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CITY RECRUITING MEMBERS FOR LODGING TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Bainbridge Island, Wash., (March, 2017) The City of Bainbridge Island is seeking volunteers to serve on the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC).

This committee is responsible for recommending awards from the City's Civic Improvement Fund, a fund created through a state tax on overnight stays in lodging establishments (i.e., hotels, motels, and bed and breakfasts). These funds can be used to support projects to promote tourism, for event operations or marketing, or for operating expenses for tourism facilities owned by nonprofits. In recent award cycles, this committee has helped to provide City support in the amount of \$200,000 for local projects. A list of past projects is available on the City's website.

Volunteers on LTAC will review funding proposals and recommend award allocations. The structure of the committee is defined by RCW Chapter 67.28 and Bainbridge Island Municipal Code 3.65.040. Two volunteers must be representatives from Bainbridge Island businesses which collect lodging taxes, and two volunteers must be representatives of businesses or agencies authorized to receive lodging tax funding. City Councilmembers Roger Townsend and Michael Scott will act as co-chairs on the committee. LTAC participants should expect to meet four to six times from August to November.

To learn more or to download the application, visit the City's website. Applications must be submitted by close of business on Friday, April 28, 2017.

For questions about the application process, contact Roz Lassoff, Executive Assistant at 206.780.8624.

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