotion grants. These grants are available to convention and visitors' bureaus, destination marketing organizations, non-profits such as chambers of commerce and lodging associations, and municipalities to support tourism marketing and operations in Renton.

Hotels, motels, private campgrounds and similar facilities collect an added sales tax from their customers, a portion of which is collected by the City of Renton. Renton City Council has appointed a Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) and tasked it with distributing these funds. Members of this committee include representatives of the City of Renton, Renton Chamber of Commerce, the Renton Municipal Arts Commission and local hotels. The committee is chaired by City Council President Armondo Pavone.

A workshop for interested applicants has been scheduled for Friday, September 22, at 10 a.m. in the 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Conferencing Center at Renton City Hall. Copies of the application and related materials are available online at <a href="https://www.rentonwa.gov/lodgingtax">www.rentonwa.gov/lodgingtax</a> or by contacting Cliff Long, Economic Development Director for the City of Renton at 425-430-6591.

Applications from qualifying entities will be due by 5 p.m., Friday, October 20, 2017. Applications will be reviewed and finalists will be invited to present their requests to the LTAC in early November. The committee will make its final recommendations for funding to the Renton City Council by the end of the year.

For more information, please contact:

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## About the City of Renton

The City of Renton, Washington, with a population of 102,700 (2017), is located on the southeast shore of Lake Washington, just south of Seattle. Renton's strong economic base, diverse marketplace and favorable business climate have attracted the attention of nationally recognized companies that are providing employees and their families an outstanding quality of life. Renton is the home of Boeing, PACCAR, IKEA, the Seattle Seahawks, and the eternal resting place of Jimi Hendrix. More information can be found on our website, or Facebook, Twitter, and Nextdoor pages.